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The GSTC Recognized Standards

No	Official Standard Name	Standard Owner	SO's Country	Standard version & date	Date of Original Recognition	Date of Latest Recognition	Standard User	Linguistic Scope	Specific Geographic Coverage
1	Sustainable Tourism Network (Formerly The Ecotourism Ireland Criteria Booklet)	Sustainable Travel Ireland (former Ecotourism Ireland)	Ireland	15 August 2019	21 May 2012	15 August 2019	Accommodations/tour operators/attractions & activity providers	English	Republic and Northern Ireland
2	EarthCheck Company Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited	Australia	version 4.1 25 August 2020	19 September 2012	9 September 2020	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global
3	EarthCheck Community Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited	Australia	version 3.0 November 2020	5 March 2015	16 December 2020	Destinations in general	English	Global
4	EarthCheck Evaluate Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited	Australia	version 2.0 April 2020	30 January 2017	18 April 2020	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Global
5	Malta Tourism Authority ECO Certification requirements	Malta Tourism Authority	Malta	version 3.1 5 April 2021	20 August 2013	19 May 2021	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Malta
6	Certificación de Sostenibilidad Turística (Certification for Sustainable Tourism (CST))	The Costa Rican Tourism Board	Costa Rica	version 2 21 May 2020	28 August 2013	9 June 2020	Accommodations; Hotels, Tour Operators	English	Costa Rica
7	Sustainability Certification Program "Hoteles más Verdes"	Asociación de Hoteles de Turismo Argentina (AHT)	Argentina	version 2 June 2017	28 December 2013	19 May 2020	Accommodations; Hotels	English, Spanish	Argentina
8	"Sustainable Tourism Distinction " system applicable to Tourist Accommodation Services in Chile	SERNATUR (Hotels)	Chile	Version 3 2020	13 February 2014	3 June 2020	Accommodations; Hotels	English, Spanish	Chile
9	"Sustainable Tourism Distinction " system applicable to Tour Operators in Chile	SERNATUR (Tour Operators)	Chile	Version 1-16	12 December 2019	12 December 2019	Tour Operators	English, Spanish	Chile
10	Green Star Hotel Criteria	Egyptian Hotel Association	Egypt	version 3.0 (2020) Revision # 4 26 March 2020	13 December 2014	5 April 2020	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Egypt
11	Green Growth 2050 Global Standard	Green Growth 2050	Australia	version 4 6 February 2019	20 January 2015	14 February 2019	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global (30 countries)
12	PUG AUDIT Criteria and Indicators	PUG audit (TOFTigers)	United Kingdom	version 6i 11 May 2019	22 June 2015	19 May 2019	Accommodations;Hotels	English	South Asia
13	Green Destinations Standard	Green Destinations	Netherlands	version 2.0	4 March 2016	19 February 2021	Municipalidad, regiones:protected areas, private destinations	English	Global
14	Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard for Indonesia (STD)	Ministry of Tourism of Republic of Indonesia	Indonesia	NA	15 August 2016	15 August 2016	Destinations in general	English	Indonesia
15	Korea Sustainable City Tourism Destination Standard	Suwon Special City	South Korea	NA	26 August 2016	26 August 2016	Urban destination	English, Korean	South Korea
16	Sustainable Seychelles Certification	Tourism Department - Ministry of Tourism	Seychelles	version 2.6 May 2019	7 January 2017	10 June 2019	Accommodations	English	Seychelles
17	The Mountain IDEAL Sustainable Destination Standard	Walking Mountain Science Center - Sustainable Travel International (Destination)	United States	version 2.0 25 October 2021	14 August 2017	25 October 2021	Resorts, rural, recreation and Gateway Communities in USA.	English	Vail, Colorado, United States
18	Sustainable Tourism Management Standard of DASTA (MASCI, Thailand)	DASTA (Destiantion - ST Management)	Thailand	April 2021	13 April 2018	14 September 2021	Cultural Sight; National Park; Protected Areas; Destinations in general	English	Thailand
19	Criteria for Thailand's Community Based Tourism Development	DASTA (Destination - CBT)	Thailand	February 2019	8 July 2018	8 July 2018	Community; Destinations in general	English, Thai	Thailand
20	Sustainable Destination Norway, Standard 3.0	Innovation Norway	Norway	version 3.0 09 February 2022	17 April 2018	8 March 2022	Destinations in general	English, Norwegian	Norway
21	Austrian Ecolabel for Tourism and leisure-time industry	The Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism (Österreichisches Umweltzeichen)	Austria	EL 200 version 7.0 4 October 2018	1 November 2018	1 November 2018	Accommodations; Hotels	English, German	Austria
22	Mauritian Standard on Sustainable Tourism (MS 165: 2019)	Mauritius Standards Bureau	Mauritius	Third edition 1 April 2019	26 April 2019	26 April 2019	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Mauritius & Rodriguez
23	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Standard	GreenStep (Hotels and TO)	Canada	version 2.0	13 October 2020	13 October 2020	tourism operators including hotels, tour operators, tourism facilities and sites (i.e. wineries, ski resorts, suspension bridge)	English	Canada
24	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	GreenStep (Destination)	Canada	version 1.1 21 October 2021	16 November 2021	16 November 2021	Destination management and marketing organizations (DMOs) and community tourism associations that represent individual communities and/or tourism regions	English	Global (currently only used in Canada)
25	Japan Sustainable Tourism Standard for Destinations (JSTS-D)	Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, transport and Tourism	Japan	March 2021	12 March 2021	12 March 2021	Destinations	English, Japanese	Japan
26	Sakura Quality an ESG Practice Standard	Sakura Quality Management Co., LTD	Japan	version 1 17 March 2022	21 March 2022	21 March 2022	Hotels	English, Japanese	Japan
27	Sustainable Tourism Standard South Tyrol	IDM Sudtirol - Alto Adige	Italy	23 December 2021	18 February 2022	18 February 2022	Destinations	English, German	Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano, Italy
28	GreenSign Certification Catalog	InfraCert GmbH	Germany	27 April 2022	19 May 2022	19 May 2022	hotels and other lodging establishments	English, German	Germany, Europe, Adrica, Asia
29	Sustainable Berlin	Berlin Tourismus & Kongress GmbH / Visit Berlin	Germany	Version 1, 4 January , 2023	6 January 2023	6 January 2023	Hotels & Tour Operators	English, German	Berlin, Germany
30	Ecotars Standard	Ecotars Ecological Hotel Rating, SL	Spain	v3.0 27 March 2023	3 May 2023	3 May 2023	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Global

31	The Pacific Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)	Fiji	15 May 2023	29 May 2023	29 May 2023	Destinations , Potentially the standard will be adopted as the Pacific Sustainable Tourism Standard for all SPTO member nations	English	Pacific Region Up to 20 member nations of the Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)
32	Cabo Verde Standard - Sustainability for Tourist Accommodation - Requirements (NCV 023:2021) Sustainability for Tour Operators - Requirements (NCV 024:2021)	Cape Verde IGQP (H and TO)	Cabo Verde	29 December 2021 for TO and HO	4 June 2023	4 June 2023	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Cabo Verde
33	Sustainability for Destinations - Requirements (NCV 025:2022)	Cape Verde IGQP (D)	Cabo Verde	19 April 2022	4 June 2023	4 June 2023	Destination	English	Cabo Verde
34	Eco-check Standard	Intertek Cristal	UK	version 03 June 2023	12 June 2023	12 June 2023	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Global, more than 100 countries
35	Miosotis Azores Standard	Regional Government of the Azores	Portugal	version 01 June 2023	25 June 2023	25 June 2023	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English, Portuguese	Autonomous Region of the Azores, Portugal
36	Qualmark Sustainable Business Tourism (STB) Criteria & Knowledge Base	Qualmark New Zealand	New Zealand	version 1.2 July 2023	12 August 2023	12 August 2023	Accommodation, Tour Operators, Activities	English	New Zealand
37	Stay for the Planet Regulations and Technical Notes v. 2.0 [1]	LifeGate SpA - Società Benefit	Italy	version.2 1 January 2024	11 October 2023	11 October 2023	Hotels	English, Italian	Italy
38	Türkiye Sustainable Tourism Standard (TR-I)	Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency	Türkiye	Version 1 19 May 2022	27 December 2022	27 December 2022	Hotels & Tour Operators	Turkish	Türkiye
39	Preferred by Nature Standard for Sustainable Travel Activities	Preferred by Nature F.M.B.A.	Guatemala	V.1, February 2024	2 April 2024	2 April 2024	Hotels & Tour Operators	Spanish, English	Global
40	Barcelo ReGen Standards	Barcelo Hotel Group		Version 1.0 21 December 2023	5 January 2024	5 January 2024	Hotel & Accommodations	English, Spanish	Global
41	Green Tourism Criteria for Hotels & Other Accommodation	Green Tourism (Scotland)	Scotland	Version 7.1 - GSTC Aligned - October 2023', including final amendments as in Version 10 dated 20th December 2023	7 January 2024	7 January 2024	Hotels & Accommodations	English	Global
42	Sustainable Operations Guidelines	Six Sense Hotels Resorts Spas	Thailand	January 2024	17 January 2024	17 January 2024	Hotels & Accommodations	English	Global
43	Green Hotel Plus	Department of Climate Change and Environment (DCCE)	Thailand	dated 1 May 2024	3 May 2024	3 May 2024	Hotels & Accommodations	Thai, English	Thailand
44	Destination Wayfinder Framework & Standards	Miles Partnership LLLP	Aotearoa New Zealand	16 October 2024	20 October 2024	20 October 2024	Destinations	English	Global
45	Singapore MICE Certification (MSC) Framework	SACEOS	Singapore	31 October 2024	5 November 2024	5 November 2024	MICE	English	Singapore
46	Greenview Portal (GSTC Criteria adoption)	Greenview Hospitality Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	GSTC Industry Criteria v.3.0, 21 December 2016	4 October 2024 (Former original Recognition- 30 June 2020)	4 October 2024	Hotels & Accommodations	English	Global
47	CENTARA Sustainability Standard	Centara Hotels & Resorts	Thailand	20 May 2021	15 August 2021	Sunday, 15 August 2021	Accommodations facilities	English	Global

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1	The European Ecotourism Labelling Standard EETLS-GR	PRISMA Ltd & hellenic Ecotourism Society non-profit NGO	Greece	2nd revised version July 2019	17 September 2012	20 July 2019	31 December 2024	Accommodations combined with ecotourism activities in protected areas or other areas with ecotourism potential in all areas of Greece	English	Greece
2	Biosphere Hotels and TO standard	Responsible Tourism Institute (ITR BIOSPHERE)	Spain	version 3.0 19 July 2021	19 September 2012	9 December 2021	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators	English, Spanish	Global
3	Biosphere Destination Standard	Biosphere Responsible Institute	Spain	version 3.0 19 July 2021	2 October 2014	13 January 2022	31 December 2024	Destinations in general	English, Spanish	Global
4	Asian Ecotourism Standard for Accommodations (AES) <small>Former name: Environmentally Sustainable Accommodations International Standard (ESAS)</small>	Asian Ecotourism Network/AEN	Thailand	version 2.0 24 July 2019	7 November 2012	30 July 2019	31 December 2024	ecolodges and ecoresorts or nature-based lodges in Asia Pacific	English	Asia Pacific
5	TourCert Criteria Catalogue	TourCert (CSR Tourism)	Germany	N/A	21 February 2013	8 April 2021	31 December 2024	Accommodations, Hotels, Tour Operators; Travel agencies	English	Europe & Latin America & East Africa
6	TourCert Criteria Catalogue	TourCert (CSR Tourism)	Germany	12 September 2022	16 September 2022	20 September 2022	31 December 2024	Destinations	English	Europe and Latin America
7	Ecotourism Australia - ECO Certification	Ecotourism Australia Ltd	Australia	version: ECO V May 2019	03 March 2013	15 June 2019	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Cultural Sight; Hotels; Tour Operators (ecotourism/nature-based operation)	English	Australia and New Zealand
8	Sustainable Tourism Certification	Ecotourism Australia Ltd (Sustainable Tourism Certification)	Australia	version 2.0 30 November, 2022	30 November 2022	30 November 2022	31 December 2024	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators (urban,non-ecotourism and non-nature based)	English	Australia
9	The Green Globe Certification Standard - Hotels & Resorts	Green Certification Inc. dba Green Globe	USA	version 1.8 updated on 27 November 2019	31 October 2014	4 December 2019	31 December 2024	Hotels and Resorts	English	Global
10	Global Ecosphere Retreats Standard	ZeitZ Foundation	Kenya	version 15 March 2019	15 April 2015	31 March 2019	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels; tourism-related business	English	Global
11	HI-Q&S (Hostelling International Quality and Sustainability Management System)	Hostelling International	United Kingdom	version 1 July 2018	14 January 2016	16 June 2019	31 December 2024	Hostels and Head Offices	English	Global
12	Green Key Eco-Rating	Hotel Association of Canada (Green Key Global)	Canada	version 4.0	16 February 2016	9 April 2023	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Canada & USA [2]
13	Green Tourism Active (GT-Active)	Green Tourism Active	South Africa	31 March 2019	13 March 2016	14 May 2019	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels	English	South Africa
14	Green Key Hotel criteria and explanatory notes 2022-2025	Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	Denmark	14 April 2021	23 March 2016	2 May 2021 [3]	31 December 2024	Accommodation facilities and tour operators	English	Global

15	Ecotourism Kenya Standard for Tourist Accommodation Facilities	Ecotourism Kenya	Kenya	version 3 March 2019	20 October 2016	21 June 2019	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Kenya
16	Actively Green Standard	Walking Mountain Science Center - Sustainable Travel International (H and TO)	USA	version 2.1	13 February 2018	13 February 2018	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators; Travel agencies	English	Eagle County, Vail, Colorado, United States
17	Travelife Sustainability System for tour operators and travel agencies	Travelife TO & TA	Netherlands	version v 22 November 2017	2 December 2017	2 December 2017	31 December 2024	Tour Operators	English	Global
18	Travelife Sustainability System for hotels	Travelife Ltd	United Kingdom	version 3.0 (including Appendices) 9 March 2023	12 March 2022	12 March 2022	31 December 2024	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global
19	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for Accommodations	Alaska Travel Industry Association (Hotel)	Alaska	version 1.0 July 2019	5 August 2019	5 August 2019	31 December 2024	Hotels, Inns, B&B, Lodges	English	Alaska
20	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for TOs	Alaska Travel Industry Association (Tour Operator)	Alaska	version 1.0 July 2019	5 August 2019	5 August 2019	31 December 2024	Tours, activities, transportation, shore excursions	English	Alaska
21	SOCOTEC Sustainability Management System Applicable for Hotels	SOCOTEC	France	version 1	2 August 2022	2 August 2022	31 December 2024	Hotels	English	Global
22	Nature's Best Sweden Standard	Nature's Best Sweden	Sweden	April 13 2023	30 April 2023	30 April 2023	31 December 2024	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators, other activities	English	Sweden
23	Green Hospitality Platinum Award Criteria	Hospitality Solutions Consulting Ltd	Ireland	v13.8 May 2023	4 May 2023	4 May 2023	31 December 2024	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Ireland
24	Ambassador Level of La Buena Huella's standard set out in "ARC360.LA BUENA HUELLA. V.7. 18.09.2023.xlsx"	La Buena Huella	Spain	version 7 18 September 2023	24 September, 2023	24 September 2023	31 December 2024	Tourist accommodations	English, Spanish	Europe and all over Americas
25	Bioscore Sustainability Certification	Bioscore	Spain	Version 1 1 January 2024	15 March 2024	15 March 2024	31 December 2024	Hotels	Spanish, English	Global
26	Weeva Sustainability Standard	Weeva	South Africa	Version 1 January 2024	8 February 2024	8 February 2024	31 December 2024	Hotels & Accommodations	English	Global

[1] Updated 25.10, note yet updated on the website

[2] Updated 25.10.2023 (not yet on the website)

[3] Need to update for the next version