

Growth of Tourism



Tourism is growing every year, placing greater strain on the Galapagos Island's resources, space and habitats.

Economic



Social



Employ local people as tour guides and get them to teach the tourists about life in the Galapagos Islands so they understand the difficulties.

Environmental



Fishing Industry



Over fishing can lead to a reduction in fish stocks and a greater chance of pollutants entering the waters around the Galapagos Islands.

Economic



Social



Environmental



Fishermen are only allowed to catch adult fish of a certain size to ensure that young fish continue to populate the oceans.

Urbanisation



The towns and cities of the Galapagos Islands are under greater strain than ever as more people want to live and more tourists want to stay there.

Economic



Reduce the land rent or tax on people or companies who build homes in a sustainable way – such as building on land that is brownfield sites.

Social



Environmental



Resources and Waste



The Galapagos Islands have limited natural resources that can be used in the short term for daily life and in the long term for development.

Economic



Encourage local industries to use a greater variety of recycled and recyclable resources, by showing how it could improve their profits.

Social



Environmental



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Population growth



With the growth in tourism, the rate of migration from the mainland of Ecuador has increased at rapidly.

Economic



Social



Environmental



Migrants pay an additional tax on arrival in the Galapagos Islands which are fed directly into funds that aid conservation projects.