

SOCIAT is a structured questionnaire that measures: Social impacts of a Protected Area, local social characteristics including place attachment, trust in institutions and socio-environmental values and public support for a Protected Area

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Social Impact Assessment Tool for Protected Areas

English version

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SOCIAT SURVEY: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION LEAFLET

What is this about? This survey explores the relationship of local communities with protected areas. We are asking people living in [Name of Protected Area] to fill in a short questionnaire exploring people's views on the protected area and the environment in general.

What do I need to do? We are asking if you would kindly fill in this questionnaire which will take no more than 15 minutes of your time.

Is it anonymous? Example text [*The provisions of the UK Data Protection Act (2018) in the UK and the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 in the EU apply to all personal data collected or used and stored in this project. Your personal details will be stored on a secure, password-protected database only available to the project team and will not be disclosed in any distributed, archived or published material resulting from this research*]

Can I withdraw? As no personal data will be collected, withdrawing from the survey at a later stage will not be possible.

What is the benefit of filling in this questionnaire? Example text [*The main benefit is to help expand knowledge on the [Name of Protected Area] and other European National Parks*]

For further information about this project please don't hesitate to contact us at: [email address]

Do you agree to take part in this survey?

By ticking I consent you are declaring that:

- 1) you are aged 18 or over,
- 2) you understand what your role will be in this research, and any of your questions have been answered to your satisfaction (please email us for any further information),
- 3) have read the information above and you agree to take part in the research,
- 4) you understand what will happen to the data collected,
- 5) you understand that you are free to ask any questions at any time via email
- 6) you understand that data will be used anonymously in the dissemination of the research,
- 7) you agree to the project team analysing any personal data you have supplied and
- 8) you agree to the processing of such data for any purposes outlined above.

I consent, begin the study

I do not consent, I do not wish to participate

Your views on the protected area

Social Impacts

How has the designation of the protected area impacted you regarding the following issues in the past five years (positively or negatively)?

	Negative	Fairly negative	No influence	Fairly positive	Positive
Your personal income	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your physical health	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your mental health	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your involvement in recreational activities (e.g. swimming, walking, climbing)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your sense or feeling of connectedness to nature	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
How well you get on with other people who live locally	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your awareness about environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Your access to housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
How easily you can access natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Local culture and traditions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

Public support for the Protected Area

Using the scale below to what extent do you agree or disagree with the designation of the protected area?

- Strongly disagree
 Somewhat disagree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Somewhat agree
 Strongly agree

Please briefly explain your answer to the previous question

Environmental Behavior

When you are in [Name of Protected Area] it is important to act in a responsible way in order to protect what is special about the area, such as its wildlife, natural beauty, cultural heritage, tranquility and local livelihoods. Please indicate how often do you do the following:

	Never	Sometimes	Most of the times	Always	Not Applicable
Keep to the designated paths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Be considerate of other walkers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Take care not to harm plants and wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Follow any directions or signage	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Keep your dog(s) on short lead or close to heel in areas of ground nesting birds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Only fishing with permission and in season	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Only hunting with permission and in season	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

As far as you know do most people (locals and visitors) use the protected area responsibly? (e.g. stay in designated paths)

<input type="checkbox"/> No one uses the park responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Only a minority uses the park responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people use the park responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Most people use the park responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone uses the park responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
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Trust in institutions

How much do you trust the following organisations?

	Completely	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	None at all	I don't know
[Protected Area] Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/>

Social norms and public engagement

In this section we would like to ask you about your personal values in relation to nature and the environment. Please state on the scale below how much you agree/disagree with these statements:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
It is easy for me to use [Name of Protected Area] responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
I have enough money, time and opportunity to get involved in initiatives for the protection of the [Name of Protected Area]	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
People important to me expect me to behave in an environmentally responsible manner	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
It is important to me that users of the [Name of Protected Area] respect the environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

Have you volunteered in the past 5 years in any activity assisting in the protection of the [Name of Protected Area] (e.g. volunteering as a warden, taking part in a litter pick)

Yes

No

If yes, in a few words, what volunteering activities have you been involved in within the [Name of Protected Area]?

Are there any barriers that might stop you getting involved in volunteering activities in the [Name of Protected Area]?

No

Yes (please explain)

If yes, please explain your answer in a few words:

Your personal values

We are now going to ask you a few more general questions about the way you see the world. Which degree of importance do you attach to the following values in your life?

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Respecting the Earth: living in harmony with other species	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Unity with nature: fitting into nature	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Being helpful: working for the welfare of others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Equality: equal opportunity for all	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Being influential: Having an impact on people and events	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Being wealthy: material possessions, money	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

On a scale 1 - 5 how much do you agree/disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Nature in the [Name of Protected Area] should be cared for and protected	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The [Name of Protected Area] means a lot to me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
I am satisfied with my quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Most people can be trusted	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The [Name of Protected Area] is like nowhere else	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
I feel part of the communities in the [Name of Protected Area]	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

Demographics

In this final section we would like to collect some personal information for statistical purposes. We would like to assure you that all information will be securely stored and will be destroyed at the end of the project. No personal information will be shared.

Gender

- Man Woman Other

Age category

- 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 66-75 76-85 86+

Which is the highest level of education you have completed? Please choose the closest option.

- Primary school level education / No formal qualifications completed
 Secondary education level
 Higher education

Your annual household income category [add categories depending on local scales]

Please tell us in which town or village you live (or which is the closest town or village)? _____

Does the designation of the area as a protected area has an effect on your income?

- Yes, a positive effect
 Yes, a negative effect
 No effect

Please explain your relationship with the Protected Area

- I live in or near the national park permanently
 I own a second home or holiday home and I come here regularly
 I am a visitor
 Other (Please specify) _____

For how long have you lived or regularly visited this area?

- Less than a year 1-5 year 6-10 years 11-20 years
 21-30 years 31-40 years over 40 years