

Contribution of Rivers on Ecotourism of Bangladesh

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Rivers are gifts which have the most primitive bonding with the nature, environment and the civilizations of the world. Researches show that almost all the civilizations had been developing since the early stage of this world centering a water-body or river. Travel and tourism is intensely related to rivers because before the discovery of wheels, water transports were the only mode of transports to travel from one place to another. Bangladesh is renowned as the land of rivers. Tourism industry of Bangladesh has to great attention but a few of them have been planned ecologically. Ecotourism dedicates to conserve the cultural and natural heritages of the host community and upholding the tourism market through appropriate interpretation. Rivers are very important element of ecotourism which can be used to promote worldwide. The Nile River in Northeastern Africa, the Ganges in Indian Subcontinent, and the Yangtze in China creates a great impact on tourism industry. Since Bangladesh is already blessed with water body and other natural resource, the ecotourism can easily be developed through proper planning in this regard. This research explores those very possibilities. In Bangladesh, river tourism can be represented in a lucrative way by developing theme parks, and offering tourists facilities and interesting activities near the banks of these rivers.

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