

## 3rd International Conference on Sustainability Education DAY 1

**Theme: Education for Ecosystem Restoration**  
**September 9, 2021 (Thursday)**

**Session 5: - Education for Promoting Sustainable Tourism in Coastal Areas**

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**Time - 15:30 - 16:30 hrs IST (GMT + 5:30)**

### CONCEPT NOTE

Coastal regions harbor diverse ecosystems including beaches, sand dunes, rocks and cliffs, mangroves, estuary mouths, low lying paddy fields, backwaters and lagoons. Coastal regions provide multiple ecosystem benefits including food, fodder, medicine, raw materials, bio-shields, living habitats and tourism. Tourism contributes in many ways including to the economy and livelihoods of local communities and service providers, opportunities for recreation and enhanced understanding of nature and biodiversity.

Tourism activities, when improperly managed, can also destroy, degrade and disturb ecological processes and other economic and livelihood activities. Sustainable coastal tourism can synergize recreation, learning, livelihoods and economy, and enhance conservation efforts.

The session will present case studies of sustainable tourism management and the associated educational and capacity building efforts and approaches. Ecosystem-based approaches, the involvement of local communities in planning and managing tourism activities, setting standards and frameworks for sustainable coastal tourism such as the Blue Flag award will be shared.

#### **Objective:**

1. Understanding coastal tourism, its intricacies and community involvement for a responsible and sustainable tourism on the coastal areas
2. To share various best practices of sustainable coastal tourism highlighting role the sustainability education played in making it happen

#### **Outcome:**

Interactions with the practitioners to learn, explore and adapt best practice approaches to ongoing coastal tourism activities

#### **Moderator**



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### Panelists

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