

# Ecotourism Lodging Evaluation

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## 1. Property Contact Information:

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country/Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership: Corporate Franchise Individual/Partnership Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Locally owned: 5 4 3 2 1

(5- Wholly locally owned, 3- local/international partnership, 1- wholly foreign owned)

## 2. Property Details:

Number of Floors: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guest Rooms: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Rooms available: Single Double Dormitory

Details about different types of rooms and other types of Rooms: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you consider yourself to be an Eco-lodging provider: Yes No

Explain the cost structure of your lodging options: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be willing to offer tour operators a discount for bringing customers to your facility? Yes No

If yes please explain what kind of a discount you could give? \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Check off grid:**

Circle or highlight (if completing electronically) the best response from 1 to 5 based on the key provided for each of the rows in the grids below.

a. Operations:

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|   | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Hire locally owned businesses for services for example, transportation or boat rental services?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Buy local supplies from food and craft vendors and avoid all products made from endangered or threatened species including bush meats?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Pay competitive wages, above minimum wage for the region?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Contribute to community development projects?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Employees are able answer visitor's questions about the environmental policies or practices of the establishment?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                      | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Contribute to conservation projects by either donating funds, actively participating or helping in other ways?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                         | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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b. Waste Management

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|  | 1= Never |
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|  | 2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Have an established recycling plan?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Encourage guests going on day trips or natural areas to abide by pack in pack out policy?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Bio-degradable and food wastes are composted?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Dispose of chemicals, cleaning waste, or human waste in a responsible way rather than pouring them into street gutter system or out into the environment?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Use of gray water system or gray water run off to planters?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| For those items that are not recyclable, use of an approved, safe waste deposit area or service?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Dispose of CFL light bulbs in a safe recommended way by the EPA or other environmental regulation authority?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |

Briefly describe your waste management Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Power

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|  | 1= Never |
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|   | 2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Have implemented the use of CFL lighting, or have a plan to implement?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                                     | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Wide use of AC systems?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5<br><br>This is scored in reverse         |
| Encourage guests and staff to use ventilation and ceiling fans rather than AC?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                             | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Encourage guests and staff to turn out lights and other appliances when not in use?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                        | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Solar panels for all or part of electricity needs?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Wind generator for all or some of power needs?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Other alternative power generation methods?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Provide energy friendly activities for example candle light dinners, oil lamp story telling, and bonfires?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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d. Water

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|  | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Encourage staff and guests to conserve water?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Rainwater collection system?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Have showers rather than bath tubes?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| If hot water showers are provided, keep water temperature at a conservative warm level?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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e. House Keeping

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|  | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Use of environmentally friendly, and biodegradable cleaning products?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Have an environmental purchasing policy for all house keeping needs?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Encourage guests to use towels and sheets for more than one night?                             | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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| Notes: _____<br>_____   |           |
| Use of refillable soap, shampoo, and conditioner dispensers rather than single use products?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Hand wash or use of low energy machines for laundry services and air drying of washing?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____      | 1 2 3 4 5 |

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f. Grounds Keeping

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|   | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Use of native plants?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Lack of garbage or other ugly wastes on the grounds?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| In dry areas utilizing plants that need less water and xeriscaping (use of native plants and landscaping practices that use little water)?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| The aesthetics blend into the surrounding native aesthetics?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Use of organic fertilizers, and the exclusion of chemical pesticides and herbicides?<br>Notes: _____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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**g. Structures**

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|   | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| The use of locally sourced materials, and/or recycled materials?<br>Notes:_____   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Structures use national or local cultural designs in architecture and interior design?<br>Notes:_____                                   | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Buildings blend into the native environment, and horizon or tree line (does not stick up above the native surroundings)?<br>Notes:_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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**h. Education**

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|   | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Provide training to employees about the surrounding environment, including how your establishment is an eco-friendly lodging provider?<br>Notes:_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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| Educate guests in opportunities for interacting with local inhabitants in a respectful way?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Availability of interpretive/educational materials that are available to guests that include field guides, videos, books, pamphlets, and check-lists of species found locally?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Have interpreted how you contribute to the community, natural landscape, and conservation to customers?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5 |

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i. Restaurant

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|   | 1= Never<br>2= Rarely<br>3= Sometimes<br>4= Often<br>5= Always |
| Strive to serve locally sourced foods, and local prepared dishes?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Have a compost program in place for food waste?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____  | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Avoid packaging foods in one time use containers or to go containers, or use of disposable plates, utensils, and cups?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____ | 1 2 3 4 5  |
| Use of sustainable fuels, or solar power for cooking rather than charcoal sourced from illegal logging?<br>Notes: _____<br>_____                | 1 2 3 4 5  |

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