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ABSTRACT

Sustainable tourism is an emerging concept related to tourism development all over the world. Social sustainability is an integral part of sustainable tourism development which addresses the impacts of tourism development on the local resources. This research studies the use of local resources Based Knowledge on sustainable tourism Development in Kuchchaveli Divisional Secretariat Area in Sri Lanka. Research consists of economical social and ecological resources which are based knowledge.

The objective of the study was to assess the existing local resources based knowledge for promoting sustainable tourism in the study area. Data and information on the resources and existing tourism practices were collected through the primary sources such as questionnaires and interviews and secondary sources. The study area was thoroughly observed to understand the potentials of local resources and environment.

Data and information on local resources based knowledge were analysed to assess the potentials of tourism development. There are local resources to support the ecotourism in a sustainable manner such as natural sandy beaches, water bodies, mangroves, rivers and natural forest.

The issues of existing tourism practices in the study area were analysed and appropriate measures have been proposed to enhance the tourism industry in a sustainable manner.



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