**HANDOUT / SUMMARY AND EXAMPLES OF THE HARM DONE BY TOURISM**

**People Affected by Tourism**

**Local Hotel owner**

‘The tourists who come here bring a lot of money. I know that the place couldn’t do

without them now, what with all that they spend. We’ve never had it so good, selling them souvenirs, offering accommodation. Just look at all the new restaurants and hotels.’

**Tourist**

‘This is a tremendous place to come on holiday. The food and drink are really cheap. I

think the locals are friendly and the beaches are out of this world. There is not a bit of litter.’

**Waiter**

‘I can’t stand them, even though my job depends on them. It’s a pretty poor area around here and there are many that would like my job.

That’s why they pay poorly and if you complain they just sack you.’

**Local businessman**

‘You would think that we get lots of money from tourists, with all these new hotels. But the travel companies bargain really hard and there are lots of other places like this around the world. Some of the companies are making almost no profit.’

**Hotel gardener**

‘I was a farmer. That is my land where that big hotel is. The government took my land from me saying it was needed for the good of the area. I got some money but not enough to keep me going for more than a couple of years. I had to go to the owners, cap in hand and beg for a job. It was my land but the tourists just look at me as if I’m nothing.’

**Farmer**

‘I thought I would make money selling to the hotels. My land is fertile enough. But I can’t

get water for the dry season from the river. It has been dammed to make a reservoir to fill all those swimming pools. Most of the food is imported anyway. They don’t want the local produce.’

**Fisherman**

‘This coast had some of the best shellfish in the country. I used to sail up and down here

each day making my living. Now the sewage from the hotels gets dumped into the sea and the fishing beds are suffocating and you can’t even eat what you catch it’s so poisonous.

It’s the locals who suffer. We need the sea for our livelihood and food.’

**Travel agent**

‘The coast is a haven for paradise lovers, long white beaches fringed by palms. Friendly

waiters bring you exotic drinks as you relax and enjoy the sun. If you feel active there are lots of excursions on offer, out to the coral reef in a speedboat or inland on a Land Rover safari to one of the nearby national parks. See the Africa you dreamed about.’

**Politician**

‘The tourist trade is good for us. It brings in money, foreign exchange that we need to

develop our country. It gives us jobs and forges links between the nations. I want to see

tourism expand.’

**Old woman**

‘These foreigners disgust me. Look at them on the beach almost naked. Have the women no shame? Last week a group of them just walked into the temple in our village taking photos with their great flashing cameras. One of the women wore a bikini, nothing else. Didn’t they know it is our Holy Week and there was a special service going on?’

**Teenager**

‘I have been promised a job in my uncle’s hotel next year when I leave school. I work there every school holiday anyway and the money is good. But if my exam results are what I expect I’m going to university to do a management course and the money from the holiday job will keep me alright. I’m going to get a hotel of my own.’

**Musician**

‘When I was young I always wanted to play in a group but my mother said not to be stupid. Look at me now! I’ve given up my job in the factory and I make more than

enough money playing with my group in the hotels along the coast. We offer local music and dancing and things have never been better.’

**Dancer**

We used have a festival once a year, it was local village activity. Now we have been forced to perform it for the tourists and we receive sponsorship. Many traditional aspects of the festival have been lost as we have to adapt the festival so that the tourists find it more interesting.

**International Hotel Owner**

We try to provide everything that tourist needs on site. Swimming pool, restaurant, entertainment, we coach tourists back and forth to sites of interest to ensure their safety. Yes you could say that the tourists have little contact with local people but this way we maximise our profits. Of course we do employ lots of local people to work in the hotel and that money gets spent in the town.

**Craftsmen**

Yes it’s true I now earn a lot more money for my crafts. Some of the disadvantages are that I no longer make some traditional crafts as they weren’t popular with the tourists. I doubt I could make them now. Masks seem popular, sometimes we import them because they are cheaper to get.

**Shop Owner**

I sell souvenirs mainly to tourists and make good money from it. Some local people complain that I should be selling more things for them but there are plenty of food stalls in the market and that makes less money. My English is getting better as a result but I suppose I am neglecting mother’s old language.

**Local NGO**

Our main concern is the drop out rates from school. Families realise that money can be made from the tourists and children stop going to school. There are also increased problems with drugs and crime, corruption of police and child prostitution.