

Type/Status : Core

Course Code : TCRM 22574

Title : Nature Tourism

Learning Outcome:

At the end of this course unit students will be able to demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the various aspects of nature tourism and its significance to the tourism industry.

Course Content:

The beginnings, development and future trends of nature tourism, physical environment, the natural heritage sites of Sri Lanka and the world, rural tourism, policy making, planning and promotion of nature tourist destinations, sustainable development and conservation of nature tourist sites etc.

Method of teaching and learning: Lectures, seminars, tutorials, assignments and field studies

Scheme of Assessment: End of Semester written examination, assignment, tutorials and presentations

Recommended Reading:

Broadhurst, R. (2001) *Managing Environment for Leisure and Recreation*, Routledge, London

Hall, C. Michael and Stephen Boyd (Eds.) (2006) *Nature Based Tourism in peripheral areas development or disaster?* Viva Books Private Limited, New Delhi, India

Mathieson, A. and G. Wall (1982) *Tourism: economic, physical and social impacts*, Longman, Harlow

Senevirathna, P. (1994) *Tourism in Sri Lanka's Coastal Environment: Activities, contributions, conflicts and projections, coastal resource management report*, sponsored by the United Agency for International Development and the Government of Sri Lanka

Thahir, M.Y.M. (1983) *Integrated Planning for Tourism Development- Sri Lanka Case Study, Workshop on Environmental Aspects of Tourism*, World Tourism Organization, Madrid