Protected Natural Areas and Sustainable Development

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ABSTRACT

The process of tourism development has come to include, step by step, the expansion potential of areas where it could be practiced in less accessible natural spaces, which are more problematic from the point of view of tourist penetration and the organization of tourism activities. In this context, making tourism under the umbrella of this concept of expansion, has led, on the one hand, to the expansion of protected natural areas, to their advertising and implicitly to the increase of demand for this type of tourism, and, on the other hand, to the amplification of danger posed to the integrity of the ecosystems included in the tourism circuit. The paper, starting from the actual context of sustainable development, highlights the fact that the tourism potential of protected natural areas constitute an important factor for sustainable development only, if is doing in condition of responsibility and respect for environmental conservation and regeneration of environmental resources

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INTRODUCTION

The problems regarding biosphere and environmental protection are among the issues of highest concern in the field of tourism development, being oriented in time along the line of sustainable development strategies.

Although since 1988 Lester Brown is mentioned on sustainability that “the concept of carrying capacity that is used by biologists for a long time, but so far only rarely been considered by economists” had to go quite a long time Romania, up to make a distinction in the literature between sustainable development and sustainability (Lester, 1988, pg.58). In this context, gradually, this differentiation was noted and addressed in the field of tourism which brought a significant change in the results of its work.

Solving the problems that natural areas can be confronted with includes an overlap of two aspects. The first aspect takes in view their balanced territorial expansion as a strategic objective in tourism development strategies at the regional level, which should unfold at the same time with the second aspect, which encompasses applicable educational strategies for tourists regarding the preservation and conservation of such an offer.

We start our research from some essential elements of sustainable tourism in protected natural area whereon Daniela Ruxandra Andrei highlights in his doctoral thesis. These aspects are updated and clearer presented to highlight the overlap between protected natural areas, tourism and development at the territorial level in Romania.

The analysis is based on statistical data series taken from Romanian National Institute for Statistics, Tempone line database (NIS, 2014), using methods and statistical tools (Oprea & Zaharia, 2011).

The presentation of the evolution of tourism in protected natural areas is highlighted through the absolute or relative modifications in their number, as well as, especially, through their surface, as a much more relevant element in the trend of regional development in Romania. Also, we use average indicators to characterize the evolution trend, as well as graphical representations made by the authors in view of emphasizing much more clearly the changes registered by the researched phenomenon from one year to another.

BACKGROUND

Sustainable tourism was initially analyzed sustainable development as “target concerns many scientists and several international organizations” (Botezatu, 2013, pg.40). Gradually, given the interdependence of international guidelines sustainable over time, significant changes were noted in qualitative and quantitative analysis of the results of tourism and implemented by various indicators at both the micro (enterprise) and macro (national).

Bringing together experts from different fields and from all continents, GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) prepared in 2000 a guide called “Benchmarks for
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