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Measuring and evaluating tourism carrying capacity in beaches Havelock and Neil Islands of Andaman, India

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The present work is an attempt to understand the tourism carrying capacity of beaches Havelock and Neil Islands of Andaman (India) in terms of number of visitors that can be allowed over a period of time to help for better management of tourism operations. The approach was based upon the physical, biological conditions and the infrastructure available on the tourism destinations. The total Effective Carrying Capacity for beaches of Havelock and Neil Islands is showing the tourism activity is in lower level with its carrying capacity. The A&N Islands can be promoted for high value low volume eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable tourism. This type of carrying capacity assessment can be used as an input into the regular planning process and in multidisciplinary approach in achieving sustainable development of Coastal Zones. A comprehensive analysis of tourism development in A&N Islands carried out through its Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats (SWOT) approach yielded useful information about the future viability of the tourism development.

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