

Livelihoods assessment for communities surrounding the Matura forest and coastal zone pilot protected area

Questions to NGOs: Nature Seekers, Toco Foundation, GRNTGA

Funding:

- Sources of income:
 - External: FD, TVT, Green Fund
 - Visitors, beach permits, guesthouse, craft, sale in shop/visitor centre, other
- Sustainability / vulnerability of each funding source
- Seasonality of each funding source
- % funding from different sources
- Does external funding come with conditions
- NGO has say in how external funding is applied?
- Can visitors funding sustain conservation activities?

Employment:

- Employment level in different activities: beach patrol, tour guiding, craft, guesthouse, office
- Trends over time
- Sustainability
- Seasonality

Activities:

- Different conservation activities: beach, forest, river, craft, litter
- Have there been changes in strategies in past? And why?

Capacity building / training:

- Staff
- Wider community / communities
- Other local organisations
- Registered tour guides: numbers

Collaboration / conflicts:

- Collaborations with other NGOs? Or communities
- Umbrella organisation in TT for environmental activities?
- Collaboration with international conservation agencies: WWF, IUCN, Conservation International,....
- Conflicts with other tour guides
- What do they do when they see poachers

Governance of protected areas:

- Do they have say in planning and managing protected areas (with FD)?
 - Do they have say in determining expenditure from PA activities (beach permits, reforestation programme)?
 - Do they have say in expenditure in PA activities?
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Governance of local NGO:

- Governance of NGO and various components / activities
- Legal structure
- Who takes decisions for:
 - Planning
 - Management
 - Finances

Promotion:

- Promotion / advertising of their activities
- Gather feedback from visitors?

Community:

- Other socio-cultural organisations in their community?

Future plans / wishes:

- What would they like to improve
 - Own activities
 - Collaboration with government
- Their wishes for future