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Tourism infrastructure and its development in PAs as a topic – why?

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Why?



Why?

- For they are everywhere....
- They are inquiring...
- They are interested in issues which are sovereign realm of us, managers of PAs
- And they are persistent...

Why?

- In many countries nature managers think the PAs are “*their*”
- And politicians accuse them of “*protecting nature for themselves*”
- This is not a good approach: PAs are established
by people
for people

Why?

However, PAs have their purpose and conservation objectives

The conservation objectives are *sometimes incompatible* with human presence

But *often* are...

Why?

...it ´s true that “public” is horrible:

- not educated
- not understanding the principles of nature protection
- undisciplined
- superficial
- seeking for adventure and new experiences at any price

Why?

...but...

Why?

- they pay for “our” PAs and have right to get something back
- they can be perfect allies
- they can be tough enemies

Why?

...it all depends on visitor management in PAs
= it depends on us:

If we want to achieve our conservation goals,
we have to deal with visitors

This other day of our seminar is devoted to this
important topic...