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### In need of new environmental ethics for tourism?

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#### Abstract

The principal aim of this paper is to evaluate the actions of tourism stakeholders towards nature within the context of environmental ethics. Through an understanding of the ethical stance taken by stakeholders towards nature, it becomes possible to comprehend actions and evaluate their suitability. The conceptual literature in the field of environmental ethics is utilized to analyze the policy statements and actions of stakeholders. The main conclusion is that the majority of them now pursue an ethic of conservation *vis-a-vis* an instrumental use of nature. However there seems to be little desire for a further shift to a non-anthropocentric environmental ethic.

Résumé

Le but principal de cet article est d'évaluer les actions des protagonistes du tourisme envers la nature dans le contexte d'une éthique environnementale. Si on comprend la position éthique des protagonistes envers la nature, il devient possible de

comprendre leurs actions et de juger si elles sont convenables. On se sert de la littérature conceptuelle de l'éthique environnementale pour analyser les déclarations de principes et les actions des protagonistes. La conclusion principale est que la majorité des protagonistes suivent une éthique de sauvegarde en ce qui concerne l'utilisation de la nature. Il y a pourtant peu d'intérêt pour une éthique moins anthropocentrique de l'environnement.



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