

Title	:	Assessment of Visitor Carrying Capacity of Banasuramala -Meenmutty, Wayanad, Kerala
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Duration	:	2019-2020
Objectives	:	1. Evaluate the present level of ecotourism activities 2. Assess the visitor carrying capacity of the ecotourism site
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Summary

The study on “Assessment of the Visitor Carrying Capacity of Banasuramala -Meenmutty, Wayanad, Kerala” is based on the data collected through field observations, discussions and interactions with officials of Forest Department and various stakeholders of Banasuramala-Meenmutty Ecotourism site in South Wayanad Division, Kerala. Visitor carrying capacity has been divided into the following three levels namely a) Physical Carrying Capacity (PCC), b) Real Carrying Capacity (RCC) and c) Effective Carrying Capacity (ECC). The study found that the present management capacity of area is optimum. Based on the outcome of the study, it may be concluded that the number of visitors entering the area from 2009 to 2019 was within the limits of carrying capacity.