

VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT  
AT BROMO TENGGER SEMERU NATIONAL PARK,  
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**ABSTRACT**

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A major constraint in visitor use management at many national parks is the lack of baseline data and monitoring systems. The objectives of this research were to 1) obtain basic visitor use data in Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park on the island of Java, Indonesia; 2) identify areas of management problems; and 3) provide some suggestions. Rapid Rural Appraisal approaches were applied using secondary documents, resource person interviews, and site/route inventories. A meeting among resource persons was held to evaluate the initial findings.

Use patterns of foreign and local visitors, their number and distribution, and seasonal fluctuation were estimated and described. Uneven distributions were found in both time and space. Problems resulted from unlimited access to park resources, discrimination in park access and fees among the four entrances, weak park linkages with local agencies and local people, and poor information services.

A combination of park entrance ticket counting and a self-registration system was suggested for a visitor data system. Alternatives to discourage overuse and improper use were described. The development of a coordinating body for park management and strengthening local participation were recommended.