

**GEOGRAPHICAL ASSESSMENT ON THE
POTENTIAL ECOTOURISM SITES IN DAWEI
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ABSTRACT

Dawei District comprises the northern part of Tanintharyi Region, the southernmost part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Geographically, Dawei District has a great opportunity to promote ecotourism and historical tourism industry potential sites. The physical environment classifies into mountain resorts, beaches, hot springs, waterfalls, in addition to Moscos Wildlife Sanctuary, Tanintharyi Natural Reserved Forest Sanctuary and mangrove forests along the Dawei River and islands. Dawei District also have historical sites such as Thargara and We-di ancient cities. The potential ecotourism sites is still in its incipient stage. The supply components analyzed by the 4-As (attraction, accessibility, accommodation and administration) and tourism demand components that foreign and domestic tourists arriving in Dawei are studied in details. The potential ecotourism sites for development of environmental characteristics, as well as landscape patterns, basic tourism requirements, policy and strategies and possible ecological impacts as well. Nevertheless, with the implementation of Dawei Deep Sea Port and Industrial Estates, the selected potential ecotourism sites will become developed areas and the entrepreneurs, who will operate the resource potential sites need to provide essential provisional for the destination of potential tourists, both foreign and domestic.

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