**Application for GSTC recognition of a sustainable tourism standard for destinations**

In order to be reviewed by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) for possible recognition of a sustainable tourism standard for **destinations**, the standard owner must:

* Complete this application form;
* Complete the matrix for standard comparison with the GSTC Benchmarking Criteria;
* Send to the GSTC as part of the application:
  + The standard, in its native language and in English translation.
  + The completed comparison matrix, in English.
  + All other relevant documents required to show conformity to GSTC requirements.
* Pay the fee to cover the costs of review of the standard.

**All of these documents need to be submitted to:** [**recognized@GSTCouncil.org**](mailto:recognized@GSTCouncil.org) **–GSTC will only process this application upon receipt of all requirements above –**

To achieve Recognition, the destination standard to be reviewed must:

* be documented as a formal written standard;
* be able to be used as a standard to certify or verify that clients conform to sustainable destination principles and practices;
* be written in a form that permits a clear decision on whether a destination complies or not with each criterion: and
* have at least one criterion equivalent to each of the GSTC Criteria for Destinations or adequately justify differences and omissions;
* comply with the rules governing GSTC-Recognition of standards in the GSTC Recognition Manual.

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| Name of the standard: | |
| Organization with ownership of intellectual property of the standard: | |
| Legal representative: | |
| Contact person: | |
| Contact information: | |
| Email: | Website: |
| Telephone: + | Fax: + |
| Mailing address:  Country: | |
| Standard is used for :  Third-party certification Verification  other (please specify) | |
| Geographic coverage (countries or regions where the standard is used): | |
| Date last updated: | |
| Expected next update: | |
| Number of certificates issued using this standard: | |
| Destinations: | |
| Other (please specify): | |

My organization pledges that it:

* possesses legal ownership of, or the right to use, the standard to be reviewed;
* will inform the GSTC Accreditation Panel of any substantial changes to the ownership of the standard;
* has documented rules for the updating of the standard;
* will give the GSTC all updated versions of the standard within 10 days of its being updated;
* will abide by GSTC’s requirements for recognition;
* will follow the processes specified in the GSTC Recognition Manual in the event of a complaint or an appeal.

Name:

Organization:

Date:

**Fees:**

* **Assistance Preparing Your Recognition Application**: Optional $ 500 USD pre-application assistance fee, which gives you access to a GSTC technical consultant for a half-day conference call to provide assistance in preparing your application
* **Application for GSTC Recognition**: $7,000\* USD application fee for the costs of review and evaluation of the certification program
* **Re-submission of an Application**: $ 800 USD re-submission fee in the case conditional recognition or approval is given with more than 5 correction areas, or if the re-submission is more than one year after the original application and follow-up communications have ceased

\*GSTC members in good standing will receive a $ 1,000 USD discount on the review and evaluation fees for Approval and Recognition

**Payments:**

To arrange payment, please contact [info@GSTCouncil.org](mailto:info@GSTCouncil.org)

## Matrix for evaluation of a certification standard with the GSTC benchmarking criteria

Please note that the criteria in **bold** type are the GSTC Criteria (e.g. **A.1**), whereas those with a lower-case Roman numeral (e.g. A.1.i) are the verifiable statements of the GSTC Standard that are used to interpret whether or not the criteria of a certification standard fully comply with the GSTC Criterion or not. An example of a properly filled-in matrix follows:

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| **GSTC Benchmarking Criteria** | | **Standard to be tested for recognition of equivalence** | | | | |
| ***GSTC #*** | ***GSTC Standard criteria*** | ***Identifying numbers of all of your criteria that are equivalent to the GSTC criterion on the left (may be >1)*** | ***Please enter the full text of all of your criteria that are equivalent to the GSTC criterion on the left (may be >1)*** | ***Mandatory? Y/N for each criterion*** | ***Explanation of correspondence (may include indicators & evaluation criteria)*** | ***Justification of differences or omissions*** |
| ***B.5*** | ***A code of conduct for activities in indigenous and local communities has been developed, with the consent of and in collaboration with the community.*** | *N/A* | *N/A* | *N/A* |  | *Not applicable because the scope of this standard is limited to hotels in large cities in Europe.* |
| *D.1.3.i* | *Energy consumption is* ***measured*** | *4.3.1* | *The enterprise records consumption of electricity and fossil fuels on a monthly basis.* | *Y* |  |  |
| *D.1.3.ii* | *Measures have been adopted to* ***decrease*** *overall consumption of energy* | *4.3.2*  *4.3.6* | *A baseline for energy consumption by the enterprise has been established and demonstrates a decrease in energy consumption per guest night.*  *The enterprise has implemented a policy for energy conservation, with concrete goals, a calendar for implementation, and personnel assigned.* | *Y*  *N* | *Performance must demonstrate reduction.*  *This criterion establishes the methodology for reducing energy consumption.* | *Methodology is less important than demonstrating actual performance data, and therefore is optional.* |

**Name of standard:**

| **GSTC Benchmarking Criteria for Destinations** | | **Destination standard to be tested for recognition of equivalence** | | | | | | **GSTC internal use** |
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| **Criteria ID#** | **Full text of criteria** | **Required?** | **Clarifications** | | **Justify differences** |
| **GSTC #** | **GSTC destinations criterion** | **Please enter the identifying numbers of all of your criteria that are equivalent to the GSTC criterion on the left (may be >1)** | **Please enter the full text of all of your criteria that are equivalent to the GSTC criterion on the left (may be >1)** | **Mandatory? Y/N for each criterion** | **Explanation of correspondence (may include indicators & evaluation criteria)** | | **Justification of differences or omissions** |  |
| **A. Demonstrate effective sustainable destination management.** | | | | | | | |  |
| **A.1** | **Sustainable destination strategy**  The destination has established and is implementing a multi-year destination strategy that is publicly available, is suited to its scale; that considers environmental, economic, social, cultural, quality, health, and safety, and aesthetic issues; and was developed with public participation. | | | | | | |  |
| A.1.i | The destination has established a multi-year destination strategy that is suitable to its scale. |  |  |  | |  |  | ddddddddd |
| A.1.ii | The strategy was developed with public participation. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.iii | The strategy is publicly available. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.iv | The strategy is being implemented. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.v | The strategy considers environmental and aesthetic issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.vi | The strategy considers social and cultural issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.vii | The strategy considers economic and quality issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.1.viii | The strategy considers health and safety issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.2** | **Destination management organization**  The destination has an effective organization, department, group, or committee responsible for a coordinated approach to sustainable tourism, with involvement by the private sector and public sector. This group is suited to the size and scale of the destination, and has defined responsibilities, oversight, and implementation capability for the management of environmental, economic, social, and cultural issues. This group’s activities are appropriately funded. | | | | | | |  |
| A.2.i | The destination has an effective organization, department, group, or committee responsible for a coordinated approach to sustainable tourism. |  |  |  | |  |  | dddd |
| A.2.ii | The private sector and public sector are involved in the organization. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.2.iii | The organization is suited to the size and scale of the destination. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.2.iv | The organization has defined responsibilities, oversight, and implementation capability for the management of environmental, economic, social, and cultural issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.2.v | The organization’s activities are appropriately funded. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.3** | **Monitoring**  The destination has a system to monitor, publicly report, and respond to environmental, economic, social, cultural, tourism, and human rights issues. The monitoring system is reviewed and evaluated periodically. | | | | | | |  |
| A.3.i | The destination has a system to monitor environmental, economic, social, cultural, tourism, and human rights issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.3.ii | The monitoring information is publicly reported. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.3.iii | The monitoring system includes a mechanism for responding to issues that arise. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.3.iv | The monitoring system is reviewed and evaluated periodically. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.4** | **Tourism seasonality management**  The destination dedicates resources to mitigate seasonal variability of tourism where appropriate, working to balance the needs of the local economy, community, cultures and environment, to identify year-round tourism opportunities. | | | | | | |  |
| A.4.i | The destination dedicates resources to mitigate seasonal variability of tourism where appropriate. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.4.ii | The destination has a mechanism to identify year-round tourism opportunities, where appropriate. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.4.iii | The mitigation measures balance the needs of the local economy, community, cultures and environment. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.5** | **Climate change adaptation**  The destination has a system to identify risks and opportunities associated with climate change. This system encourages climate change adaptation strategies for development, siting, design, and management of facilities. The system contributes to the sustainability and resilience of the destination and to public education on climate for both residents and tourists. | | | | | | |  |
| A.5.i | The destination has a system to identify risks and opportunities associated with climate change. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.5.ii | The system encourages climate change adaptation strategies for development, siting, design, and management of facilities that contribute to the sustainability and resilience of the destination. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.5.iii | The system contributes to public education on climate for both residents and tourists. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.6** | **Inventory of tourism assets and attractions**  The destination has an up-to-date, publicly available inventory and assessment of its tourism assets and attractions, including natural and cultural sites. | | | | | | |  |
| A.6.i | The destination has an inventory and assessment of its tourism assets and attractions. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.6.ii | The inventory and assessment include natural and cultural sites. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.6.iii | The inventory and assessment are publicly available. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.6.iv | The inventory and assessment are up-to-date. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.7** | **Planning Regulations**  The destination has planning guidelines, regulations and/or policies that require environmental, economic, and social impact assessment and integrate sustainable land use, design, construction, and demolition. The guidelines, regulations and/or policies are designed to protect natural and cultural resources, were created with local inputs from the public and a thorough review process, are publicly communicated, and are enforced. | | | | | | |  |
| A.7.i | The destination has planning guidelines, regulations and/or policies that are designed to protect natural and cultural resources. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.7.ii | The guidelines, regulations and/or policies require:   1. environmental, economic, and social impact assessment and 2. integrate sustainable land use, design, construction, and demolition. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.7.iii | The guidelines, regulations and/or policies:   1. were created with local inputs from the public, 2. underwent a thorough review process, and 3. are publicly communicated. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.7.iv | The guidelines, regulations and/or policies are enforced. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.8** | **Access for all**  Where appropriate, sites and facilities, including those of natural and cultural importance, are accessible to all, including persons with disabilities and others who have specific access requirements. Where such sites and facilities are not immediately accessible, access is afforded through the design and implementation of solutions that take into account both the integrity of the site and such reasonable accommodations for persons with access requirements as can be achieved. | | | | | | |  |
| A.8.i | Where appropriate, sites and facilities, including those of natural and cultural importance, are accessible to all, including persons with disabilities and others who have specific access requirements. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.8.ii | Where such sites and facilities are not immediately accessible, access is afforded through the design and implementation of solutions that take into account both the integrity of the site and such reasonable accommodations for persons with access requirements as can be achieved. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.9** | **Property acquisitions**  Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions exist, are enforced, comply with communal and indigenous rights, ensure public consultation, and do not authorize resettlement without prior informed consent and/or reasonable compensation. | | | | | | |  |
| A.9.i | Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions exist. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.9.ii | Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions are enforced. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.9.iii | Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions comply with communal and indigenous rights. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.9.iv | Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions ensure public consultation. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.9.v | Laws and regulations regarding property acquisitions do not authorize resettlement without prior informed consent and/or reasonable compensation. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.10** | **Visitor satisfaction**  The destination has a system to monitor and publicly report visitor satisfaction, and, if necessary, to take action to improve visitor satisfaction. | | | | | | |  |
| A.10.i | The destination has a system to monitor and publicly report visitor satisfaction, |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.10.ii | The destination has a system to take action to improve visitor satisfaction when necessary. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.11** | **Sustainability standards**  The destination has a system to promote sustainability standards for enterprises consistent with the GSTC Criteria. The destination makes publicly available a list of sustainability certified or verified enterprises | | | | | | |  |
| A.11.i | The destination has a system to promote sustainability standards for enterprises consistent with the GSTC Criteria. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.11.ii | The destination makes publicly available a list of sustainability certified or verified enterprises |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.12** | **Safety and security**  The destination has a system to monitor, prevent, publicly report, and respond to crime, safety, and health hazards**.** | | | | | | |  |
| A.12.i | The destination has a system to monitor and publicly report crime, safety, and health hazards. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.12.ii | The destination has a system to prevent and respond to crime, safety, and health hazards. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.13** | **Crisis and emergency management**  The destination has a crisis and emergency response plan that is appropriate to the destination. Key elements are communicated to residents, visitors, and enterprises. The plan establishes procedures and provides resources and training for staff, visitors, and residents, and is updated on a regular basis. | | | | | | |  |
| A.13.i | The destination has a crisis and emergency response plan that is appropriate to the destination, and is updated on a regular basis. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.13.ii | Key elements of the plan are communicated to residents, visitors, and enterprises |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.13.iii | The plan establishes procedures and provides resources and training for staff, visitors, and residents. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **A.14** | **Promotion**  Promotion is accurate with regard to the destination and its products, services, and sustainability claims. The promotional messages treat local communities and tourists authentically and respectfully. | | | | | | |  |
| A.14.i | Promotion is accurate with regard to the destination and its products, services, and sustainability claims. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.14.ii | The promotional messages treat local communities authentically and respectfully. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| A.14.iii | The promotional messages treat local tourists respectfully. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B. Maximize social and economic benefits to the host community and minimize** **negative impacts.** | | | | | | | |  |
| **B.1.** | **Economic monitoring**  The direct and indirect economic contribution of tourism to the destination’s economy is monitored and publicly reported at least annually. To the extent feasible, this should include visitor expenditure, revenue per available room, employment and investment data. | | | | | | |  |
| B.1.i | The direct and indirect economic contribution of tourism to the destination’s economy is monitored. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.1.ii | The direct and indirect economic contribution of tourism to the destination’s economy is publicly reported at least annually. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.1.iii | Reporting of the direct and indirect economic contribution of tourism to the destination’s economy should include visitor expenditure, revenue per available room, employment, and investment data. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.2** | **Local career opportunities**  The destination’s enterprises provide equal employment, training opportunities, occupational safety, and fair wages for all. | | | | | | |  |
| B.2.i | The destination’s enterprises provide equal employment opportunities and fair wages for all. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.2.ii | The destination’s enterprises provide equal training opportunities for all. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.2.iii | The destination’s enterprises ensure occupational safety for all. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.3** | **Public participation**  The destination has a system that encourages public participation in destination planning and decision making on an ongoing basis. | | | | | | |  |
| B.3.i | The destination has a system that encourages public participation in destination planning and decision making on an ongoing basis. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.4** | **Local community opinion**  Local communities’ aspirations, concerns, and satisfaction with destination management are regularly monitored, recorded and publicly reported in a timely manner. | | | | | | |  |
| B.4.i | Local communities’ aspirations, concerns, and satisfaction with destination management are:   1. regularly monitored, 2. recorded, and 3. publicly reported in a timely manner. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.5** | **Local access**  The destination monitors, protects, and when necessary rehabilitates or restores local community access to natural and cultural sites. | | | | | | |  |
| B.5.i | The destination monitors, protects, and when necessary rehabilitates or restores local community access to natural and cultural sites |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.6** | **Tourism awareness and education**  The destination provides regular programs to affected communities to enhance their understanding of the opportunities and challenges of tourism, and the importance of sustainability. | | | | | | |  |
| B.6.i | The destination provides regular programs to affected communities to enhance their understanding of the opportunities and challenges of tourism. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.6.ii | The destination provides regular programs to affected communities to enhance their understanding of the importance of sustainability. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.7** | **Preventing exploitation**  The destination has laws and established practices to prevent commercial, sexual, or any other form of exploitation and harassment of anyone, particularly of children, adolescents, women, and minorities. The laws and established practices are publicly communicated. | | | | | | |  |
| B.7.i | The destination has laws and established practices to prevent   1. commercial, 2. sexual, or 3. any other form of exploitation and harassment   of anyone, particularly of   1. children, adolescents, 2. women, and 3. minorities. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.7.ii | The laws and established practices are publicly communicated. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.8** | **Support for community**  The destination has a system to enable and encourage enterprises, visitors, and the public to contribute to community and sustainability initiatives. | | | | | | |  |
| B.8.i | The destination has a system to enable and encourage enterprises, visitors, and the public to contribute to community and sustainability initiatives. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **B.9** | **Supporting local entrepreneurs and fair trade**  The destination has a system that supports local and small- and medium-sized enterprises, and promotes and develops local sustainable products and fair trade principles that are based on the area’s nature and culture. These may include food and beverages, crafts, performance arts, agricultural products, etc. | | | | | | |  |
| B.9.i | The destination has a system that supports local and small- and medium-sized enterprises. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| B.9.ii | The destination has a system that promotes and develops local sustainable products and fair trade principles that are based on the area’s nature and culture. These may include food and beverages, crafts, performance arts, agricultural products, etc |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C. Maximize benefits to communities, visitors, and culture; minimize negative impacts.** | | | | | | | |  |
| **C.1** | **Attraction protection**  The destination has a policy and system to evaluate, rehabilitate, and conserve natural and cultural sites, including built heritage (historic and archaeological) and rural and urban scenic views. | | | | | | |  |
| C.1.i | The destination has a policy and system to   1. evaluate, 2. rehabilitate, and 3. conserve   natural and cultural sites, including built heritage (historic and archaeological) and rural and urban scenic views. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C.2** | **Visitor management**  The destination has a visitor management system for attraction sites that includes measures to preserve, protect, and enhance natural and cultural assets. | | | | | | |  |
| C.2.i | The destination has a visitor management system for attraction sites that includes measures to preserve, protect, and enhance natural and cultural assets. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C.3** | **Visitor behavior**  The destination has published and provided guidelines for proper visitor behavior at sensitive sites. Such guidelines are designed to minimize adverse impacts on sensitive sites and strengthen positive visitor behaviors. | | | | | | |  |
| C.3.i | The destination has published and provided guidelines for proper visitor behavior at sensitive sites. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| C.3.ii | The guidelines are designed to:   1. minimize adverse impacts on sensitive sites and 2. strengthen positive visitor behaviors. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C.4** | **Cultural heritage protection**  The destination has laws governing the proper sale, trade, display, or gifting of historical and archaeological artefacts. | | | | | | |  |
| C.4.i | The destination has laws governing the proper:   1. sale, 2. trade, 3. display, or 4. gifting   of historical and archaeological artefacts. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C.5** | **Site interpretation**  Accurate interpretive information is provided at natural and cultural sites. The information is culturally appropriate, developed with community collaboration, and communicated in languages pertinent to visitors. | | | | | | |  |
| C.5.1 | Accurate interpretive information is provided at natural and cultural sites. The information is   1. culturally appropriate, 2. developed with community collaboration, and   communicated in languages |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **C.6** | **Intellectual property**  The destination has a system to contribute to the protection and preservation of intellectual property rights of communities and individuals. | | | | | | |  |
| C.6.i | The destination has a system to contribute to the protection and preservation of intellectual property rights of communities and individuals. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D. Maximize benefits to the environment and minimize negative impacts** | | | | | | | |  |
| **D.1** | **Environmental risks**  The destination has identified environmental risks and has a system in place to address them. | | | | | | |  |
| D.1.i | The destination has identified environmental risks. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.1.ii | The destination has a system in place to address environmental risks. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.2** | **Protection of sensitive environments**  The destination has a system to monitor the environmental impact of tourism, conserve habitats, species, and ecosystems, and prevent the introduction of invasive species. | | | | | | |  |
| D.2.i | The destination has a system to monitor the environmental impact of tourism. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.2.ii | The destination has a system to conserve habitats, species, and ecosystems. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.2.iii | The destination has a system to prevent the introduction of invasive species. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.3** | **Wildlife protection**  The destination has a system to ensure compliance with local, national, and international laws and standards for the harvest or capture, display, and sale of wildlife (including plants and animals). | | | | | | |  |
| D.3.i | The destination has a system to ensure compliance with:   1. local, 2. national, and 3. international   laws and standards for the:   1. harvest or capture, 2. display, and 3. sale   of wildlife (including plants and animals). |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.4** | **Greenhouse gas emissions**  The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to measure, monitor, minimize, publicly report, and mitigate their greenhouse gas emissions from all aspects of their operation (including emissions from service providers). | | | | | | |  |
| D.4.i | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to:   1. measure, 2. monitor, and 3. publicly report   their greenhouse gas emissions from all aspects of their operation (including emissions from service providers). |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.4.ii | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to:   1. minimize and 2. mitigate   their greenhouse gas emissions from all aspects of their operation (including emissions from service providers). |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.5** | **Energy conservation**  The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to measure, monitor, reduce, and publicly report energy consumption, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. | | | | | | |  |
| D.5.i | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to   1. measure, 2. monitor, and 3. publicly report   energy consumption. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.5.ii | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to reduce energy consumption. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.5.iii | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.6** | **Water Management**  The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to measure, monitor, reduce, and publicly report water usage. | | | | | | |  |
| D.6.i | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to   1. measure, 2. monitor, and 3. publicly report   water usage. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.6.ii | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to reduce water usage |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.7** | **Water security**  The destination has a system to monitor its water resources to ensure that use by enterprises is compatible with the water requirements of the destination community. | | | | | | |  |
| D.7.i | The destination has a system to monitor its water resources. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.7.ii | The destination has a system to ensure that the use of water resources by enterprises is compatible with the water requirements of the destination community. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.8** | **Water quality**  The destination has a system to monitor drinking and recreational water quality using quality standards. The monitoring results are publicly available, and the destination has a system to respond in a timely manner to water quality issues. | | | | | | |  |
| D.8.i | The destination has a system to monitor drinking and recreational water quality using quality standards. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.8.ii | The monitoring results are publicly available. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.8.iii | The destination has a system to respond in a timely manner to water quality issues. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.9** | **Wastewater**  The destination has clear and enforced guidelines in place for the siting, maintenance and testing of discharge from septic tanks and wastewater treatment systems, and ensures wastes are properly treated and reused or released safely with minimal adverse effects to the local population and the environment. | | | | | | |  |
| D.9.i | The destination has clear and enforced guidelines in place for the siting, maintenance and testing of discharge from septic tanks and wastewater treatment systems. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.9.ii | The destination ensures that wastewater is properly treated. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.9.iii | The destination ensures that treated wastewater is reused or released safely with minimal adverse effects to the local population and the environment. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.10** | **Solid waste reduction**  The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste. Any residual solid waste that is not reused or recycled is disposed of safely and sustainably. | | | | | | |  |
| D.10.i | The destination has a system to encourage enterprises to reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| D.10.ii | Any residual solid waste that is not reused or recycled is disposed of safely and sustainably. |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **D.11** | **Light and noise pollution**  The destination has guidelines and regulations to minimize light and noise pollution. The destination encourages enterprises to follow these guidelines and regulations. | | | | | | |  |
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| **D.12** | **Low-impact transportation**  The destination has a system to increase the use of low-impact transportation, including public transportation and active transportation (e.g., walking and cycling). | | | | | | |  |
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