

Social Sustainability in Urban National Parks

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The Aim of the workshop

The main aim is to find the **biggest threats** to the social sustainability in the Urban National Parks. Then we will try to find solutions to the threats.

- Lahemaa National park
- Alutaguse National park
- Nuukso National Park
- Tyresta National Park



Think about this alone

- Think about the biggest threats to the social sustainability in your area.
 - Do not think about solutions yet
- Time frame:
 - 2019-2024
- Choose the 3 most important issues and write them on a A4 paper.
- Time for this about 5 minutes



Think about this together

- Present your own "threats" to your group, in turn
 - Time 10 min
- Discuss the issue and group your threats into bigger sections.
 - Time 10 min
- Choose together the five most important threats and present them to the whole group.
 - Time 10 min
- Summarize your threats into 1-2 words (1 threat / A4-paper)
 - ex parking overload
- Time altogether 30 min





Break



Prioritate



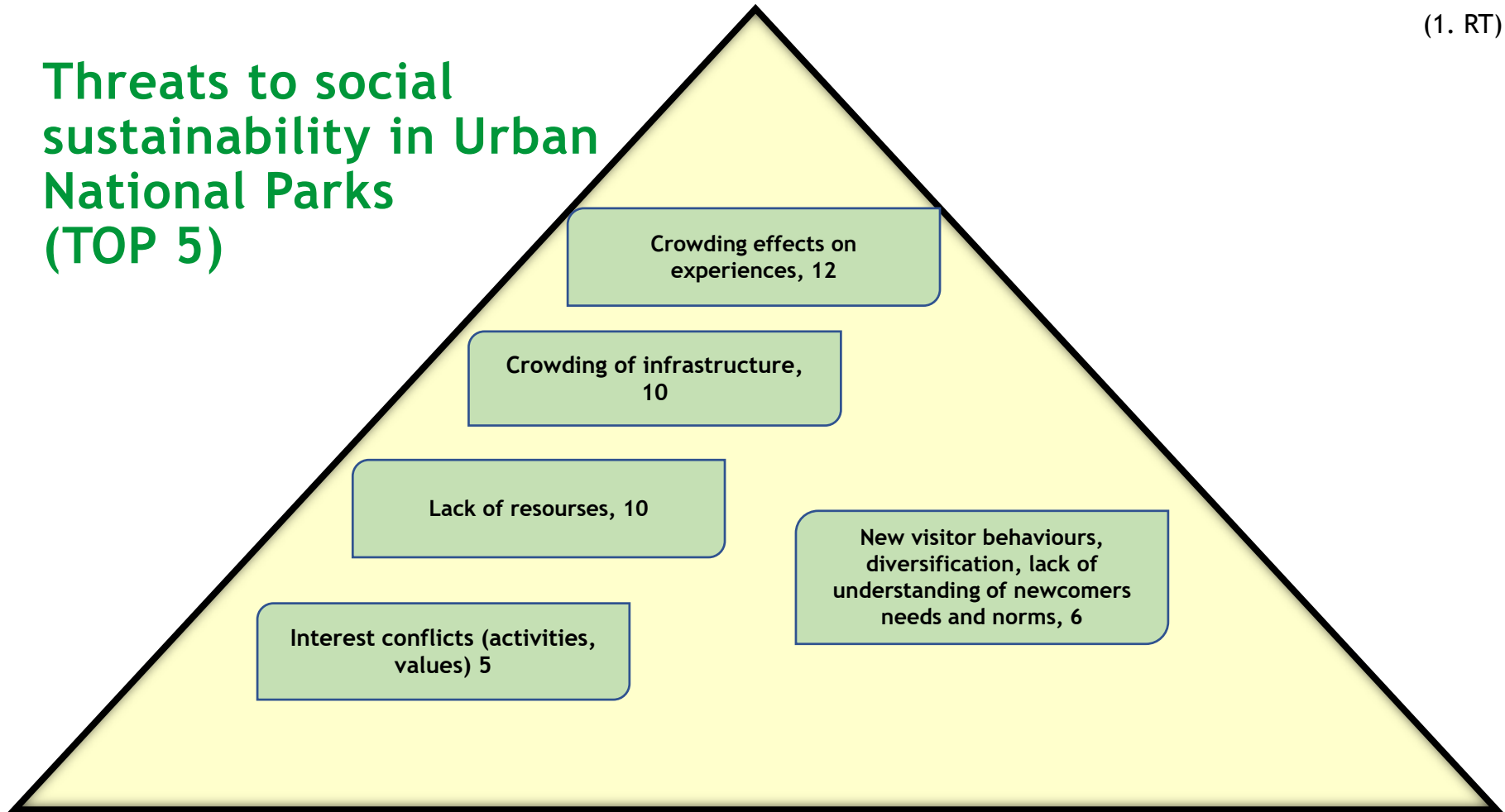
- Read the threats the other groups have chosen
- You have 3 votes
- Choose the 3 most important threats in your opinion.
 - Note which one you have chosen
- Finally the votes will be counted



The most important threats to the social sustainability in Urban National Parks 2019-2024

Crowding of infrastructure, 10	Overcrowding, 0	Overcrowding (e.g. Amount of littering), 0	Not enough capacity to guide / receive visitors, 0
Crowding effects on experiences, 12	Insufficient capacity of infrastructure, 0	Feeling of safety, 0	Crowding of infrastructure and facilities, 0
New visitor behaviours, diversification, 6	Overloaded parking lots, 0	Interest conflicts (activities, values), 0	Lack of understanding of newcomers needs and norms, 0
User to user information can be misleading, 2	Informally organized events, 0	Lack of understanding of the values of the place,	Lack of personnel out in the field focusing on people mgmt, 0
Disturbance to and displacement of locals, 0	Conflicts between different user groups, 5	Lack of funding, 10	Lack of social competence in parks' personnel, 2

Threats to social sustainability in Urban National Parks (TOP 5)



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Think about this alone

- Remind yourself of the most important threats to the social sustainability of Urban National Parks
- Think about possible solutions to the threats.
- Time frame:
 - 2019-2024
- Choose the 1-3 most important solutions and write them on a A4 paper.
- Time for this bout 5 minutes



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Think about this together

- Present your own thoughts about the most important solutions to your group
 - Time 10 min
- Discuss the issue and group your solutions into bigger sections according to the threats.
 - Time 10 min
- Choose together the 1-5 most important solutions and present them to the whole group.
 - Time 10 min
- Summarize your threats into 1-2 words
 - Threat → 1-5 solutions (A4-paper)
- Time altogether 30 min



The most important solutions to the threat crowding effect on experiences

- Trail and entrance design to attract different activities and users / loop trails with information on direction
- Information: when, how and where to visit, to have realistic expectations
- New applications / technologies to provide information to visitors on amount of use in different locations / parks
- Promoting other green areas in the region (green web / green continuum) / channel people to other areas
- Increase capacity
- Campsite registration on-line
- Restrictions: some areas allowed only with a guide
- Channelling of visitors to specific spots
- Sacrifice areas with low preservation value



The most important solutions to the threat crowding of infrastructure (overloaded parking lots, littering)

- Many solutions to the previous threat apply
- Related to the lack of funds and resources; with funds one can increase capacity etc.
- Good design of locations of parking lots
- Shuttle buses
- Groups required to meet outside the park → common transportation
- Information on the capacity of the parking lots on maps and web
- "Taxi Tyresta" to drive people to different entrances
- Park and bike



The most important solutions to the threat lack of resources

- Charge a fee for commercial use
- Parking fee and communicating about it: why and where money goes
- Firewood fee
- Important to communicate the value of the NP to visitors → support to nature conservation
- Friends of a national park
- Cooperation → EU projects
- Other project money
- Sponsorship
- Political influence and collaboration
- Having the facts and figures about the benefits of the national parks (doing visitor monitoring)
- Communicate the values and benefits of the national park widely to general public, politicians, decision makers...



The most important solutions to the threat

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- XXXX
- XXXX
- X
- X
- X
- X
- X



Think about this together

- Who is responsible for carrying out, fulfilling the solutions we found in this workshop?
- Can some solutions be worked on together?
- Try to name the responsible

