



The Larrakia Declaration on the Development of Indigenous Tourism

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The following principles are drawn from The Larrakia Declaration. The first Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference was held in Darwin, on the traditional lands of the Larrakia people in 2012. There were 191 delegates from 16 countries representing Indigenous communities, government agencies, the tourism industry and supporting bodies, resolved to adopt principles to guide the development of Indigenous tourism.

Respect

Respect for customary law and lore, land and water, traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, cultural heritage that will underpin all tourism decisions.

Protection

Indigenous culture and the land and waters on which it is based, will be protected and promoted through well managed tourism practices and appropriate interpretation.

Participation

Indigenous peoples will determine the extent and nature and organisational arrangements for their participation in tourism and that governments and multilateral agencies will support the empowerment of Indigenous people.

Consultation

The governments have a duty to consult and accommodate Indigenous peoples before undertaking decisions on public policy and programs designed to foster the development of Indigenous tourism.

Tradition

The tourism industry will respect Indigenous intellectual property rights, cultures and traditional practices, the need for sustainable and equitable business partnerships and the proper care of the environment and communities that support them.

Partnerships

That equitable partnerships between tourism industry and Indigenous peoples will include the sharing of cultural awareness and skills development which supports well-being of communities and enable enhancement of individual livelihoods.

Source: World Indigenous Tourism Alliance