PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The tasks that you are being asked to do will be used for the final outcome of this course – the development of an Ecotourism Plan. Please print out this checklist and fill it in as you work through each of the tasks. In this way, you will ensure that all the research needed for the final assignment, your Ecotourism Plan, has been done.

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### TASK 1 – LAND CARE

Investigate and write a **short report** on land care in your community. Have land care activities been put in place or has land care been ignored? How has this impacted upon the natural environment? How will your venture impact upon the land and how could a negative impact be managed?

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### TASK 2 – PLANTS AND WILDLIFE

Write a short description of the habitat of the area in which you plan to operate your ecotourism venture. Is there evidence of changes to the habitat due to the introduction of new species of plants and animals? Are there any native plants or animals that are now protected or even extinct? Are weeds a problem? Could they become a problem?

Can you foresee any problems your venture may create? If so, how would you minimise the impact?

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TASK 3 – WATER AND WATER USAGE

For this task you are required to find the answers to the following four questions:

1. Where does your local water come from?
2. What water-quality monitoring is carried out in your area?
3. What treatment is necessary for the drinking water in your area?
4. Who carries out the treatment?

Document your findings in your Portfolio for future reference.

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TASK 4 – POLLUTION

Identify and record in your Portfolio any pollutants (air, water, land or other) in your local area or community that are having an impact on the environment, the animal or plant life, or on human health.

What is the impact? Is anything being done about it? Are there any ways that your ecotourism venture will cause pollution?

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**TASK 5 – ENERGY AND RESOURCES**

Choose a development that you have seen or are familiar with. It could be another tourism venture, some sort of construction venture, an industrial site, or even a mining operation. List the major resources that are used by the development. Are these resources renewable or non-renewable?

Now, think of your venture. Will the resources you use be renewable or non-renewable? Identify the wastes that are likely to be generated by your venture and suggest what can be done to reduce that waste.

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**TASK 6 – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY**

Now that you have researched your environment, it is time to prepare a statement to include in your final Ecotourism Plan.

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