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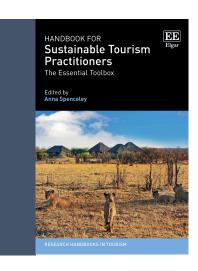
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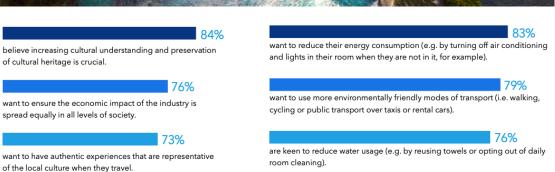


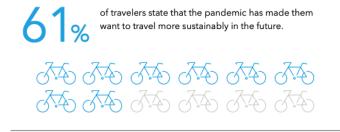
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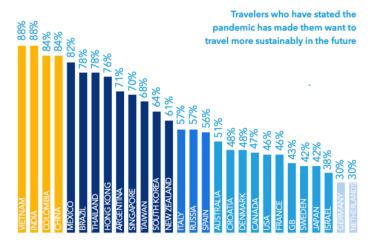












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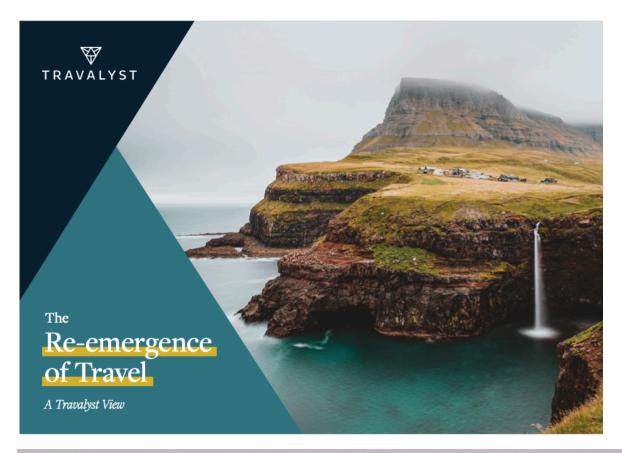
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What's in this article

How we approach sustainability

Updating your sustainability practices in the extranet

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Sustainability practices that aren't listed in the extranet

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Setting the environmental baseline

In the journey towards sustainability, your baseline is like your compass. It's only once you've measured your performance – for example in carbon emissions or water consumption – that you can start to set goals and plan how to reach them.



Reducing water consumption

Fresh water is becoming increasingly scarce. That's why we need to start cutting water consumption today – and it's going to take more than just asking guests to reuse towels. But the environmental and financial upsides are worth the investment.



Reducing food waste

About a third of the food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted. Given that food can represent a significant cost, reducing waste has huge savings potential—and a positive impact on your environmental footprint.

Learn how

Show me how

Reducing plastic consumption

It's now easier than ever to run your property without plastic – and it's never more important. Plastic takes years to break down, harms wildlife and damages the environment. This guide will show you how to protect both by reducing your plastic consumption.





Becoming certified

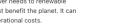
Certification shows the world your commitment to sustainability. But while the badges lend credit to your efforts and help attract more eco-conscious guests, the process itself is even more valuable – helping you set priorities and fill gaps in your sustainability plans.

Find out mor



Reducing energy consumption and using green energy

The accelerated warming of the planet – and the resulting impact on ecologies and economies – makes energy sources and efficiency the top sustainability priorities. But reducing energy consumption and switching your remaining power needs to renewable sources doesn't just benefit the planet. It can also lower your operational costs.





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If you'd like to take your sustainability commitment to the next level, becoming certified is an ideal way to do it. Certification is a reflection of your dedication – and a credible badge of excellence your guests can trust.

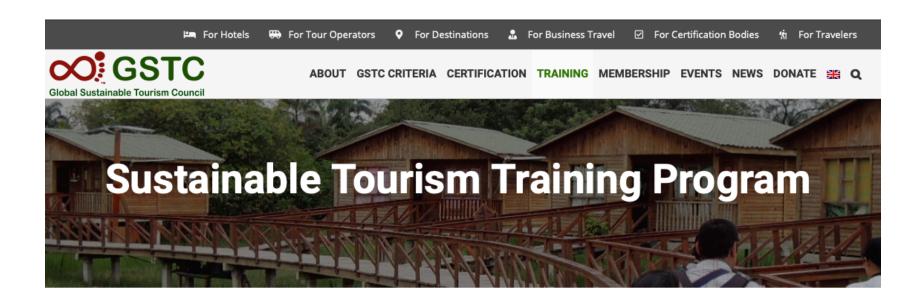
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The process involves working with a certification body, who will collaborate with you to make sure you meet their established standards for sustainable tourism. When you've officially met these standards, your property will receive a certificate along with a digital version for you to share online.

We're currently working with the GSTC on how best to recognise and display certifications on Booking.com, so that certified partners can be easily spotted by guests looking for a sustainable stay.

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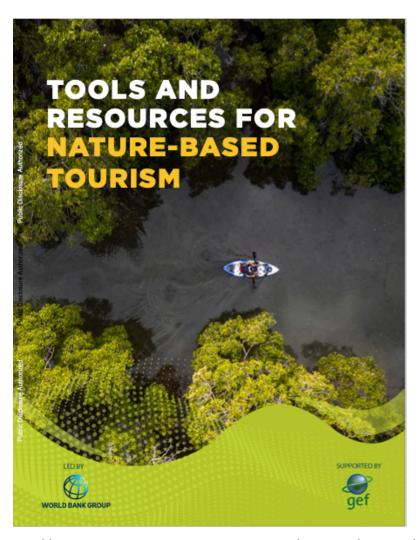


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- · Technical reports
- Case studies
- Best practice guidance, guidelines, and codes of conduct
- · International agreements



Certification systems for protected areas and tourism service providers, including:

- · Standards and criteria
- Indices and ratings
- Indicators



Toolkits and how-to tools, including:

- Financial assessment and evaluation tools
- Research tools



Training and capacity building resources, including:

- · Online courses
- Training materials and manuals
- Webinars



Online platforms:

- Online booking systems with sustainability ratings
- Databases and resource platforms
- Websites hosting relevant resources



NBT-related institutions and networks:

- Nonprofit organizations
- · Research institutions
- · Networks and alliances



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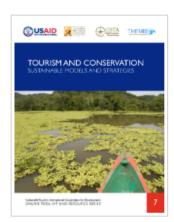
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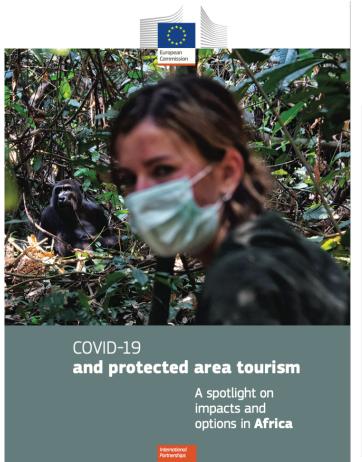
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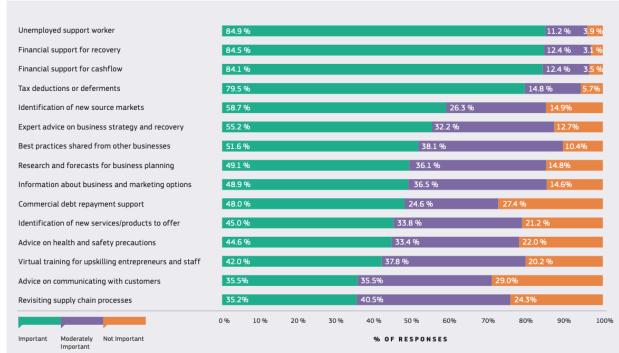
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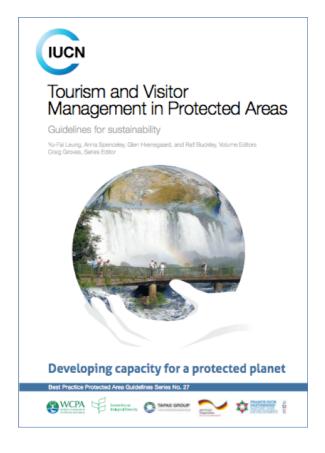
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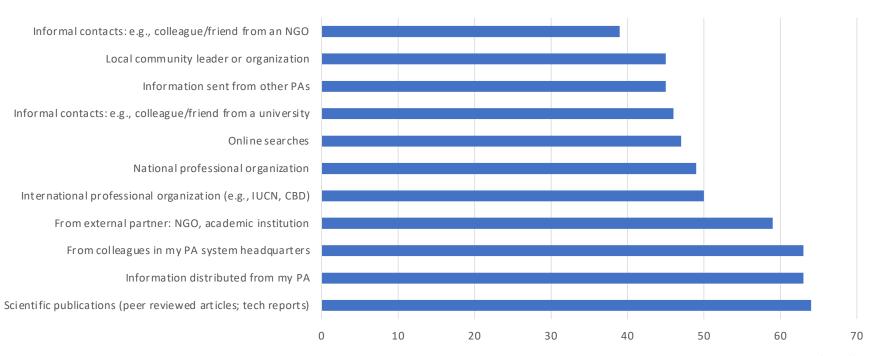
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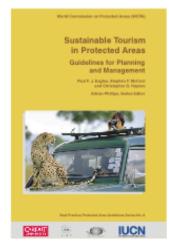


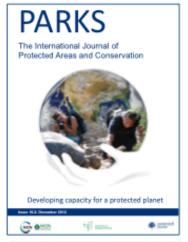
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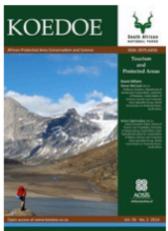


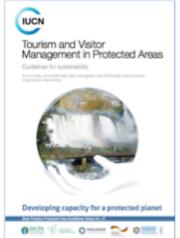
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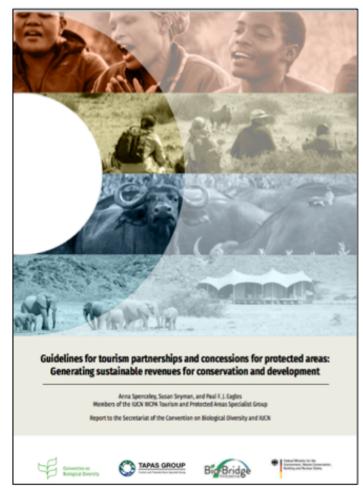
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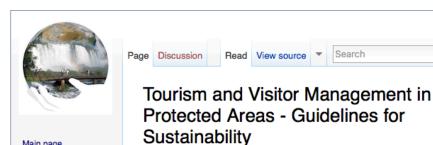












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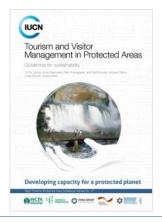
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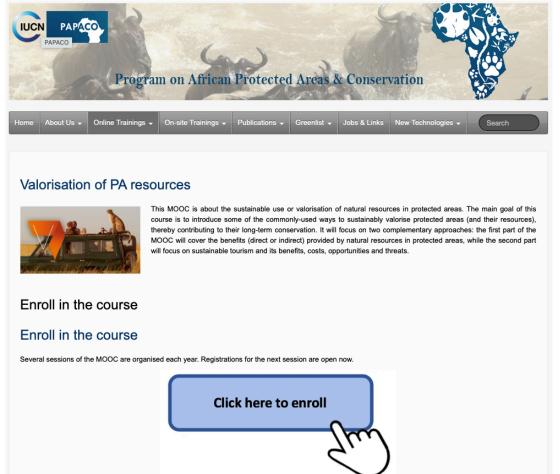
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Guidance for tourism amid COVID – new resources from the EU



Examples of visitor guidance issued by protected area institutions

- Australia: COVID-19 update Parks Victoria
- Belgium: Coronavirus / Covid-19 Pairi Daiza
- Brazil: <u>Conheça os parque que ja foram reabertos</u>- Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio) Canada: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Parks Canada
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Before visitors arrive

- Before visitors arrive, and during visits
- Risk assessment and standards
- Guidance for tours, accommodation, food and drink services
- Workforce guidance

During visits





Where protected areas are not able to open yet: If a protected area is not yet able to re-open, then provide other options for visitors to experience the attractions. Online safaris and links to webcams are increasingly becoming a valuable resource for those who are in lockdown, or cannot travel, to experience natural areas. These experiences may help people's mental health and reduce stress³¹, while reminding people where they can visit once restrictions are lifted.

Online protected area experiences

- · safariLIVE WildEarth
- · Kids WildEarth WildEarth
- Wildlife and nature Lonely Planet
- Experiences TV: Hiking the Villarrica National Park,
 Chile andBeyond
- Virtual shuttle tour at Zion National Park YouTube
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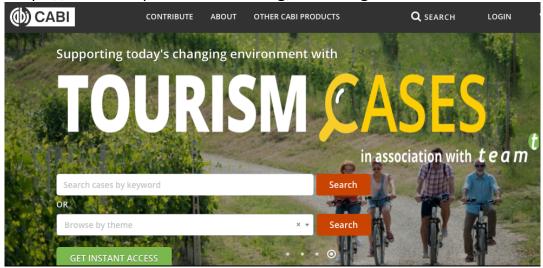
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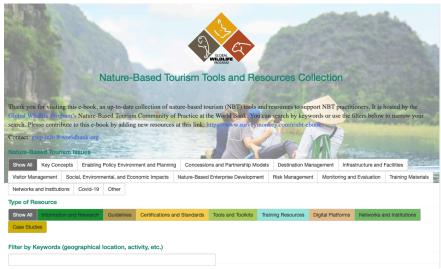
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UNEP COVID-19 European tourism recovery survey

Introduction

This survey aims to gather information about the impacts of COVID-19 on the tourism sector in the pan-European Region and identify potential pathways towards more sustainable and resilient tourism in the future. The survey addresses sustainability of tourism with focus on environmental issues of global importance.

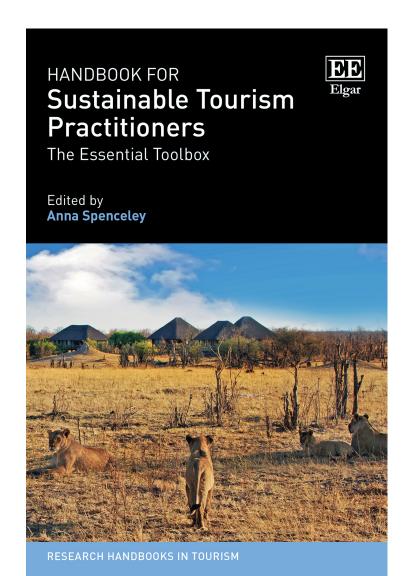
Analysis of survey results and policy recommendations to address key issues to be identified through this survey will inform United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) member states for their preparation of 'Environment for Europe' Ministerial Conference to be held in Cyprus in October 2022 (https://unece.org/environment-policy/environment-europe).

There are 5 sections of the survey:

- A: About the study and you
- B: Impacts and implications of COVID-19
- C: Required resources
- D: Policy recommendations for the next decade
- E: Examples of good practices and final comments

The questions should take 25-30 minutes to answer. Thank you for sharing your insights.

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Who is the Handbook for?

- Practitioners working professionally on sustainable tourism
- Consultants & researchers that want to supplement their knowledge
- Governments, destinations and tourism companies needing guidance on how to make tourism sustainable
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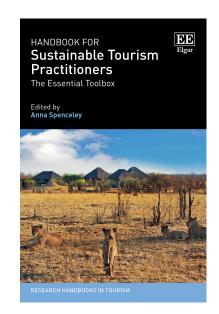
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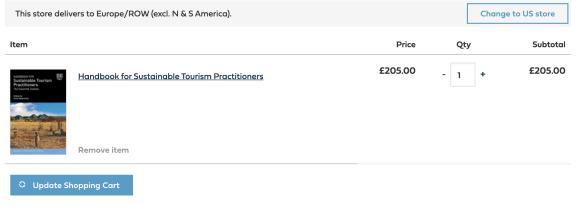
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