



# Responsible Tourism and Safeguarding Natural Resources

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# Tourism Natural Resources

- Tourism industry depends on physical environment:
  - Marine
  - Deserts
  - Forests
  - Islands
  - Mountains
- Tourism is developed around biodiversity resources:
  - Geology
  - Flora
  - Fauna
  - Weather
  - Human interactive

# Tourism Impact on Natural Resources

- Impact Elements:
  - Water & Energy
  - Pollution
  - Habitats
  - Waste
  - Cultural





# Tourism Impact on Natural Resources..... Reality or a Myth?

# Conservation of Finite Resources

- Protection was the solution:
  - Limitations of control
  - Protection costs
  - Opportunity costs
- Participatory Natural Resources Management:
  - Integrated Management
  - Adaptive Management

# Responsible Tourism Role

- Managing the pressure on natural resources to make sure that:
  - No loss of biodiversity
  - No loss of natural values
  - No loss of function

# The First Step....

- Understanding where we are today
  - What and how the past has shaped the present
  - Define the processes that **drive** the resources and how do various **drivers** interact:
    - Ecological
    - Economic
    - Social and political

# That was the good news!

- The bad news is that it is impossible to fully understand these resources' systems, and;
- Even if we did – we'd have no way of predicting what surprises there might be in the future;

A hand is shown holding a light bulb. A wireframe overlay is applied to the bulb, showing its internal structure. The text "Flat bulb" is written on the wireframe. The background is a light, neutral color.

Flat bulb

- We have to always remember we are moving through time – these resources' systems are not static, they are constantly changing

# Safeguarding Finite Natural Resources

- Giving biodiversity a focussed value to those who live with it
- Enabling those who live with and bear the costs of biodiversity to be the primary beneficiaries of its management
- Recognising biodiversity in its own right as an integral and viable component of national land use policy