

**2-DAYS WEEKEND WORKSHOP ON  
"ENVIRONMENT LAWS & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM"  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW—WWF INDIA**

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<b>JAN. 16–17, 2010</b>	—	<b>WAYANAD, KERALA</b>
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The workshops shall have 5 technical sessions including discussions, broadly covering:

1. Environment Concerns
2. Tourism and Community Participation
3. Tourism and Environmental Laws
4. Tourism and its relation to other key areas
5. Environment Safeguards & Better Practices



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**Workshop Objectives:**

- ◆ To raise awareness on responsible/sustainable tourism by drawing in success stories from field.
- ◆ To research and develop a comprehensive information package on responsible mechanisms, environmental law and policy relating to tourism in India, and
- ◆ To disseminate information and create awareness on the interface between tourism and environmental conservation.

**Background**

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Tourism is one of the biggest and fastest growing economic sectors in the global economy and has significant environmental, cultural, social and economic effects. A major issue relating to tourism today is the sustainability of its development.

Though there is no specific legislation on sustainable tourism in the country, there are various policies governing the tourism industry that aim at development of ecotourism.

Environmental law covers all important aspects of the environment. Most of these laws are relevant to the tourism industry and knowledge of existing laws is imperative to understand sustainable tourism practices better. One of the problem areas in implementation of environmental laws arises from the lack of awareness of the existing legislation in India.

Tourism can and often ignore the legislations which have destructive effects on biodiversity and on environmental services, tourism has both responsibility for and a need to invest in the maintenance of the natural environment. If undertaken sustainably, tourism can be a positive force for conservation and environmental protection.

It is therefore proposed that a strong emphasis has to be laid on building awareness among service providers, Government officials who implement these laws in the form of series of workshops to be arranged in order to carry out systematic information dissemination relating to environmental law and policy for the tourism industry. The target group includes Hoteliers, Transport Industry, Resort Managers, Tourist Guides, Adventure Tourism Providers and Community representatives involved in sustainable tourism models. We want to engage with practitioners as they being the implementers have to vouch for and adopt better and sustainable tourism practices.



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