

**“REMOVAL OF ALL PRIVATE CAMP SITES INSIDE
NATIONAL PARKS AND HOW IT AFFECTS ON
TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE VIEW OF PRIVATE
CAMP SITE OPERATORS”**

**(A case study based on the Sri Lankan tourism industry with
special reference to the Yala National Park)**

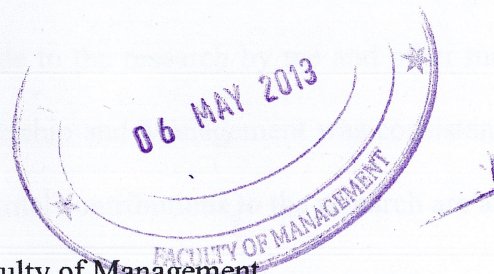
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ABSTRACT

Hotel industry plays a vital role in the Sri Lankan economy. Sri Lanka is one of the most famous tourist destinations in the world. Sri Lanka is one of a hot spot for the eco tourism as well as camping business. This island is getting considerable amount of guest arrivals annually for the camping and wild life tourism. This research has been conducted regarding a recent decision taken by Sri Lankan government. It has become a current topic that every tourism body has been given their consideration on this. Sri Lankan government has ordered to remove all private owned camp sites within national parks in Sri Lanka. It is one of a recent topic that many travel agents as well as suppliers are discussing. The main objective of this research is to identify the influence to the tourism industry by this decision in the view of camp site operators. Sub Objectives are Camping provide the income. Therefore identify the loss of income, find out the cancellations and refunding for tourists, identify the impact of Government revenue through this decision finally recommendations for sustainable application within the National parks in Sri Lanka. According to the research the data has been collected from 05 executives of camp site operating companies. The study is a Qualitative case study designed research. This study consists with both primary and secondary data. This study has demonstrated to the conclusions under the criteria's on,

- Influence created by this decision on tourism industry.
- Cancellation and loss of income.
- The impact on the government revenue through this decision

The researcher has given following suggestions after analyzing the data that has been gathered.

- Inform to the camping operators on or within a reasonable time period before making this kind of a decision
- Introduce a sustainable approach or plan for campers to continue camping inside the national parks
- Provide a guidance regarding environmental friendly camping approaches
- Effective camping model for application the camping sites which are
Operating inside the national parks under following criteria

General aspects	Toilets.
Camp in a restricted area	Low-cost ecological sanitation (ecosan) toilets:
Platforms	Garbage/waste disposal
Structures	Green drive / pollution control
Room	Fire fighting measures

Key words- Yala national Park, Camping operators, Tourism