

ecotourism ...



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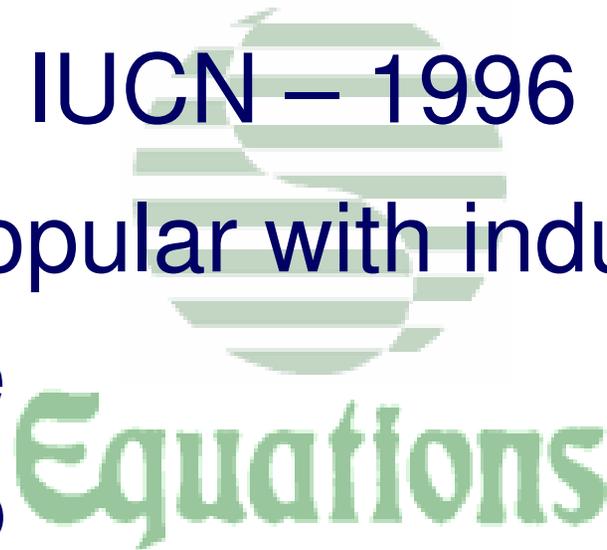
EQUATIONS

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Tracing history

- ✿ 1st coined by tour operator in Costa Rica – 70s
- ✿ Defined by IUCN – 1996
- ✿ Became popular with industry
 - ✿ Lucrative
 - ✿ Cover up
- ✿ Boost after IYE 2002



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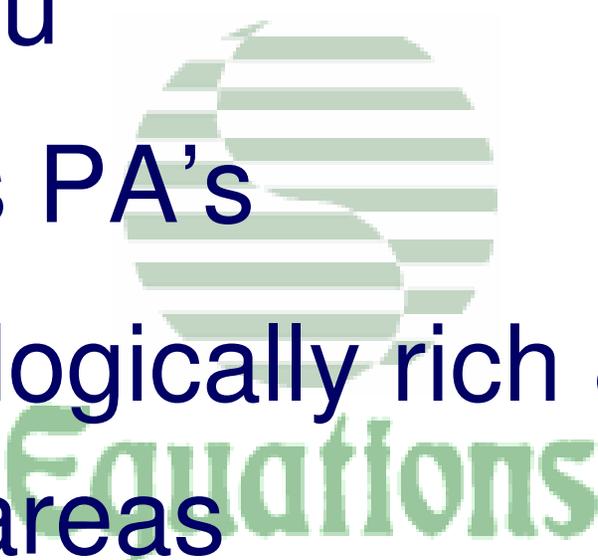


Fall out

- ✦ Tourism in ecologically sensitive regions is being qualified as ecotourism
- ✦ Opening up more and newer areas
- ✦ New forms added – rural, adventure etc.
- ✦ Entry of new players – Forest Dept.
- ✦ Tourism industry claims on a few eco-friendly practices



Critical areas being targeted

- ✿ Andaman Islands
 - ✿ Tamil Nadu
 - ✿ Numerous PA's
 - ✿ Other ecologically rich & sensitive areas
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Areas

✦ Andamans

- ✦ 7 studies & master plans
- ✦ Tourism vision: MoT-WTO-UNDP
- ✦ Linked with Phuket
- ✦ 40 islands for ecotourism

✦ Tamil Nadu

- ✦ 3 mangrove rich areas

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Andamans – corals exposed





Impacts

✦ Conflicts

- ✦ Dislocation
- ✦ Conflicts with jurisdiction
- ✦ Access & resource use

✦ Benefits

- ✦ Marginal
- ✦ Few cases to prove



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Thank You



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