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BEST PRACTICES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

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Twenty years of international experience and exposure to the tourism and travel industry in the areas of tourism planning and product development, marketing and operations, human resources development and training, small enterprise development, for the retail and wholesale trade, National Tourism Organizations in the specialized fields and sustainable tourism, cultural tourism, "ecotourism", "eco-ethnic tourism" other forms of "special interest" tourism.

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