

# ECEAT BASIC SUSTAINABLE STANDARD FOR ACCOMMODATION.

## INTRODUCTION

- *These sustainable criteria are understood as additional to the basic (comfort) standards*
- *Without reaching the basic standards, the ECEAT certificate for sustainable quality based on the criteria must not be granted.*
- *Both methods can be implemented for an evaluation –either a self-evaluation or external inspection; the exact method depends on a country and is in line with local method*
- *Questions in the questionnaire should be formulated either for answering YES/ NO or as for description*
- *National partners can decide on extension of the minimums in their own country, depending on local conditions*
- *In order to obtain an ECEAT- sustainable criteria certificate, accommodation must fully comply with **all** following requirements*

## THE GUEST IN FOCUS

### 1. Offer environmental information services to guests

- § The current „eco“ status of particular accommodation is stated on the special certificate.
- § The certificate is to be found at every „ECEAT certified“ accommodation
- § The certificate is issued by the national certification authority (specified on the certificate); guest can contact the national certifying authority for information
- § The certificate is terminated (e.g. 12 months) - the guest can check the date of validity on the certificate
- § Provision guests with appropriate information about e.g. local nature, organic farming and local culture leading to understanding and respect and offer it actively (e.g. by a leaflets, guidebooks, guided trips etc.);

Description how it is organised:

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- § Information points on what tourist behaviour is unsustainable (e.g., through picking of plants; manufacturing or purchasing of souvenirs manufactured from wildlife, in particular such endangered species as corals, turtles, shells; or through unregulated hunting, shooting and fishing)
  - § The accommodation owner provides the guest by the appropriate detailed Evaluation Documentation if requested.

## AGRICULTURE IN FOCUS

### **2. Support of environmental friendly agriculture**

- § Use pesticides on a garden, fields, green house only in extraordinary cases
- § If locally available, organic food products are offered to tourists
- § Appropriate attention is paid to the natural behaviors of the animals in the accomodation
- § No use of artificial fertilizers (some exceptions permitted during the transformation period towards organic production)

## NATURAL RESOURCES IN FOCUS

### **3. Use of water and energy in an efficient and conscious/responsible way**

- § Depending on local circumstances the owner organises the water and energy saving and use of renewable energy as much as possible
- § Changing of towels is organised „on request basis“ (if applicable)
- § No leakage of water in the accommodation
- § Info on efficient and responsible use of energy and resources is available

*Description what more accommodation makes for saving resources:*

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### **4. Green building policy**

- § Willingness to implement the sustainable building or maintenance technique

*Description what is already done:*

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### **5. Reduction of waste**

- § Acting according to waste disposal law
- § Possibility of selection of a solid waste is provided to guests, fractions in line with local conditions

*Description of fractions:*

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- § Waste water treatment according to the national law

### **6. Soft mobility**

- § A public and ecological transport is actively promoted (at least timetables on noticeboard, nearest bike rental etc.

*Description of promotional activities:*

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- § If excursions/sport activities are provided by the accommodation, they are primarily ecological (bike trails, hiking, horse riding, canoing etc.)

## NATURE IN FOCUS

- § The accommodation does not promote/offer activities or activities of your guests cause disturbance of wild species, disrupting normal behaviour (by a noise, visits etc.)
- § The accommodation does not offer/promote harming local flora and fauna by unsustainable consumption
- § The farm/garden/campsite is run in an environmental friendly way, with respect to local fauna and flora.

*Description of other activities taken:*

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## LOCAL CULTURE IN FOCUS

### **8. Active contribution to sustain cultural heritage.**

- § Traditional building techniques are respected in case of new constructions or renovations

*Description of particular techniques and traditional elements used in accommodation:*

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### **9. Active contribution to local economy**

- § Willingness to buy at local shops or co-operate with local providers/services
- § If food, farming products, souvenirs etc. are offered in the accommodation, they are primarily produced locally

*Description how is the local economy supported:*

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## THE FUTURE IN FOCUS

### **10. Improvement of environmental performance and be open for new insights and developments**

- § The ECEAT certification system encourages accommodation to grow up gradually through the „growing“ criteria<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> A European framework for the growing criteria is currently being developed.