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Introduction

The tourism and hospitality industry has been by far the world's quickest expanding sectors, with far-reaching consequences for natural ecosystems. The notion of sustainable development has been one of the approaches as well as initiatives proposed to solve the problem after ages of growing ecological concern (Berno and Bricker, 2021). To put this idea into practice in the tourist sector, stakeholders must maintain an equilibrium between the business's ecological, economic, as well as social implications. The goal of this essay would be to investigate environmental costs associated with tourism, define sustainable tourism development, as well as discuss its application to the hospitality and tourism sector (Liu, 2017). The country chosen for this work has been Cornwall, England, which has recently emerged as a prominent area for tourist activities. The tourism and hospitality industry in Cornwall, England is growing really fast and this is the time for the authorities to undertake proper initiatives for ensuring the sustainable development of tourist destinations.

Environmental Impact of the Tourism and Hospitality Industry

Due to the fact that tourism has been by far the most rapidly expanding sector in the globe, its negative effects on the ecosystem have significantly worsened over the course of the past few generations. Natural features (beaches, oceans, hillsides, reservoirs, waterways, etc.) as well as human-created features are the backbone of the tourism industry (Hall, 2019). The growth of tourist activities brings many advantages to the area, such as the addition of new employment, and the improvement of infrastructural progression, as well as a stimulus to the economic system, but it also places a significant impact on the natural resources of the area.

Increases in tourist numbers as well as transportation demand, along with the construction of new buildings and accompanying infrastructures, have been the primary causes of tourism's negative effects on the ecosystem. Whenever the number of visitors exceeds the capacity of the area, problems arise. This is particularly important in places like tropical forests, wildlife, reservoirs and waterways, coastal and coastal ecosystems, rural settlements, and mountainous regions where tourists may have a genuine experience (Owen, et al. 2019). The burden on native people and their biodiversity also grows, while pollution, as well as habitat degradation, are two other major consequences.

The fast expansion of tourism puts strain on the ecosystem as well as the native customs in several parts of the globe, which in turn presents a danger to these areas. Especially in less developed nations, the tourist sector is sometimes inadequately regulated, leading to waste, exhaustion, and even loss of vital environmental materials. The most pressing problem now facing the tourism sector seems to be the destruction of the same resources upon which it relies.

The Concept of Sustainability

The idea of a holistic sense stands at the heart of sustainable practices, which seeks to solve the difficulty of bringing the needs of the world's constantly growing demographic into line with the constraints imposed by the earth's naturally scarce natural assets. The Earth Summit on Societal Transformation determined the objectives of sustainable growth to be economic prosperity, socioeconomic evolution, as well as ecological conservation (Harrison, et al. 2018). These seem to be the aims of sustainable growth. The idea of sustainable development is gaining popularity in

many aspects of human existence as a direct result of the rising worldwide consciousness of the hazards posed by climate disruption as well as global temperature increase.

Through the practice of "sustainable development in tourism," the ideas of sustainable development may be put into practice in the travel and tourist business. Sustainable tourism has been defined as tourist activities that mean taking comprehensive responsibility for its present and foreseeable implications, meeting the requirements of tourists, the sector, the ecosystem, and the local community (Ali and Frew, 2019). The goal of sustainable tourism would be to maintain an equilibrium between preserving cultural traditions, preserving the natural surroundings, ensuring social equity, and reaping economic advantages, all while attending to the requirements of the local inhabitants as well as limiting the impact on the natural environment. It offers a response to the issues that are now being faced by the tourist sector as well as makes a recommendation for a long-term resolution.

Butler's Tourism Life Cycle Model

The travel and tourism sector is by far the earth's most significant economic driver. The business world is always evolving and shifting. Many tourist destinations' most enticing features are invariably their most vulnerable, requiring special attention from those in charge. Many authors have raised questions about the long-term viability of tourist sites by discussing their bearing capacities. The destination life cycle model of Butler takes the idea of the "Product Life Cycle Framework" as its foundation (Amerta, et al. 2018). Changes at popular tourist destinations may be tracked using this approach. In which phase Cornwall, England is standing would be evaluated by this model;

Exploration: This framework begins with the exploration phase. At this point, only a selected few tourists make the journey to the location. Travel plans are often planned independently by each visitor; therefore, visitors seldom adhere to a normal basis. It's possible that the region's cultural significance and visual appeal drew tourists from far and wide. At this point, locals get nothing out of their encounters with visitors economically since they aren't participating in any of the money-making operations associated with tourism (Tosun, 2021).

Involvement: This phase sees a rise in the destination's visitor ship. As a result, locals are recognising the financial advantages of catering to the needs of visitors by offering their services

in areas such as lodging, guiding, and transportation. As the action develops, promotional measures to publicise the attractions are put into motion, as well as a distinct peak season emerges. At this point, it is imperative that both regional and federal governments invest in the destination's growth by establishing and enhancing transportation networks as well as other tourist amenities.

Development: Cornwall, England is in the development stage right now. When the region reached the "developed" stage, it emerged as a popular tourist destination in part due to extensive marketing and publicity. Entrepreneurs and tourism businesses see the potential for profit as word of the draw spreads (Choi and Sirakaya, 2015). This results in the construction of supplementary cultural sites as well as infrastructure including large lodges, eateries, clubs, theatres, and conference centres. Nevertheless, this is also the point when locals would be most inclined to lose influence over the destination's future.

Consolidation: At this phase, more temporary inhabitants are present than regular ones. Right now, tourism and hospitality is the most important industry in the area. Tourism and hospitality companies will urge the destination's development. Nevertheless, some locals, especially those who aren't participating in tourist activities, would be dissatisfied and resist tourism operations because of their influence on the social as well as cultural setting.

Stagnation: As its name implies, stagnation occurs when several parts of a destination have maxed out. Many native organisms have perished due to pollution in the area (Muhanna, 2016). Repeat customers are crucial to the destination's success, as well as the destinations' marketing budgets need to reflect that.

Decline: After the peak, the region may be open to new opportunities. Potential negative outcomes include the region's inability to keep up with emerging tourist hotspots. As the destination loses its luster, daily vacations as well as weekend getaways become the norm. As hotels, restaurants, and other services aimed at tourists' decrease, inhabitants may become more active in the hospitality and tourist industry to take advantage of lower prices (Mak and Moncur, 2019).

Rejuvenation: Reviving the region is yet another option. Nevertheless, a radical shift is needed in the destination itself before it can be used to spark renewed interest. Butler proposes two primary mechanisms for bringing about this shift. First, tourist planners can present exciting contemporary man-made features. As a further benefit, the destination may make use of undeveloped

environmental assets. It's possible that at this point in the lifecycle, help from both the regional as well as federal authorities is required.

Doxey's Irridex Model

According to the concept, as the effects of a developing tourist sector get more apparent and locals' perspectives adapt, localities undergo a series of responses. It provides a rationale for locals' perspectives during a location's development and evaluates the dynamics between locals and visitors. It is focused less on hard data and more on speculation. The paradigm has one major flaw due to its implicit presumption that all members of a population have similar traits. However, localities are seldom homogeneous, and various subsets of the population will frequently have diverse attitudes to tourist expansion (Torres-Delgado and Saarinen, 2014). For instance, business owners are more inclined to see an increase in tourism favourably than jobless individuals. The framework's premise that a locality's ability to create a positive reaction to the volume and kind of tourist industry it chooses to host increases as a shared character does exist is basic, although it does highlight a significant component in tourist growth. The development of these segments is influenced by the host community's responses, which diminish the destination's attraction to travellers and ultimately reduce its effectiveness as a travel destination.

Euphoria: Travellers are encouraged to stop by, and very little advance preparation is required.

Apathy: Contact between parties grows more formalised as guests are accepted as fact.

Annoyance: The point of saturation is getting closer, and the residents in the area are getting nervous about it. Instead of attempting to restrict population expansion, planners focus on expanding the underlying infrastructure (Yfantidou and Matarazzo, 2017).

Antagonism: Open venting of annoyance is remedied, but advertising is encouraged to counteract the resort's declining image.

Cornwall, England's tourism and hospitality industry is in the annoyance phase.

Implementation of the Principles of Sustainability in the Tourism Industry of Cornwall, England

It is suggested that travellers, local firms, and federal authorities should all share environmental responsibilities if sustainability standards are to be implemented in the tourism industry of Cornwall, England. More or less every population, as well as a business operating inside the tourism sector in Cornwall, England, requires their activities to accommodate the overall strategic plan of tourism growth that is established by government entities as well as worldwide entities like the WTO. These institutions are responsible for drafting the strategic approach to tourism and hospitality development (Bramwell and Alletorp, 2021). Everyone who is in any way connected to the tourist industry is strongly urged to take responsibility for the implementation of sustainably responsible tourism guidelines.

At the global scale, the three elements of sustainable growth have been economic prosperity, social equity, as well as ecological integrity. The protection of ecosystem functions, the identification of the most effective methods for the utilisation of environmental assets, as well as the promotion of the long-term maintenance of the area's assets and biological diversity are all part of the sustainability goals (Lebe and Milfelner, 2016). Both the overarching concepts of sustainable development of tourism as well as the worldwide industry regulations are developed and maintained by a variety of different international institutions. Among these institutions are the UNWTO as well as the GSTC (Aall, 2018). The following are some of the territorial objectives of Cornwall, Englandn companies and organisations:

The protection of important cultural principles: Fostering the societal as well as cultural growth of the area, in addition to guaranteeing that the actions of the enterprise don't really conflict with the ecological, cultural, and archaeological assets of the nation.

Lessening the negative effects on the ecosystem: making use of sources of renewable resources, reused items, responsible water as well as power usage, and environmentally responsible management of trash.

Assistance provided to the local community and its companies: providing employment opportunities for people of the surrounding communities, giving preference to local enterprises that preserve cultural history and historic perspectives, attending to the requirements of regional

populations, and improving the standard of living for people of the surrounding area (Jovicic, 2020).

Every tourist may do their part to lessen tourism's negative effects on the ecosystem by following a few simple guidelines. Tourists should treat local customs with reverence, learn about the history, economics, and government of the places they visit, and also be good protectors of the ecosystem if they want to have a positive experience. In most cases, a traveller should strive to improve upon the place they are visiting.

The ideas of sustainable development when they are implemented in the tourism and hospitality industry encompass fulfilling the expectations of both visitors as well as the surrounding population while producing good impacts on the ecosystem (Eagles, et al. 2022). Tourism professionals, at each level, must adopt this way of thinking as part of their daily routine and include it throughout their strategic plans for the future if they are to accomplish these objectives. The tourist sector may help conserve and preserve the ecosystem in a number of different ways:

Substantial Financial Support: Direct donations to communities and ecosystems, participation in designated conservation initiatives, and support for government-run conservation agencies are all examples.

Enhanced ecological planning and administration: Operators of tourism infrastructure, such as accommodation providers, may establish an appropriate administration plan by first undertaking a comprehensive investigation of the effects of the tourist industry on local resources (Edgell Sr, 2016). Its goals should include mitigating the unintended consequences of the tourist industry by means of cautious resource management, well-thought-out development plans, as well as the elimination of careless oversights.

Improving environmental knowledge and understanding: This may be done in a number of ways, such as by teaching tourists about local ecological challenges, asking them to take participation in pertinent events, and supporting ecologically responsible behaviour (Brokaj, 2018).

Maintenance and safety: Part of this process involves enacting new laws and establishing new initiatives to better safeguard the local ecosystem.

Conclusion

The growing negative effects that the tourist and hospitality sector has on the surrounding ecosystem of Cornwall, England may be mitigated by the implementation of a technique known as sustainable development. Its guiding fundamentals encompass the promotion of ecological sensitivity, the allocation of responsibilities among national authorities, international institutions, host communities, and enterprises, as well as travellers, and also the encouragement of the progression of a specific strategic approach for every specific area. The adoption of the idea of sustainable practices in the tourist sector attempts to achieve an equilibrium among the societal, economical, cultural, as well as ecological components of tourist activities, as well as to lessen the adverse effects that tourism currently has. This demonstrates that the tourist sector seems to have the capacity to be beneficial to the ecosystem if each of its participants is actively involved in ecological preservation as well as conservation efforts.

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