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MEASURING RESIDENTS ATTITUDES TOWARDS TOURISM AND THE LINK TO MST

RESEARCH PROJECT BASED ON AN ONLINE PANEL SURVEY NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE OF SPAIN (TURESPAÑA)

















Research problem

Main aim: to develop an indicator for measuring resident's attitude towards tourism in tourist destinations, that is simple to understand and easy to implement.

To meet this goal, we have designed a survey to be conducted by an online panel

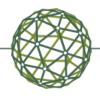
Significance of the study:

- Research under the MST-UNWTO (Chapter 5) framework
- Tourism public policies towards sustainability



CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Similar surveys done by Spanish local institutions
- The International Tourist Satisfaction Survey held by Tourspain
- Measuring Sustainable Tourism Indicators in ETC countries | Wave 3/2022 (ETC)
- Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (SF-MST) | Chapter 5: Measuring the Social Dimension
 - Experiences reported at "MST Pilots. A Symposium on Country Experiences"
- A systematic review of academic literature (64 articles) on this topic



OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an attitude indicator representative of the local population in Spain

Creating and comparing "Personal impact" and "Community impact" indexes.

- "On a scale of 1 to 5, how much tourism in your town affects you personally?" and "On a scale of 1 to 5, in your opinion, how much tourism in your town affects the local community?"
- The scale would go from "very negatively" to "very positively", being 3 "neither positively nor negatively.
- 2. Identify variables influencing perception and categorize them.
- 3. Provide insights into destination types, population, and socioeconomic traits.



Sample design

- 13.000 online interviews to online panel in two waves (August and November). Minimum 50% retention rate
- Sampling method: stratified probability sampling with simple allocation
 - The strata was designed based on 3 groups of Spanish municipalities (population >= 5.000) according to their tourism intensity in August 2023 (based on the last population census and experimental statistics measuring tourism flow with mobile phones - both by INE)



Timeline

- First wave of the survey at the end of August
- First provisional results by the end of September
- Second wave of the survey at the beginning of November
- Results for both waves available by the beginning of December
- Final results and report by the beginning of 2025



THANK YOU!