

QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING HOST COMMUNITIES' PERCEPTIONS ON IVORY REGIONAL PARK

SECTION A: DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

Please tell us a bit about yourself, mark answers with an **X**

1. What is your gender?

Male	1
Female	2

2. In which year were you born?

3. Where do you live?

Ivory Park	1
Ebony Park	2
Kaalfontein	3
Other, please specify	4

4. What is your highest level of education?

Below Grade 10	1
Grade 10-11	2
Grade 12(Matric)	3
3 year Diploma/Degree	4
4 year Degree	5
Postgraduate degree	6

5. How often have you visited the Ivory Regional Park in the past Year?

once	1
twice	2
3 times	3
4 times	4
5 + Times	5

6. How well do you know about the Ivory Regional Park?

Very well	1
well	2
Fairly well	3
Not Much	4

SECTION B: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Motivations for visiting IRP

Statement	Not Important	Less Important	Important	Very Important
To get away from my daily routine				
To relax				
To explore a new attraction				
To spend time with family and friends				
The let the children play				
To learn about plants				
To meet new people				
To learn about other people's cultures				
To exercise				
To get away from problems at home				
To attend an event				
To take photographs				
To unite with nature				
To appreciate nature				
To do bird-watching				
The park is peaceful				

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SECTION C: PERCEPTIONS REGARDING URBAN ECOTOURISM IN IRP

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements regarding Ivory Regional Park (IRP).(1= strongly disagree; 5= strongly agree).					
Strongly Agree					
Agree					
Moderately Agree					
Disagree					
Strongly Disagree					
STATEMENT	SD 1	D 2	MD 3	A 4	SA 5
2. Local residents can sell their goods and services to tourists at IRP	1	2	3	4	5
3. There are increased business opportunities because of IRP	1	2	3	4	5
4. An entrance fee should be charged to access IRP	1	2	3	4	5
5. Because of IRP, prices of goods and services have increased	1	2	3	4	5
6. If more tourists visit IRP, money is spent in the area	1	2	3	4	5
Social Impacts					
7. IRP is visited by tourists on a regular basis	1	2	3	4	5
8. I like to interact with tourists in IRP because I learn about their cultures	1	2	3	4	5
9. IRP should be promoted as a tourism attraction	1	2	3	4	5
10. Joburg City Parks involves local communities in the planning of events that will be hosted in IRP	1	2	3	4	5
11. I want tourists to visit IRP	1	2	3	4	5
12. I feel safe when I visit IRP during the day	1	2	3	4	5
13. Local communities must be involved in the development of tourism around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
14. Because of IRP crime has increased					
15. There is vandalism in IRP	1	2	3	4	5
16. IRP is safe for tourists	1	2	3	4	5
17. Since the upgrade of the park, safety and security in the IRP has improved	1	2	3	4	5
18. IRP improves the image of local communities	1	2	3	4	5
19. Open green spaces in IRP are important as they help improve mental and physical health	1	2	3	4	5
20. IRP is one of the most attractive parks around Midrand	1	2	3	4	5
21. Because of IRP, there is more traffic congestion in the area	1	2	3	4	5
22. Sporting facilities in IRP are in good condition	1	2	3	4	5

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23. There are many recreational facilities for community members in IRP	1	2	3	4	5
24. Because of IRP, local infrastructure has improved	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental Impacts					
25. There are many rubbish bins placed around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
26. The river flowing through IRP is clean	1	2	3	4	5
27. Protecting IRP is important, so that children can play in a clean environment	1	2	3	4	5
28. Living in a clean environment around IRP reduces health problems	1	2	3	4	5
29. Community members should act as protectors of natural resources such as the river of IRP	1	2	3	4	5
30. There is clear communication of park rules at IRP e.g. Do's and Don'ts when visiting the park	1	2	3	4	5
31. The environment is dirty because of tourists that litter when visiting IRP	1	2	3	4	5
32. IRP is well managed	1	2	3	4	5
33. It is important to have a greater variety of plants IRP	1	2	3	4	5
34. Because of IRP, there is greater protection of the river	1	2	3	4	5
35. There is not a lot of litter in IRP	1	2	3	4	5
Educational Impacts					
36. I am interested to learn more about the ways of protecting the environment in IRP	1	2	3	4	5
37. Cultural activities will allow tourists to learn about other cultures when visiting IRP	1	2	3	4	5
38. IRP gives me an opportunity to learn about people outside my community's way of life	1	2	3	4	5
39. It would make me proud if tourists to learn about the history of communities around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
40. Awareness is created about saving water around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
41. Community members are not involved in protecting the environment because they don't know about environmental protection in IRP	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION D: PERCEPTIONS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Community involvement					
42. community members should take the leading role as entrepreneurs in and around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
43. community members residing around IRP must voice their concerns during the decision making phase	1	2	3	4	5
44. community member should take the leading role as employees of tourism at all levels in and around IRP	1	2	3	4	5
45. Local community members must participate in tourism planning and management	1	2	3	4	5

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46. Local community members must be consulted, but final decisions on tourism development in and around IRP must be made by formal bodies. e.g. government	1	2	3	4	5
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47. Would you like to be involved in protecting natural resources?

Yes	1
No	2

49. How do you access the park?

Walk	1
Taxi	2
Car	3
Bicycle	4

50. What is your biggest concern about IRP?

Access to the Park	1
Rules of the park	2
Safety of the Park	3
Damage to sporting facilities	4
Quality of the river	5
Litter in and around the park	6

48. If yes, How would you like to be consulted about the Park?

Through Volunteer groups	1
Via the City Council website	2
Through public exhibitions	3
During public meetings	4
Other, please specify	5

51. What do you like most about IRP?

Easy to access	1
Well taken care of	2
It is attractive	3
Serves more than one community	4
It is clean compared to other local parks around Midrand	5
Caters for everyone including children	6

SECTION E: INPUTS

52. What improvements do you have for IRP?

53. What suggestions do you have for IRP?

THANK YOU!

Should you wish to be entered into a draw, please provide us with your contact details

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