

Positive and negative impacts of tourism on environment ● Positive impacts of tourism activity: o support of conservation efforts through income for parks and reserves o protection and management of wildlife habitats ● Negative impacts of tourism: o Pollution of the atmosphere and waterways, and vegetation damage and injury, disease, distress and disruption of wildlife natural behaviours (Buckley, 2012; Ballantyne et al., 2011b ) o Erosion through high visitor numbers to some sites and coastline damage from the construction of hotels and other facilities o Loss of cultural heritage in sites due to the adoption of 'external' cultures (Lansing & De Vries, 2007) o Other issues include the unintended spreading of weeds through seeds dropped from tourist clothing