A2. Public Green Spaces for Tourists as well as Citizens

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Recommendations

Key elements:

• Good participatory governance and co-creation through government with people
• Innovation, vision, local solutions,
• Strong leadership is essential, but diverse approaches are needed
• Need to engage people with nature, and that can happen through a livelihood approach on some towns and cities and by making green spaces used for different kinds of leisure (skateboarding, animals, exercising etc.) in other cities and towns.
• Use natural ecosystems as argument/reason for green space expansion, but making sure it also supports local economy (aquaculture, eco-tourism etc.). So it is about finding win-win arguments to go against the mainstream ‘brown economy’ plans for concrete and malls
• Build capacity of stakeholders so they can engage to help ensure that a sound environment with sufficient green spaces can persist.
• Financing is a challenge → It could be a good idea then to do a PES estimate of the financial value of the ecosystem service to get funded to maintain it
• Set clear criteria of what is needed to improve or get to the objective (breakdown into targets in other areas such as water, waste, tree planning, etc.)
• For indicators there is a need to balance science with practicality, i.e. it should be practical and not too complicated.
• Ownership by the people is really a key to having a wonderful landscape and lifestyle