

# CGG30 Unit 4: Tourism and the Environment

## Activity 7: Tourism and Protecting the Natural Environment

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### Overview

In this activity, you will read about ways to minimize damage to environmentally sensitive areas. You will offer ideas that you believe would be most effective for reducing damage to the environment and create an organizer (with a list of do's and don'ts) for tourists showing your compassion towards the need to maintain our fragile environments.

### Guideline

Think about planning a trip somewhere in the world that would be a popular choice with the ecotourism industry. Remember that ethical tourism and awareness about the social and environmental indicators and development in a country are part of being a good eco-tourist. You want to be certain that you cause minimal damage to natural and sensitive environments.

### Assignment

Read the following [Article](#) to note how humans can negatively impact the environment and pay attention to the “do's and don'ts” in this type of natural environment. Answer the questions following the article to check your understanding of the “code of behavior.”

1. According to the Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004, what percent of the world's reefs have been destroyed or at risk?
2. Explain three ways that divers and tour companies negatively impact the reefs.
3. Explain why the creation of marine parks helps to reduce damage to reefs.
4. What is the Project Aware Foundation?
5. List four ways that eco-operators try to have tourists reduce damage to the reefs?
6. Write a list of at least five “Diving Dos” and five “Diving Don'ts” that can be used to educate people to not damage coral reef habitats.