

IMPACTS OF TOURISM

The Key Citations series was developed to provide a starting point for persons new to the various fields of impact assessment. The references provided are an indicative overview of the field and establish what might be regarded as the core literature. They include a selection of currently available textbooks published by commercial publishers, a selection of journal articles from the last 10 or so years, and key official documents. Some historically significant articles are also included. The means of determining key citations generally include consulting Scopus and Google Scholar and expert practitioners in the field. IAIA members contributing to this series acknowledge possible personal and regional bias and much difficulty in selecting only a few from among many excellent references in their fields.



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INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

The sources of information that look at the impacts of tourism are disparate and cover many subject areas—from social anthropology and development studies to tourism management. An increasing amount of reference material is also being produced online by the tourism industry and organisations involved in tourism development around the world. These key citations identify some key readings from industry and academia on the social, economic and environmental impacts of tourism. Responsible tourism is described in the Cape Town Declaration: Responsible Tourism in Destinations, which was developed in the lead-up to the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. One of its central objectives is to minimise the negative environmental, economic and social impacts of tourism. The Cape Town Declaration is endorsed in principle by the International Association for Impact Assessment.

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