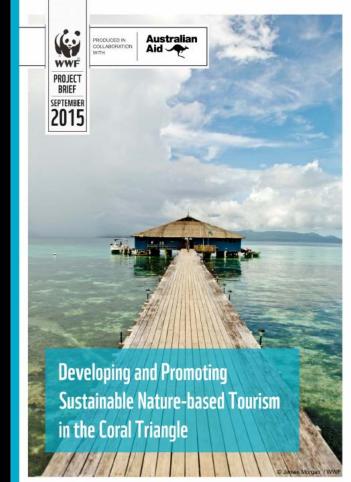
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Developing & Promoting Sustainable Nature Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle

This two-year initiative is being implemented by WWF through funding from the Australian Government

Commenced in 2015, it aims to assist the six countries of the CTI-CFF in **regional collaboration** for **acceleration** of achievements of regional and national marine conservation goals <u>http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/</u>



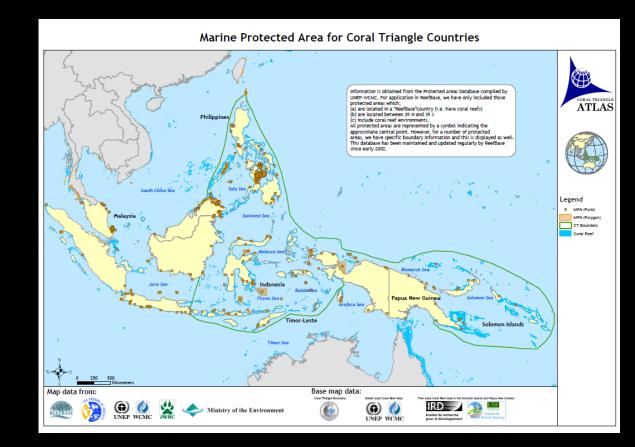






Aims of the project

- Build support for protecting CT natural and cultural assets
- Enhance the value of tourism to local, regional and national economies in the CT region
- Increase the role of Marine Protected Areas in those economies and local communities
- Promote world class, high quality visitor experiences



Objectives of the Session

1. To learn from country representatives their thoughts and experiences of how investments in their destinations (and groups of destinations, such as key areas of conservation value in the Coral Triangle) could support community development, economic growth and conservation.

2. To discuss ideas on how the different marine tourism sectors (airlines, resorts, live aboard, divers etc) could be engaged / involved in such collaborative effort.

3. To consider enabling conditions for investments in sustainable tourism development.

Country visions

- Timor-Leste
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands

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Tourism Vision



Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Timor-Leste



Independence: 20 May 2002 Official Name: Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Official Languages: Portuguese and Tetúm Currency: US dollar (US\$) Total Population: 1.17 million Natural Resources: Petroleum, natural gas, gold, & marble



Overview of Tourism Development Government Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030: • Petroleum • Tourism • Agriculture • Fisheries • Manufacturing





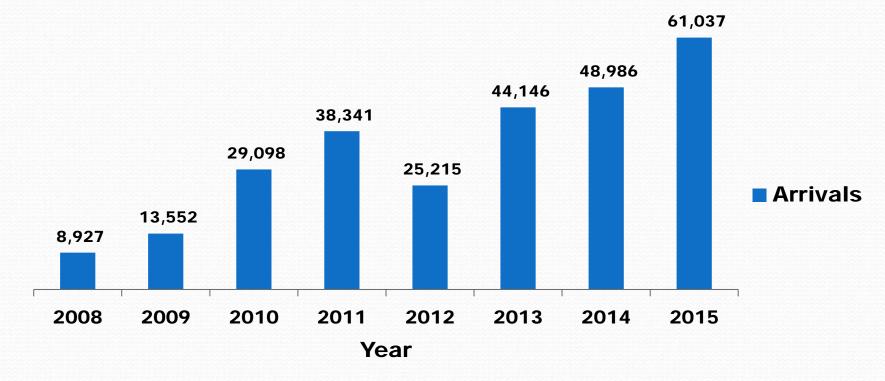
Tourism Vision:

"A dynamic, competitive and profitable industry, which makes a vital and increasing contribution to the sustainable economic, socio-cultural, and environmental"





International Tourist Arrivals



Source: Ministry of Tourism



Government Policies for Supporting Sustainable Tourism

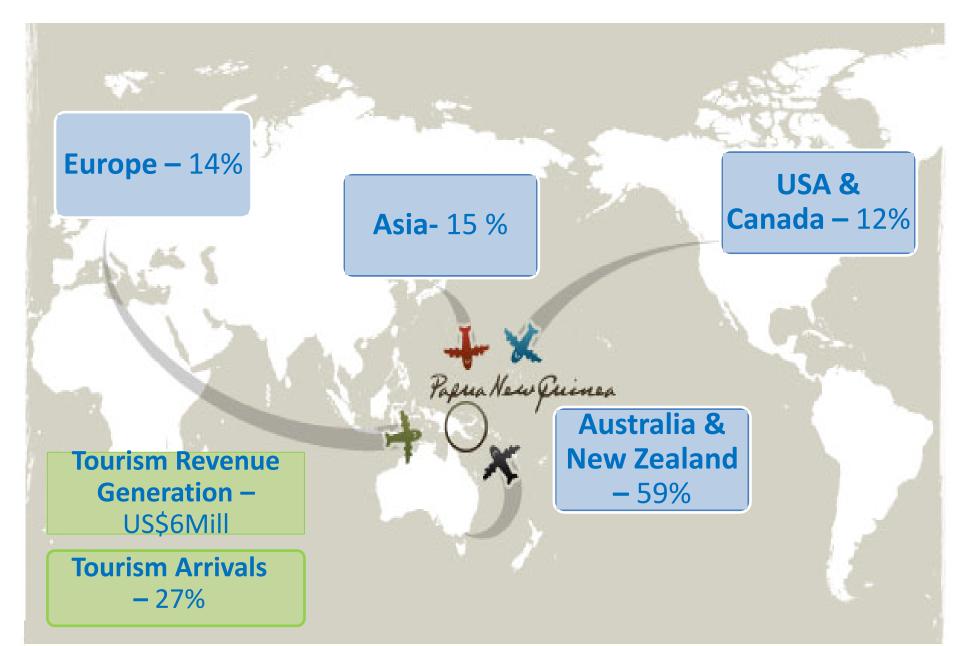
Establishing First National Park, Nino Konis Santana
Establishing 15 Terrestrial Protected Areas
Eestablishing 5 Marine Protected Areas







Papua New Guinea - Tourist Source Markets

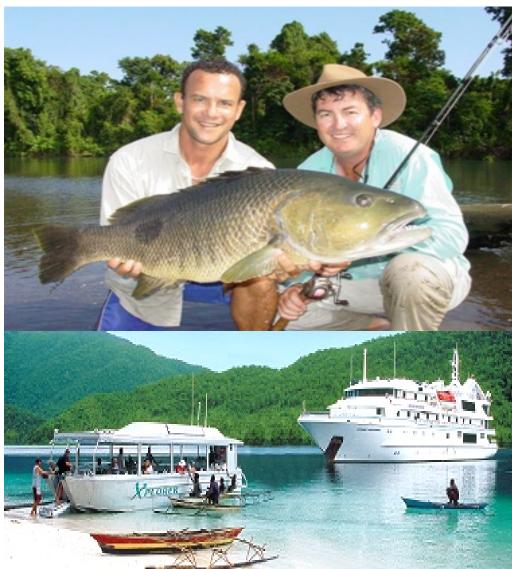


Primary Tourism Products





Secondary Tourism Products

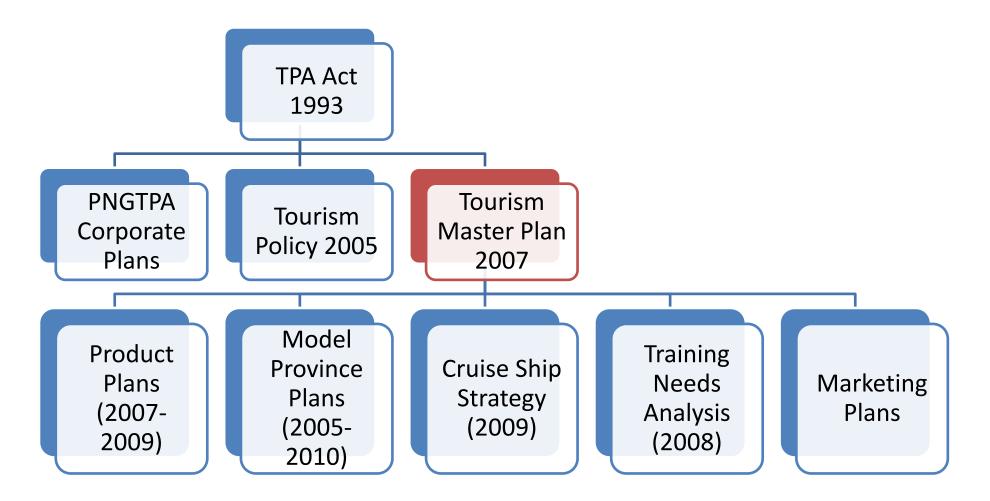




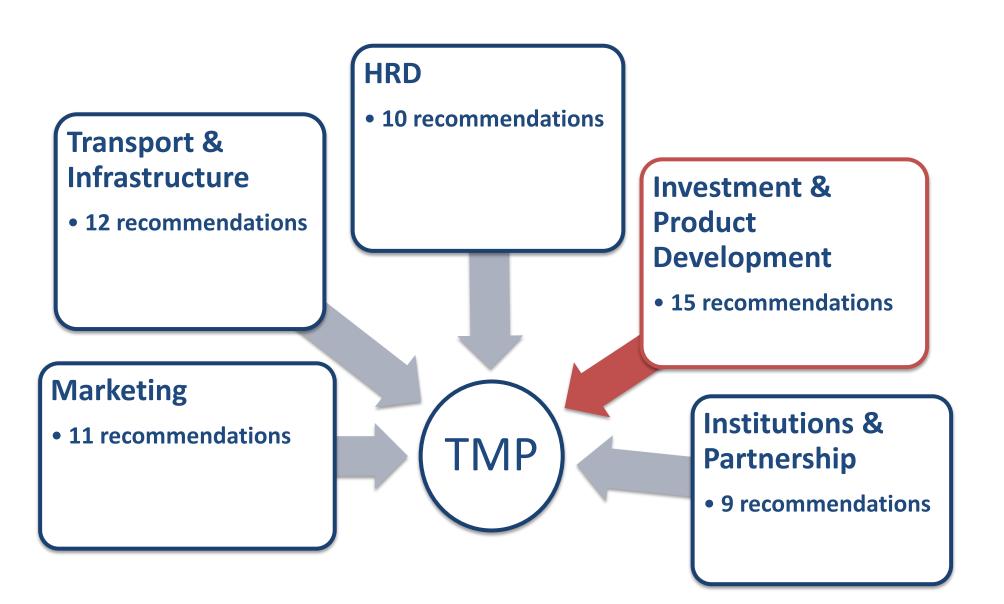




PNG TOURISM POLICY & PLANNING FRAMEWORK



Tourism Master Plan – Nature Based Vision



Nature Based Case 1 - Kayaking in Tufi





Nature Based 2 – Surfing in PNG

- Surf Association of PNG
- Reverse Surfing Model
- Off Season Surfing Product IMPP





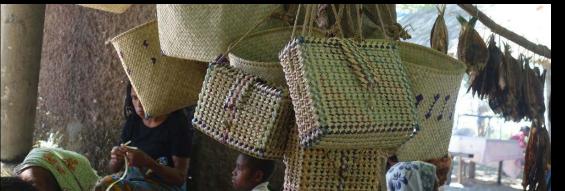






Solomon Islands









WWF commissioned a baseline analysis to support the business case for conserving natural capital for sustainable economic development

Nature-based Marine Tourism in the Coral Triangle

Exploring the potential for low-impact, high-value Nature-based Marine and Coastal Tourism

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Tourism as a driver of socio-economic progress

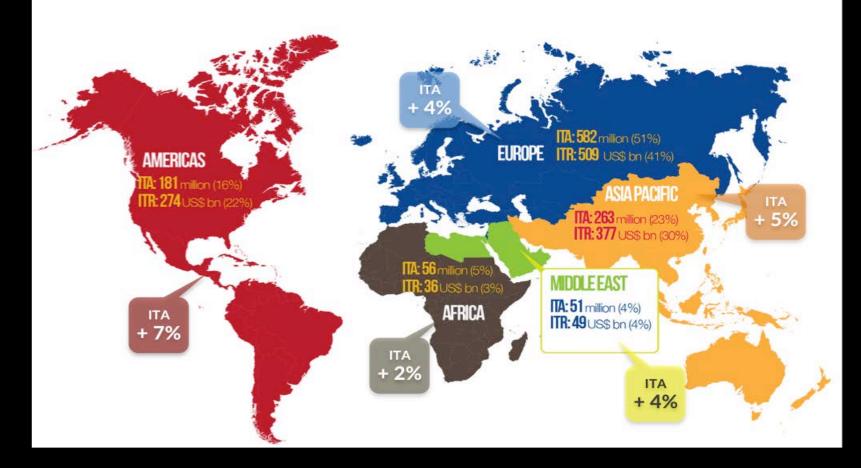


'Tourism, one of the world's top job creators and a lead export sector, especially for developing countries, can play a significant role in the achievement of MDG 1: eradication of poverty, MDG 3: gender equality, MDG 7: environmental sustainability and MDG 8: global partnerships for development.' UNWTO. Tourism and the Millennium Development Goals. 2010



INTERNATIONAL TOURISM 2014

International tourist arrivals (ITA): 1133 million International tourism receipts (ITR): US\$ 1246 billion



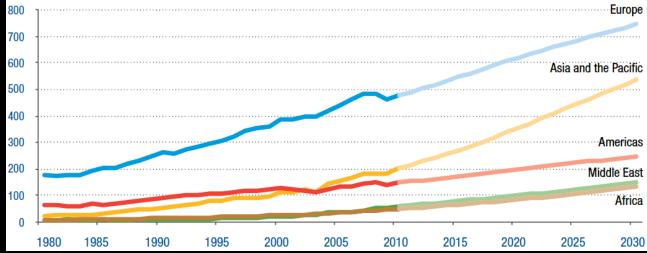
Tourism in the Asia Pacific and Southeast Asia

The Asia Pacific region now accounts for 30% of the US \$1,246 billion global tourism market by value, making it the second largest region after Europe (41%).

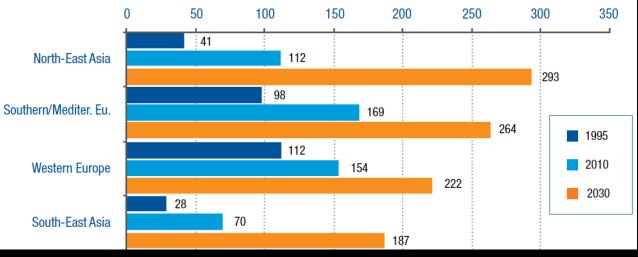
Inbound tourism by region of destination

International Tourist Arrivals, million

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International tourism by (sub)region of destination International tourist arrivals, million



The global tourism market : Strong growth forecast to 2030

Sources: UN Statistics Division, UN World Tourism Organisation, World Travel and Tourism Council, CTI-CFF Countries

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Current and Forecast Value of Nature-based and Adventure Tourism (2015 vs. 2035)

Sources: UN Statistics Division, UN World Tourism Organisation, World Travel and Tourism Council, CTI-CFF Countries

REGION/ SCALE	-	Estimated Value in 2015			Forecast to 2035*		
		Total Tourism Market (US\$)	Nature/ Adventure- Based Tourism		Total Tourism	Nature-based & Adventure Tourism	
			20% Share (US\$)	25% Share (US\$)	Market (US\$)	35% Share (US\$)	45% Share (US\$)
Global		\$1,246 billion	\$249 billion	\$311.5 billion	\$2,214 billion	\$775 billion	\$996 billion
Asia Pacific		\$377 billion	\$75.5 billion	\$94.3 billion	\$670 billion	\$234.5 billion	\$301.5 billion
Coral Triangle (CTI-CFF Countries)		\$98.7 billion	\$19.7 billion	\$ 24.7 billion	\$454.3 billion	\$159 billion	\$204.4 billion

*2035 forecast is modelled on UN, WTTC and CTI-CFF Country data. Given the wide variety of variables, it should be taken as indicative only.

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Emerging trends in Visitor Motivations and Behaviour

Source: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations. ASEAN Tourism Marketing Strategy (ATMS) 2012-2015.

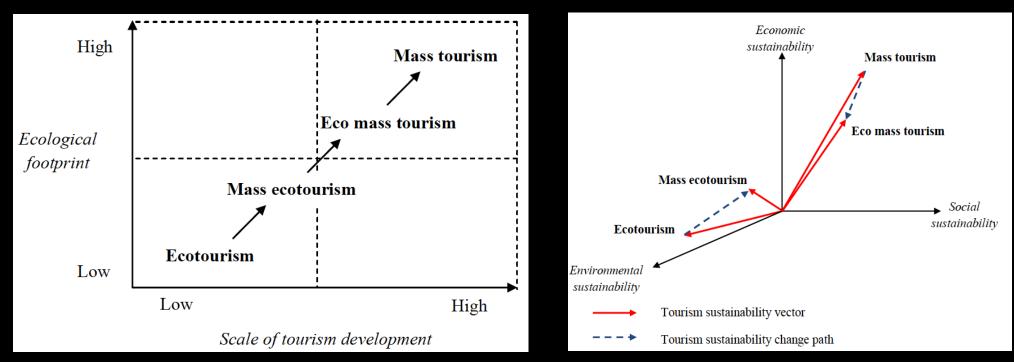
EXPERIENTIAL TRAVEL	THE GREEN MOVEMENT	TOURISM AS EXPERIENCE	THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMMING	THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
THE REDEFINITION OF BACKPACKING	THE 3 NEW S's	INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF NICHE/ INTEREST/ ACTIVITY BASED TOURISM	THE GROWNG TREND OF CITIES AS ATTRACTIONS	VOLUNTOURISM

The overall opportunity for Nature-based tourism

- + Nature-based Tourism is often called out as the fastest growing tourism segment globally, has inherently higher-value per visitor than more mainstream forms of tourism, and is notably more resilient to the periodic downturns that impact tourism due to economic, societal, health or environmental reasons.
- + Underpinning all this is its much lower overall impact on the communities and environments of host countries and a real potential for it to help accelerate a country's development path over a sustained period of time.
- Looking at the estimated current size of Nature/Adventure-Based tourism, it is clear that, as well as being a rapidly growing segment, this is already an established market – even if the exact numbers should be viewed with caution because of the current lack of segmented global data.
- + At somewhere between US \$19.7 billion US \$24.6 billion in the Coral Triangle Countries, this places the size of the total Coral Triangle Nature/ Adventure-Based Tourism market as already equivalent to Malaysia's total domestic and international tourism market's combined (estimated at US \$25 billion in 2013/14.
- + Looking ahead to 2035, the upper estimated range of US **\$204.4 billion** would make the Nature/ Adventurebased tourism sector twice the current size of all 6 CTI-CFI countries total international and domestic tourism industries. To put it mildly, there is clearly potential available to be unlocked.

Which type of tourism growth?

Scale of Tourism Development/ Ecological Footprint (SDEF) Grid & Tourism Sustainability Vectors Source: Ivanov, S., & Ivanova, M. (2013). Mass Ecotourism vs. Eco mass tourism.



An opportunity for a more balanced Tourism Industry

- + As detailed in the report, a great opportunity exists to start a journey towards a more balanced tourism industry in the Coral Triangle.
- + The potential scale, proportion and type of Nature-based Tourism varies in each country, but, whatever form in might take each country starts with that potential clearly ahead of it.

CTI-CFF sustainability framework

- 1. Sustainability Guidelines establish principles that address:
 - Compatibility with the natural and cultural values of the land or sea and surroundings
 - Participation of local communities and contribute to their well-being/livelihoods
 - Sustainable and efficient use of natural resources, energy and water as well as site or landscape/seascape considerations
 - Consider legislative, policy & planning framework aim to enable & enforce
- 2. Community and stakeholder engagement
 - Consultation and involvement from the outset
- 3. Sustainable Destination Strategy:
 - Develop destination positioning and assess target market and experience offer across the landscape
 - Identify opportunities, barriers and gaps, including signature experiences that reflect positioning and partners who can enable delivery
- 4. Visitor experience
 - Quality visitor experiences encourage repeat visitation and advocacy

What are important criteria and conditions for facilitation of private investment to achieve these countries visions?