




CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Ecosystem Services and the Impacts of Nature-Based and Adventure Tourism on Tourism Destinations at a Crossroads


Special Track 10

Ecosystem services, also known as natural capital, refer to the direct and indirect contributions ecosystems provide for human wellbeing and quality of life. Opportunities to enhance subjective wellbeing, and quality of life, strongly influence engagement in nature-based and adventure tourism. Safeguarding the natural environment, including ecosystem health and biodiversity richness is necessary, not only to ensure that ecosystems continue to provide these services and to guarantee the economic value derived from ecosystem services, through among other avenues, the operation of nature-based tourism and adventure tourism outfitters and guiding businesses, as well as nature-based / adventure tourism SMEs, but also to ensure the preservation of natural environments in tourism destinations at a crossroads.

This session therefore welcomes submissions on topics including, but not limited to:

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- The economic, experiential, and amenity value of nature;
 - The wellbeing and human health impacts of access to nature;
 - Safeguarding the amenity value of recreation and tourism destinations;
 - Ecosystem services and recreation and tourism engagement;
 - Theoretical and practical approaches to calculating, assessing, monitoring and managing ecosystem services, and the experiential, economic and amenity values of nature;
 - Evidence-based methods and practices for calculating the economic value of ecosystem services in recreation and tourism;
 - Best practices for monitoring the impacts of outdoor recreation and nature-based / adventure tourism on the ecosystem services provided by, and the economic, experiential, and amenity values of, nature;
 - Evidence-based approaches to monitoring and managing human dimensions of natural resources in mixed use natural settings;
 - The recreation and tourism sector's role and responsibility in maintaining its operational environment;
 - Metrics and measurement approaches to evidence-based decision-making for human dimensions of natural resource management in outdoor recreation and nature-based / adventure tourism; and,
 - Best policy, communication, and engagement strategies for cultivating pro-environmental behaviours, stewardship intentions, and green business and nature access practices at the recreation and tourism business and consumer level.

Submission Details



All abstracts will be subject to double-blind review by members of the scientific committee. Acceptance of a submission will be based on: theoretical and empirical significance; methodological soundness; relevance to the theme of the conference and logical clarity. The official language of the conference is English. Abstracts should have between max. 500 words. The title should be no more than 12 words. Authors should also indicate which conference topic their proposed paper relates to.

Format: Oral Papers

Submissions: <https://atlas-euro.org/2025-6-vila-seca/#abstract>

All submissions need to be through the official conference abstract website.

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Extended Abstract Submission: March 15th, 2025

Full Paper Submission: September 10th 2025

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