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<u>Cbt – Discovering Tourism Through Its People</u> <u>And Culture</u>

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# **SCOPE OF STUDY**

- understand the process and implementation of a local tourism plan
- based, primarily, on re discovering this sense of belonging in communities;
- understanding the society and community not just in terms of what they want for their locality
- also in terms of what they are ready to do to achieve those aspirations together.

# **POLITICALLY CORRECT?**

- Development strategies to protect inner cores that seem to have been forgotten or have been adjusted "in the name of progress and the community".
- Many a time consultation is simply the act of satisfying some official or Government Ministry that they have "done their duty"

# **THE STUDY – RESEARCH BASIS**

- Four stages for undertaking the research
- Three pilot communities to represent an urban, rural and coastal locality
- Whether there is generalizability in the process and implementation of any local tourism plan
- Whether there are different and varying expectations and level of inclusivity by the residents
- What the benefits of any inclusive plan implementation could have on the community.

# **TOURISM ACTIVITY**

#### Quantative Aspects Examples of Indicators

- Industry based
- Bednights
- Revenue
- Arrivals

- Qualitative Aspects Examples of Indicators
- Socio-Culturally based
- Interpretation
- Hospitality
- Integration
- Relationships

# **STAGES OF FIELDWORK**

- Scoping Meetings
- Focus Groups
- Workshop
- Conference

# FOCUS GROUP TOPICS

- Civic Pride (Identity and Character)
- Uniqueness and Authenticity (USP)
- Responsible Tourism (An inclusive and relational experience)(Developing the hostvisitor relationship)
- Sustainability (comparing the negative and positive impacts from tourism in terms of social, environmental, economic and cultural)
- Planning (Management style : top down or bottom –up? Steps to undertake and checking progress and review)

## WHY PROCESS AND IMPLEMENT A TOURISM PLAN?

- Promoting an island based on the mainstream attraction of Leisure and coastal entertainment
- We have "created" a number of niches areas of touristic specialization which have given this industry a somewhat cluttered perception
- More of a revival of what this activity can do for the common benefit of all
- Not the result of a "Top Down" policy implementation but through sincere dialogue

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

# Dialogue Trust

# **CBT AND THE EFFECT**

- Responsible Tourism for the host and visitor
- A wider stakeholder benefit
- A perennial destination rather than one dependant on the mainstream or seasonal experience
- Real, authentic and unique experiences rather than pseudo, commercially-driven and short lived trends.
- A better quality of life for the host and visitor community

#### **LEONARDO'S CITY: AESTHETICALLY FIT**



### **THANK YOU**

#### Destinations Should Be Looking For The Visitor Who WANTS To Be There Not The One Who HAPPENS To Be There.

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