

Protected Area Regulation and Tourism

Science-informed Ecological Transitions

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This innovative book proposes a conceptual framework to integrate the ecological and tourism aspects of Protected Area regulation, assisting decision-makers to develop contextually effective laws and management plans that avoid over-regulating or under-regulating tourism, given the areas' ecological profiles.

'This book provides a unique and valuable contribution in the important area of the regulation of Protected Area management, including tourism. It adopts an historical view on the creation and management of protected areas, in order to understand the philosophies and attitudes towards these societal creations. It applies a broad framework to analyze the current regulatory regime in three example areas: New Zealand, Tasmania and Hawaii. This book makes a unique case of moving from ecological values to regulation. The book takes a global view with comprehensive reviews of relevant global conventions, treaties and policies and their possible impacts on management and regulation. This book should be useful to anyone involved in understanding the development and application of values into Protected Area laws and regulations.'

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