

# Wildlife and Tourism Conference 2024 Abstract Submission Template

## **Title:**

**The Impact of Ecotourism on Wildlife Conservation in Southern Africa**

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## **Abstract:**

Ecotourism has been identified as a sustainable approach to promoting wildlife conservation while fostering economic development in Southern Africa. This study evaluates the impact of ecotourism on wildlife conservation efforts across various national parks and reserves in the region. Data were collected through field surveys, interviews with park management, and analysis of conservation records over a period of five years. The results indicate that ecotourism contributes significantly to the funding of conservation activities, community engagement, and habitat preservation. However, challenges such as human-wildlife conflicts, environmental degradation, and the need for better policy frameworks were also identified. The findings suggest that while ecotourism has the potential to support conservation efforts, it must be carefully managed to ensure sustainability. Recommendations for improving the integration of ecotourism and wildlife conservation include enhancing community participation, developing stringent environmental guidelines, and increasing financial investments in conservation initiatives.

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