

ECOTOURISM IN PROTECTED AREAS: THE WAY FORWARD FOR MYANMAR

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ECOTOURISM AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

- Mountain areas
- Respect to the environment
- Safeguards against climate change and variability
- Ecosystem-based approaches
- Addressing poverty



PRIORITY AND LONG TERM VISION LIST (MEPMS)

- Support and respect zoning system to conserve the core area of PAs
- Increase awareness among all stakeholders with climate change
- Bring out cultural and spiritual assets and values of indigenous people (more than 100)
- Attract investments, promote traditional architecture in harmony with nature and cultural landscape



IMPRESSIONS AND WAY FORWARD FOR MYANMAR POLICY DIALOGUE

■ Definition of terminology “Ecotourism”



Sharing experiences

- biodiversity and ecosystems conservation
- Education and awareness raising for the local communities in Protected Areas
- Economic and social benefits to local communities in and around Protected Areas



IMPRESSIONS AND WAY FORWARD FOR MYANMAR (CONFERENCE)

- Sustainable ecotourism) in the face of climate change
 - E.g. – PAs are vulnerable to climate change
 - Shift and unpredictability in flora and fauna
 - ➔ **Coordination for joint responsibility and visitor management**
- Engaging host communities, ensuring benefits
 - How community based can be sustainable?
 - Who is responsible for community benefits
 - ➔ **Implementation initiated by tourism development central committee and formation of ecotourism working group**
- Balancing ecotourism development and conservation at high attitudes
 - High attitude regions have unique challenges for ecotourism
 - Impossible to have all year round tourism but livelihood of the communities need to be balance growth
 - ➔ **Incentive based approach for a change of attitudes in local communities**
Provide alternatives for livelihood opportunities
Discuss resilience-building mechanism with local communities

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