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Chapter 1-- Introduction

1.1   Introduction

Environment quality, both man-made and natural, is an important aspect of tourism in Zululand. However, the relationship with environment and tourism is of complex nature. The impact of environment or atmospheric effect on tourism is affected by a number of factors. Many of environment and atmosphere effect is associated with general infrastructure that includes airports and roads, tourism facilities that includes restaurants, golf courses, shops, marinas, hotels and resorts. Zululand is situated in the province of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Zululand is the place of ample opportunity and provides the tourist great opportunity to explore the fascinating culture (Bowersox, 2008). The environment and the atmosphere of Zululand can have both negative as well as positive effect on tourism industry of Zululand as it directly affects the consumer spending pattern. In tourism development the negative impacts can gradually become the cause of destruction of environmental resources of Zululand on which the tourism of Zululand depends. On the contrary, the positive effect of tourism development can be quite beneficial for the tourism industry of Zululand. It can become the sources of raising awareness about the environmental values and can also be used for advertisement and marketing purpose to promote the tourism industry of Zululand. This paper aims to critically examine the impact of environment on the spending nature of tourists. Furthermore, this paper also aims to evaluate the established tourism in Zululand and its negative and positive effect on spending of tourists and human nature (Andereck, 2005).

1.2   Background of the Study

In today's world, the changing thoughts of the people have also affected the tourism industry. Today, the tourists have changed their motivations and attitudes and now majority of the tourists take tourism more as learning experience than a simple vacation. The quest of learning and knowing about the socio-cultural experiences and the way of life entails interaction with the different members of the local communities. On the contrary, the tourists who want to spend their vacation time on some destination are more concerned about the environmental and atmospheric factor (Carpernter, 1989). They consider the atmosphere important factors which have a positive and negative effect on the on human nature when it is compared to the pending nature of tourist. Also in the tourism studies, it has been established that the success of the tourism of any place relies heavily on the basic infrastructure such as hotels, visitors' centres and roads. For maintaining a good infrastructure and ultimately good atmosphere, normally the government and tourism authority of any place is responsible for this work. This also helps in creating a good atmosphere for the tourist, hence attracting more tourists towards the place also motivate them to increase their spending in the tourism destination (Creswell, 2009).

In the past few years, the tourist's destination of Zululand has attained prominence as in Zululand the development of tourism routes have boosted the tourism industry of Zululand. In order to secure sustainability in the tourism destination sector development strategy has been developed to suggest the best ways to promote Zululand and Hluhluwe, South Africa. In Zululand, the tourism development strategy is designed in such a way that it could attract customers and attract the customers so that they can spend their time and money. The tourism destination of Zululand has developed, established and sustained the attractions of the Zululand and has pulled variety of attractions and activities for guests (Creswell, 2009).

The main concern behind this study was that Zululand has many sites that are rich in cultural heritage and that have the potential to derive and attract tourists. In Zululand the Municipality District but their pay no attention to the development hence they care less about the development of the tourism sites and adding value to the environment and atmosphere of Zululand. These authorities are responsible for co-ordaining tourism activities with cultural heritage. The studies indicate that in majority areas of Zululand, there is a high rate of illiteracy and unemployment and majority of the people lack skills which is needed to move and carry on the tasks in the workplace (Andereck, 2005). All these factors have contributed to poverty diseases and crime, thus adversely affecting the environment and atmosphere of Zululand. These factors are also affecting the spending of tourists on the Zululand. This factor is also directly linked to the infrastructure of tourism Industry of Zululand and hence is affecting the tourism activities of the area. The tourism industry in Zululand can be improved by involving the local communities and imparting them with education, training and job opportunities and also involving them in the decision making area of tourism (Cohen, 2007). This will contribute in sharing the benefits with the local people by helping the people of the local communities to study and learn the tactics of the work place and thus utilise the skills which are needed in the workplace. All these factors will help in increasing the spending of the tourist of Zululand and will have a positive effect on the human nature and their behaviour of spending (Pedhazur & Schmelkin, 1991).

1.3   Objectives of the Study

The broad context of the research study is to determine the socio-economic impacts of Zululand tourism on guest satisfaction. The basic aims and objectives of this study are as follows,

- To evaluate and identify stakeholders' awareness and attractions of Zululand Tourism

- To describe the major characteristics and features of Zululand communities adjacent to other rural tourism

- To assess positive as well as negative influences of the ambiance over the revenue invested by guest in travelling Zululand

- To determine the impact of guest satisfaction on the development of local or rural communities in South Africa

1.4 Research Questions

- Evaluate the awareness of stakeholders on the attraction of Zululand Tourisms?

- Describe the major characteristics and features of Zululand communities adjacent to other rural tourism?

- Describe the positive and negative influence of the ambiance over the spending of guests in Zululand travelling?

- Determine the impact of guest satisfaction on the development of local or rural communities in South Africa?

1.5 Significance of the Study

The study is focused on the environmental effect and its impact on the spending behaviour of the tourists. The study is significant as it will help in better research and understanding of the tourism industry of Zululand. The research is focused on promoting the argument that how the

tourism industry of Zululand is affected by the spending behaviour of the tourists and how the offering of socio-economic opportunities and advantages by the tourism industry of Zululand contributes to the livelihood of the guests by offering them such opportunities and advantages. The tourism development authority and association of Zululand and South Africa encourage rural communities for developing infrastructure in order to better attract the tourists. In order to boost the tourism industry of Zululand, the study aims to identify tourism products and tourism fascination that is specially personalised for each community so that form the tourists' development, the individual community members can take substantial advantage (Pedhazur & Schmelkin, 1991).

1.6   Scope of the Study

Zululand tourism is concerned mainly about discovering and exploring the history of Zululand and South Africa in whole. The tourism of Zululand is concerned with ex0ploring the cultural heritage and history of the native communities. The place is also occupied with many eccentric and lovely small villages. The study is focused on the environment and the atmosphere of Zululand. The idea of the environment of the Zululand can be attained by going through some of the areas that can be the center of attraction for tourist such as, through the Dlinza forest, Eshowe has a canopy boardwalk and at Fort Nonqayi, an excellent craft and art center. Furthermore, a last remaining protected stands of Raffia palms lies in the little coastal town of Mtunzini and when wandering through the village one can possible spot a rare palm nut vulture of Zululand. Thus these areas of Zululand will help in determine the spending behaviour of the tourist of Zululand due to the environment. This study is focused on determining the effect of environment and atmosphere on the spending behaviour of the tourists of Zululand. The study also

encompasses the positive and negative effect of tourism and the established tourism in Zululand. The study will also determine the effect of environment on human nature and its effect on the sending behaviour (Salkind, 2010).

1.7   Conclusion

In this chapter, the introductory area of the dissertation is discussed in detail. This chapter entails the introduction of the dissertation along with some useful information about Zululand and its tourism industry. The first part also entails the detailed description of the environment of Zululand. The second part of the chapter is focused on the background of this study. This part is focused on providing a detailed background which forms the basis of this study. In this part, the effect of environment or atmosphere and its impact on the human nature and spending behaviour of the tourist is also described in detail. The chapter then proceeds to elaborating the objectives of the study and the research question of this dissertation. The chapter then proceeds to significance of the study and the scope of the study of this dissertation.

Chapter 2--Literature Review

2.1   Tourism Industry of South Africa

Tourism is viewed as an advanced methodology of development and is one of the biggest businesses all around. In 2012, G20 heads of state perceived tourism as a driver of development and advancement, and also a division that can possibly goad worldwide financial recuperation.

South Africa has reserved tourism as a key division with magnificent potential for development: the administration means to build tourism's commitment, both direct and in a roundabout way, to the economy from the 2009 gauge of R189, 4-billion (7.9% of GDP) to R499-billion by 2020. Tourism underpins one in every 12 occupations in South Africa. South Africa's breath-taking view, neighbourly individuals, world-class foundation makes it a standout amongst the most wanted destinations on the planet. The part was given a gigantic support by the effective facilitating of the World Cup in 2010, when the nation got a record-breaking 8.1-million outside guests. In spite of extreme worldwide financial conditions, tourism developed in 2011, with 8.3-million universal tourists. The local African traveller business is South Africa's vital visitor markets, contributing more than 73% of aggregate vacationer entries and more than R50-billion in income in 2011.

Household tourism is additionally an imperative wellspring of income and occupation, contributing 52% of aggregate tourism utilisation. Journey and rustic tourism are center development ranges. A work concentrated area, with a production network that connections crosswise over segments, tourism is a need part in the administration's arranging and arrangement systems – it is one of the six employment drivers of the New Growth Path system. The National Tourism Sector Strategy, propelled in 2011, intends to guarantee the part

understands its maximum capacity as far as employment creation, social consideration, administrations fares and remote trade profit, encouraging a superior seeing in the middle of people groups and societies, and green change. South Africa arrangements to develop tourism by permitting voyagers to move all the more are highly unreservedly and effectively. Measures would incorporate e-visas, local visa plans, and visa waiver projects between key source markets. Tourism administration brilliance guidelines have been formulated and executed by the SA Bureau of Standards and the National Department of Tourism.

2.2   Tourism Sector of Zululand

Zululand is the main District Municipality in the Province which has entrenched tourism structures in every town. Each of the five districts has a Portfolio Committee for Tourism which is a subcommittee of the Local Council. The Municipalities are Ulundi (likewise consolidating Babanango), Uphongolo, Nongoma, Abaqalusi (Vryheid) additionally joining Mondlo and Louwsburg, Dumbe (Paulpietersburg). The portfolio panels have an obligation to co-ordinate tourism exercises in the district. Each of the five towns has a Tourism Office and the Tourism Officer of every district sits on the Portfolio Committee for Tourism in their metropolitan territory. There is no formal representation for the private part on this advisory group yet they are welcome to give enter as and when needed. The private part comes in at Tourism Association level and the majority of the towns have a Tourism Association except for Uphongolo. The tourism affiliations are concerned with item improvement and promoting issues in their neighbourhoods. Amafa (KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Council), KZN Wildlife (beforehand Natal Parks Board) and Tourism KwaZulu-Natal work nearly with these tourism affiliations and in a few occurrences have neighborhood representation on the Tourism Association.

Tourism KwaZulu-Natal's (TKZN's) mission is to start, encourage and co-ordinate vital tourism promoting and item improvement programs for the area, and to give an empowering structure inside which territorial and private division partners can accomplish their tourism objectives. Common government has given KZN Tourism the order to market and create tourism at a commonplace level and KZN Tourism falls straightforwardly under the branch of Tourism and Economic Affairs.

Notwithstanding its essential key center and capacity of Marketing, the KZNTA recognises it has a key part in encouraging new and suitable tourism items, as a method for fortifying new inbound venture into the tourism economy, in this manner opening extra tourism income opportunities.

Its destinations in such manner have been recognised as takes after: ‰

- Expanding possession in the business, especially amongst the already disappointed parts
- Supplementing and enhancing the current tourism item blend
- Offering backing to the key showcasing structure and brands
- Encouraging new venture/ financing in ranges of low financial action
- The help of form new tourism infrastructure

2.3 Overview of Customer Satisfaction and Customer Five Senses Behaviour

According the carried out study and the efforts proposes that consumer behaviours are principally affected by the image of manufactured item being depicted within the promotional acts and the market; as a result, to portray brand representation in a profound manner it is always necessary to comprehend its customers physique and their anticipations by toning down their outlook and insights regarding a particular brand name. It was mentioned in the research material

of Blackwell et al., (2006) about the two major bases for considering customer behaviours in a wider point of view. According to their observation, the first and the foremost basis which makes the perceptive of consumer behaviour as a strong aspect holds the understandable actuality that it can influence the financial expansion of any brand name and the companies associated with the brand, which in return provides with financial expansion of the whole business organisation of the nation. It is unquestionable fact that customers would stick on to their favourites while making their minds to pay money for any product from their precise seller; thus, the rest of the retailers' lot are decided on by acting on the basic idea of "survival of the fittest." This creates a firm understanding and makes obvious that attitude of customer' supervisory behaviour is the superlative method of having a suspicion about the survival of the businesses so as to come to terms with the succeeding companies as well as with their products doing extremely well (Rogerson, Tourism, small firm development and empowerment in post-apartheid South Africa, 2013).

The second most important reason behind the proposed reservation discloses the fact that, by the comprehension of dissimilar mind-set of consumer buying preference associated with the product and by working out the outlines of their buying tendencies, the related associations can put together consequent promotional techniques without any difficulty on the base of data they observed for the reason to outstandingly get back to the ever varying needs and wants of the potential buyers. For instance, in recent times, where the whole lot is on a roll, everybody require custom-made products which is able to create a more convenient environment therefore, companies, at the same time as considering this requirement of customers, can opt for the items that are simple to make use of to improve their customer satisfaction and as a consequence could

be assisted by repeating the purchase process (Rogerson, Tourism–agriculture linkages in rural South Africa: Evidence from the accommodation sector, 2012).

Other than that, modern studies and researches on the trends of consumer buying are considered as the most imperative factors that determine the accomplishment of the structure in an organisation and exactly intended for that reason, these days, every single firm which has made a name for themselves either by their hard work or by their branding abilities are oriented towards customer by almost all means. In concordance to all talked about statements in this piece of writing, it could be expressed that the idea that "Consumer's Requirements are Company's Responsibility" must have to be established in every logical mentality of the opposing groups and in addition to this they should make an effort to execute all their commitments as sponsoring pioneering commercial techniques and marketing strategies (Hoffman, 2001).

Most researchers concur that satisfaction is a mentality or assessment that is shaped by the customer looking at their pre-purchase expectations of what they would get from the item to their subjective impression of the execution they really did get. As Kotler characterised that satisfaction is a person's feeling of delight or frustration coming about because of contrasting a product performance in connection to his or her expectation (Kotler, 2003). Also, it is likewise expressed that consumer loyalty is an aggregate result of recognition, assessment and perceived performance to the utilisation involvement with a products or services. All in all, consumer loyalty is characterised as a consequence of customer's assessment to the utilisation involvement with the services. Then again, the customers have diverse levels of satisfaction as they have distinctive attitudes and perceived performance from the purchased products or services.

Consumer satisfaction is a key and esteemed result of good promoting practice. As indicated by Kotler, the basic need of any business or leisure industry is to fulfil requirements of their customers. Expanding consumer satisfaction has been found to prompt higher future productivity, lower expenses identified with inadequate products and services, expanded purchaser readiness to pay value premiums, give referrals, and utilise a greater amount of the item, and larger amounts of client maintenance and steadfastness. Expanding reliability, thus, has been found to prompt increments in future income and decreases in the expense of future exchanges. The majority of this experimental proof proposes that consumer satisfaction is significant from both a client goodwill viewpoint and an association's monetary point of view.

Consumer satisfaction is an exceptionally individual appraisal that is significantly affected by individual desires. A few definitions are in light of the perception that consumer satisfaction or disappointment results from either the affirmation or disconfirmation of individual assumptions in regards to a products or services. To stay away from challenges coming from the display of client desires and contrasts, a few specialists urge organisations to "focus on an objective that is all the more firmly connected to client value." Instead of asking whether clients are fulfilled, they urge organisations to decide how clients consider them responsible. Consumer satisfaction is the extent to which a client perceives that an individual, firm or association has adequately given an item or services that addresses the client's issues in the connection in which the client is mindful of and/ or utilising the product or service (Rogerson, Tourism–agriculture linkages in rural South Africa: Evidence from the accommodation sector, 2012)

2.4 **Importance of Customer Satisfaction in the Tourism Industry**

The tourism business today has been perceived as a worldwide industry, with makers and customers spread far and wide. The utilisation of tourism facilities is no more considered an extravagance. For some individuals, these services have turn into a basic part of their way of life. Also, in the most recent two decades, interest for supply of hospitality services past that of conventional services proposed for voyagers have raised the development of the neighbourliness business all around, prompting extraordinary rivalry in the commercial center. As indicated by examination, one of the best difficulties confronting tourism associations today is the regularly developing volume and pace of rivalry. Rivalry has significant ramifications for the customer, giving expanded decision, more noteworthy worth for cash, and increased level of services. Also, there is little to recognise tourism's offerings and services from another. In this manner, it is basic for tourism associations to pick up an upper hand. To pick up a game changer, tourism administrators are utilising two generally known systems.

They are:

- Giving minimal effort initiative through value reducing, and

- Creating customer reliability by giving remarkable advantages to customers.

Tourism countries that endeavour to enhance their piece of the pie by reducing value run the genuine danger of having a negative effect on tourism's medium- and long haul productivity. In this manner, it is nature of tourism service and ambiance instead of value that has turn into the way to tourism's capacity to separate itself from its rivals and to increase customer satisfaction. Because of the significance of customer steadfastness, organisations are attempting to upgrade their customers' faithfulness through maintenance projects and relationship advertising methods. Customer devotion is critical in light of the fact that faithful customers convey numerous advantages to a firm. As per exploration, the different points of interest of customer

unwaveringness include: a consistent stream of benefit, decrease of showcasing expense, development of per-customer income, diminish in working expense, increment in referral, increment in value premium, and exchanging hindrances among faithful customers who don't effectively surrender to the contenders' advancement endeavors. Considering these advantages, customer dependability is a fundamental essential for the future survival of tourism associations.

2.5   Tourism Products

A standout amongst the most imperative elements of traveller products is the purported "bundle purchase concept ", where shoppers don't purchase singular components of the offering, rather a group or a brought together entirety. Regularly the traveller product is partitioned in three sections: the formal product, the center product and the enlarged product. The formal product is depicted as what sightseers think they are purchasing. The center product typically comprises of dynamic and immaterial properties, for example, air, unwinding and comfort (regularly alluded to as customer advantages). An increased product is the totality of all advantages got or experienced by the customer (e.g. the whole arrangement of services including, the way in which things are done, auspiciousness, individual treatment and so on.). Vital components of the visitor experience are displayed via analyst as "the destination, schedule, visit administrator and/or ground administrator, buyer (the traveller self), shopper (vacationer) visit bunch individuals, and purchaser services work force – especially the visit pioneer". Brown likewise examines essential services attributes, for example, immaterialness, joined state, heterogeneity, perishability and visit operation and sort of excursion identified with general connections. Specialist considers desires as critical forerunners of satisfaction. At the point when a traveller gets to be fulfilled or disappointed with an outing or a solitary product amid the get-away, it is a result of how the

vacationer sees the genuine acquired result in respect to what was normal (Brown, 1995). Scientist characterises desire as the apparent probability that a given demonstration will be trailed by a specific result. Different analysts consider desires as "the needs or the cravings of the customer, recognised by what the purchaser feels ought to be conveyed by the supplier of the services before accepting it". By concentrating on visitor needs and their need-driven conduct, it is conceivable to uncover a portion of the forerunners that are bringing about the level of satisfaction (or any affirmation/disconfirmation of desires) notwithstanding measuring the level of consumer loyalty.

The present study inspects customer satisfaction with distinctive parts of an excursion and the general destination went to. At the end of the day, applicable components of a visitor voyage to particular destinations are considered. Specialist display a five-stage model of travel, where four of the stages are examined as important when concentrating on vacationer satisfaction because of the abnormal state of collaboration with travel/tourism suppliers; pre-trip, on the way, on-trek and post-outing measurements. At the point when purchasers perceive the requirement for a get-away, objective coordinated conduct enacts. The time between need acknowledgment and real travel is vital when investigating visitor satisfaction. It comprises of numerous perspectives, for example, choosing with whom to travel, what destination to go to, where to purchase the product, and so forth (Dabholkar, 1996). The adventure, from leaving home to return, comprises of a progression of components, including infrastructural viewpoints, movement comforts, and also benefit components: transportation, lodging, eateries, sorts of action, number of exercises, services level all in all, particular exercises, the nature/environment, travel party, sustenance, and so forth. After the voyage every one of these components are seen as would be prudent impacts on general satisfaction (with the destination) and thusly on the expectation to return to and

convey through positive verbal. The way that individuals' decisions of specific spots to go to and exercises performed amid the excursion influence their felt satisfaction is not surprising. Numerous investigations of visitor assume that vacationers will pick exercises that they accept will best fulfil their cravings and/or needs. These presumptions expand on subjective cognitive social psychology which holds that inspirations are as one and identified with expected results of conduct. As indicated by this line of examination, conduct is fundamentally an element of assumptions about future outcomes of consequences of behaviour (Nguyen, 2014).

2.6   Importance of Destination Ambiance

There are numerous elements beside the nature of the tourism benefits that can impact a client's experience while they are going to, whether this is at a formal or easy-going visit. Setting the right state of mind, or vibe, assumes an imperative part in consumer loyalty and client maintenance (Crush, 2015).

- *Customers Need the Full Experience*

At the point when customers go out to a destination for a visit, they go for the full experience, not only for the destination itself. They need to be dealt with and feel uncommon, and the atmosphere of a foundation assuredly adds to these emotions. The right atmosphere will permit customers to glance around and have a ball, and possibly stay longer than they arranged, just in light of the fact that they need to absorb the environment of the spot.

- *It Will Help You Hold Customers*

Customers who feel great in your foundation will need to continue returning for additional. . If visitor get the ambience right in destination, there is a higher chance of customers feeling satisfied with their experience. It may even make them converse with their companions and prescribing them to your foundation. Informal exchange is still a standout amongst the most intense method for publicizing, and you can exploit this by just verify that tourism affiliations have the right mood for their visitor destinations (Fagence, 1991). Atmosphere is essential altogether, however particularly destinations, as customers do visits for the experience destination they are visiting.

Chapter 3--Research Methodology

3.1   Introduction

This chapter aims to elaborate the techniques which the researches adopted to achieve the aims and objective of this research. In this chapter, the research methodology is highlighted and elaborated which is adopted to continue with the research work by the researcher. In order to conduct this research study, huge volume of research and exploration regarding the study was undertaken. All the research that was undertaken for the purpose of this study was focused on deriving comprehensible results for the anticipated subject area.   The research and techniques that are adopted for the purpose of this study will be investigative carefully in this chapter and will be employed sensibly where it is needed to be implemented to draw the results. The methods and techniques which were used to collect the data from a chosen sample are also described in this chapter. Data analysis criteria that might prove useful in deriving the results from the raw data are also discussed in this chapter. Sticking to the points used in the survey, the results obtained in this research study will be interpreted and investigated (Creswell, 2009).

3.2   Research Design

The main reason behind the research design is to help the researchers by giving them the organised research framework. This additionally helps in analysis and investigating the reasons and the impact of variables on the subject matter and the relationship between the variables. There are three types of research designs the researchers can adopt for conducting the research i.e. explanatory descriptive and exploratory. For additional purpose for the specific actualities and for reorganising the casual connections between variables, the exploratory examination is

successful in these exploration plans. The exploratory examination also concentrates on providing the outline on the nature of future examination and giving bits of knowledge about the subject matter. The exploratory exploration configuration also lights up the issues, suggests ways for collecting information and provides basis for creating hypothesis and theory with respect to the subject matter. On the contrary, in descriptive research design, the research of the subject matter is directed for conducting the research with specific research design and provides a clear image and perspective of the business actions, issues, people and the subject matter (Mitchell & Jolley, 2009).

Therefore, it has been perceived form the above clarification of diverse exploration outlines, for the purpose of this research study, exploratory research design is most appropriate to investigate into the subject matter as it attempts to explain the distinctive connection between the various established variables. The investigation is conducted by the help of questionnaires and the result is based on the observations obtained from the questionnaires. Moreover, the exploration method is useful in deciding various approaches to carry out the administrative work at a broader scale (Kothari, 2008).

3.3 Research Approach

Since it is possible to make generalisations from specific observations, in most qualitative researches, a deductive and inductive approach to study is commonly applied. Deductive approach is focused from general observations to more precise conclusions. Sometimes this research approach is known as top-down approach. From established premises inferences follow logically to derive the conclusion. Inductive approach work on the contrary path as it works

from specific and precise observations to broader theories and generalisations. Inductive approach is used in this research methodology as it moves from the specific observations which are obtained from the questionnaires and which will further help in generalizing the theories. In order to make inductive arguments, this approach also uses observations that enables in detecting the irregularities while investigating into the subject matter and helps in drawing general and viable inferences. Deductive and inductive approaches are different as they inductive approach is focused on using the data to generate the results of the subject matter which is under investigation whereas in deductive approach, the idea is commenced and the data is used to disapprove, justify and clarify the idea which is applicable to investigate into the subject matter (Buchanan & Bryman, 2009).

3.4   Data Collection

Public and private surveys are the dominant areas on which majority of the research study is based. This research study like other research studies is based on surveys of two categories i.e. web based survey and physical survey. The web based survey of this research study is based on the questionnaires. These questionnaires are used effectively and are sent via emails to concerned population i.e. individuals and entities. The questionnaires are sent to various categories of people in order to receive diverse perceptions of the people. The results that are extracted for this research study by utilising the various techniques such as quantitative and qualitative are used for the analysis of facts that are based on surveys, observational findings and interviews (Saunders, Saunders, Lewis, & Thornhill, 2011).

Other than the surveys and the questionnaires, the data is also collected from the renowned and credible resources such as books and research journals that are available in the libraries and universities. The data is also fetched from the information available on the online libraries and the websites that includes official and personal interviews, feedback, email responses and eBooks. While the factual data for the purpose of this research study is retrieved from the literature on the internet and web resources, and also from the questionnaires (Saunders, Saunders, Lewis, & Thornhill, 2011).

3.5   Research Instrument

Questionnaires are the selected research instrument that is selected to conduct the research study. In most of the research studies, this medium is frequently used especially in researches where a number of perspectives and notions are acquired from the selected population. Moreover, before moving towards the conclusion from the data of the entire analytical research, perspectives and notions from the population is taken and are critically evaluated and observed (Menard, 2009).

3.6   Sampling

For the research 100 people are the participants who took part in this research study constitute the sample size of this research. Males, females and young adults are the participants who travelled to Zululand, South Africa are the constituents of this population. The participants who took part in this research study ranged for 18 to 50 years of age. Closed ended questions were planned for this research study in order to collect the responses, which then provide basis for the further investigation (Menard, 2009).

3.7 Data Analysis

Data is de-synthesised into factual elements in order to answer the research question during the data analysis part by the researchers. In order to address the research question, the data analysis method should be able to utilise and process the data. Data analysis process in the quantitate research study is aim mainly towards the testing the hypothesis established during the taking the observations. For the secondary as well as for the primary data, quantitative analysis would be categorised differently. The research study further examined the thematic analysis and the primary findings and results were tested through the charts and MS Excel. The graphs were the prepared accordingly (Binns, 2002).

3.8 Threats to Validity and Reliability

Because of the different means and modes utilised for research studies, reliability and validity are interpreted by different scholars in different ways. The researchers who have given their attributes for on-time and accurate findings were facilitated by the figures and facts in order to extract the result statements. On the contrary, some researchers are on the opinion that certain type of research work is reliable and valid when it is elaborated by the concept of generality measurements, means of solemnity and gauging sustainability (Binns, 2002).

3.9 Ethical Issues

Ethical considerations and research based investigation work alongside in investigating the subject matter. Ethical consideration is a significant aspect in conducting investigation about the subject matter. Ethical consideration is the main area of concern of the researchers in order to

find out the full extent of the research ethics. This means that the ethical consideration is the only important matter of concern and is the main compliance out of the research process overall (Binns, 2002). Ethical consideration is undoubtedly is of high significance in all fields of life that includes commercial research, economics, judiciary matters, managerial research and politics. In order to balance and support various research scenarios, researchers take into consideration the ethical considerations as the primary way. The ethical considerations are kept inconsideration in deterring the aptness and practicality of the comprehended results of the research study. Furthermore, in order to enhance the credibility of the research methodology, research ethics should be adopted and followed (McLaughlin 2009). For the purpose of this research study, research ethics were also incor0porated in deriving the results. For achieving the desired conclusion these reassert ethics are crucial and imperative in order to produce right research work. Independence, Open mindedness for outcomes, unbiased methodology, uprightness, comprehensive capabilities and sufficient and adequate factual findings are the main ethics that are considered for this particular research.

3.10   Conclusion

The methodology section is the indication that the methodology utilised for the purpose of this research study was supporting in extracting the result that is achieved from the secondary investigation in order to clearly analyse the senses influence on the behaviour of tourists spending in Zululand. This will further help in conducting the primary research study and help the researchers in extracting the results.

Chapter 4--Findings and Discussion

4.1 Introduction

Findings of this research work are based upon the revelations from questionnaires distributed to the participants and tourism consumers allied with Zululand travelling so as to represent some realistic statistics.

4.2 Revelations from Questionnaire

The chapters previously written in this dissertation are based on theories and literature related to this subject matter; therefore; the details of the subject matter discussed up till now, are considerations, suppositions or conceptions which the researchers and experts have unveiled already. In this particular topic, realism and practicality is covered in detail, which will further reveal whether or not ambiance affect the amount of revenue spent by guests in Zululand as indicated by theories and literatures.

Researchers conducted on the basis of general observations related to the topic together with the perceptions about the ambiance of tourist products in the Zululand is the main agenda here, which is based on the results collected in the questionnaires filled by the candidates who are associated with research.

4.3 Demographical Analysis

The profile of the respondents is the major questionnaire distribution section, which is aimed to figure out the information related to the demographic of population surveyed. The male community among the respondents was in majority totalling 67% of the total population that belonged to different sectors and classes of trade and business world. This study represented the

consumer of the tourism services in majority belonged to the complex buying population, while the habitual buying population narrowly followed the trend.

On the other hand, the non-consumer group depicted a different picture with female respondent in majority totalling around 33%. The prominent behaviour of the buyer appeared to belong to the complex buying population, which was also closely chased by the behaviour type of dissonance-reducing buyers.
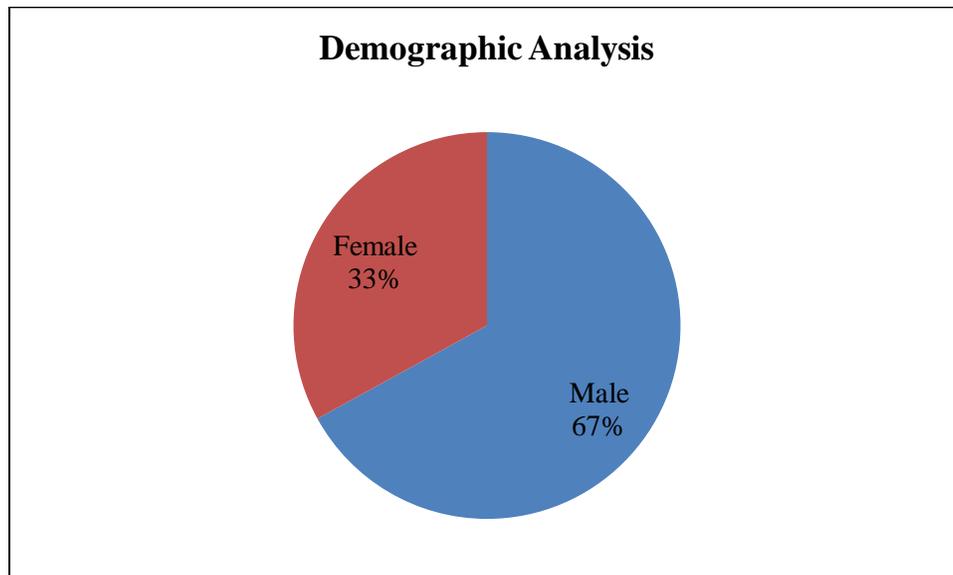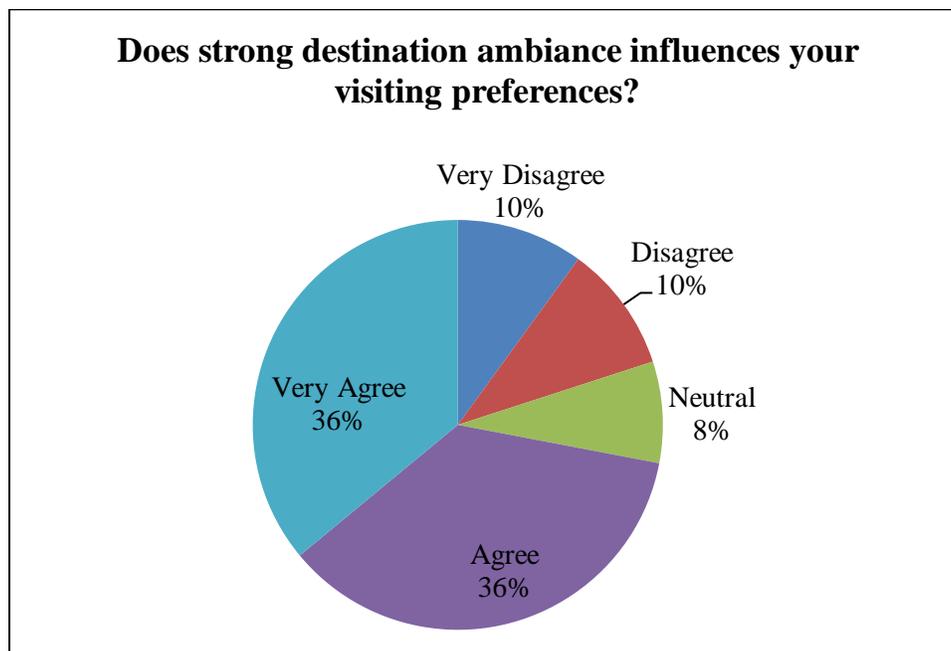

Figure 1: Demographics of Tourism Customers

The aforementioned finding revealed the analysis that the males enjoy slight inclination in their favour when it comes to the services offered by Zululand Tourism Association due to the dominancy of male gender in common business sectors. In addition, it can be analysed that the population of both groups represented complex buyer groups, which indicates that the people have certain beliefs and attitudes when they consider opting for hospitality services in Zululand, South Africa.

4.4   Importance of Ambiance

When it comes to the ambiance, the perception of both groups was similar in strongly believing that ambiance plays vital role in the promotional tourism services of the industry while the marketing strategies are fulfilling the acceptations and expectations of the hospitality services based in Zululand.
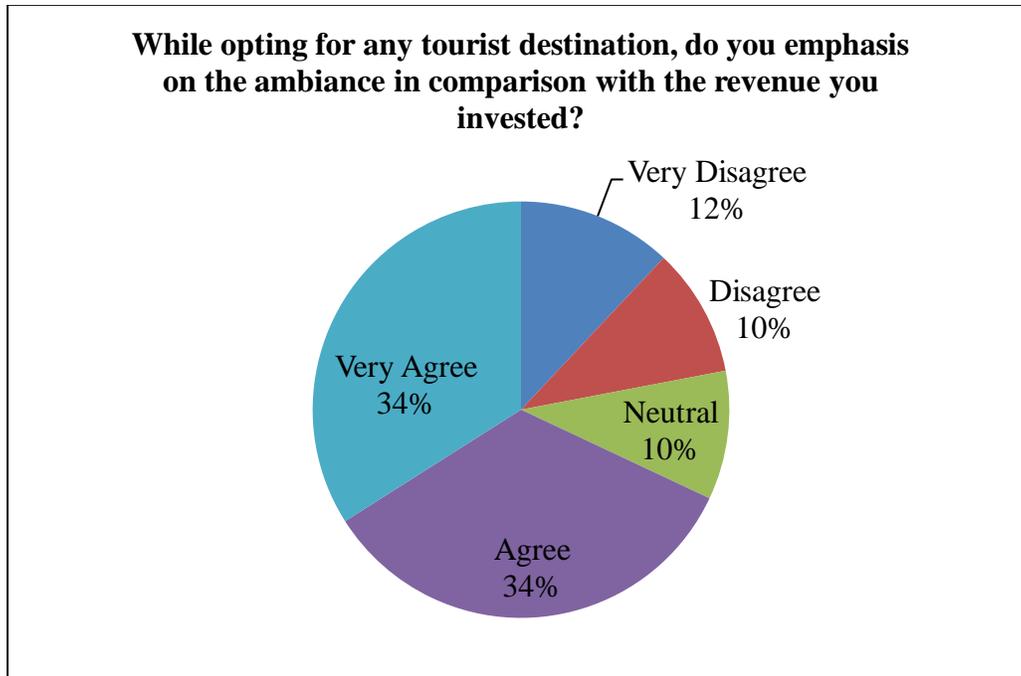
The research based on this particular part of the questionnaire can be concluded as, the majority, 72 percent of total sample population, verified the considerable influence that ambiance has on the behaviour of buyers in general.

Does strong destination ambiance influences your visiting preferences?

Very Disagree
10%

Disagree
10%

Neutral
8%

Agree
36%

Very Agree
36%

*Figure 2: Destination Ambiance Influences Your Visiting Preferences*

Similarly, it is analysed that most of the tourists make visiting decisions by evaluating the ambiance of tourist destinations as they are concerned on investing higher revenue over trip that

offer them greater experience and satisfaction. Around 68 percent of respondents have clear

consensus over the attribute.

While opting for any tourist destination, do you emphasis on the ambiance in comparison with the revenue you invested?

Figure 3: Importance of Ambiance in Comparison with Revenue

However, it is analysed that ambiance is not the only factor that helps tourists in making a strong

destination selection decision. Around 70% of selected participants believe that there are other

factor as well that contributes affectively in making decision, such as accommodation,

transportation mode, security and safety, culture and heritage.
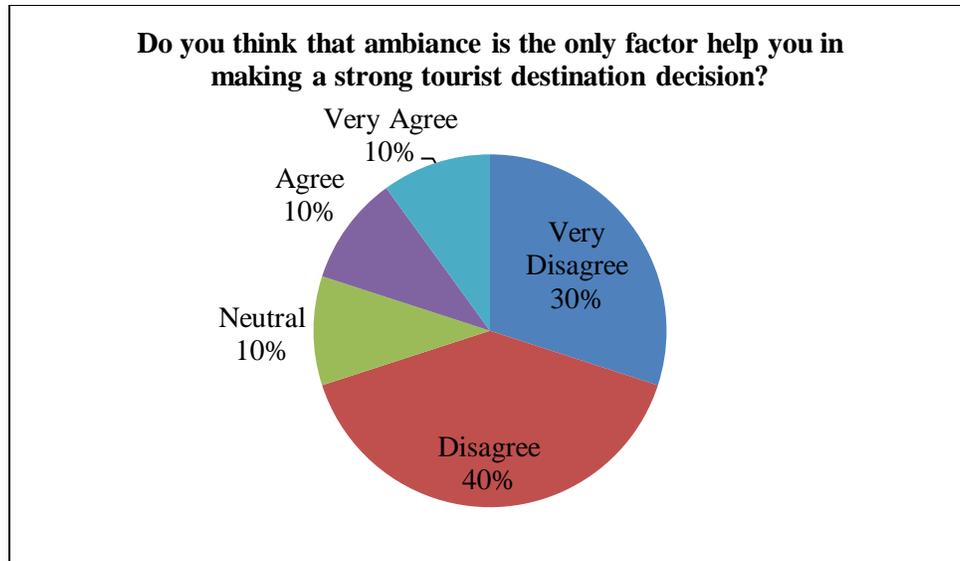
Figure 4: Ambiance is not the only factor

On the other hand, it is identified that price and additional offers from tourist destination are major attributes in making appropriate decision. Low the revenue invested; higher the customer experience tends to result in customer satisfaction.
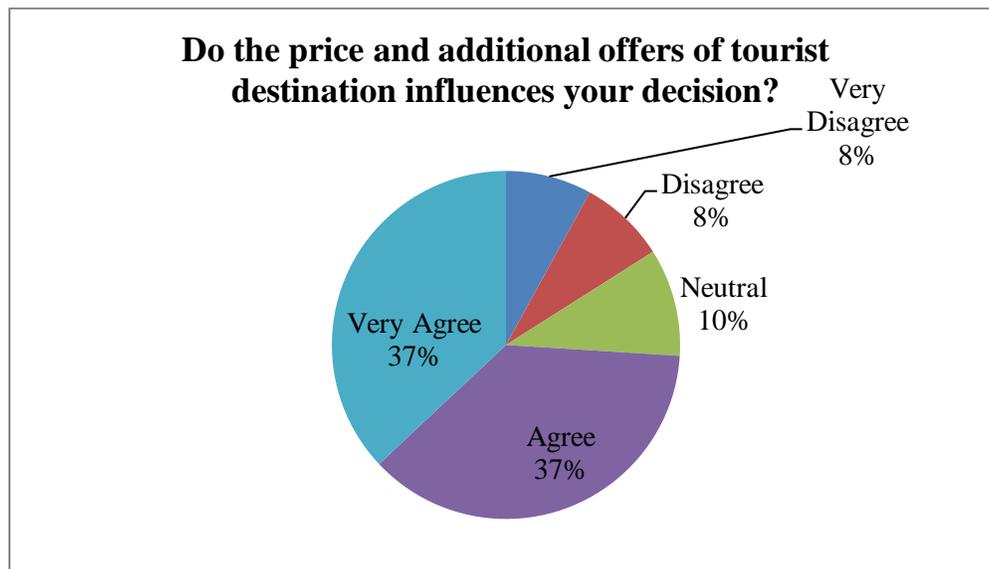
Figure 5: Price and Additional Offers are Major Influencers

On the other hand, it is evaluated through analysis that ambiance alone does not have higher impact over decision making. Decision of customers takes in consideration comfort and reliability of tourist destination as well.
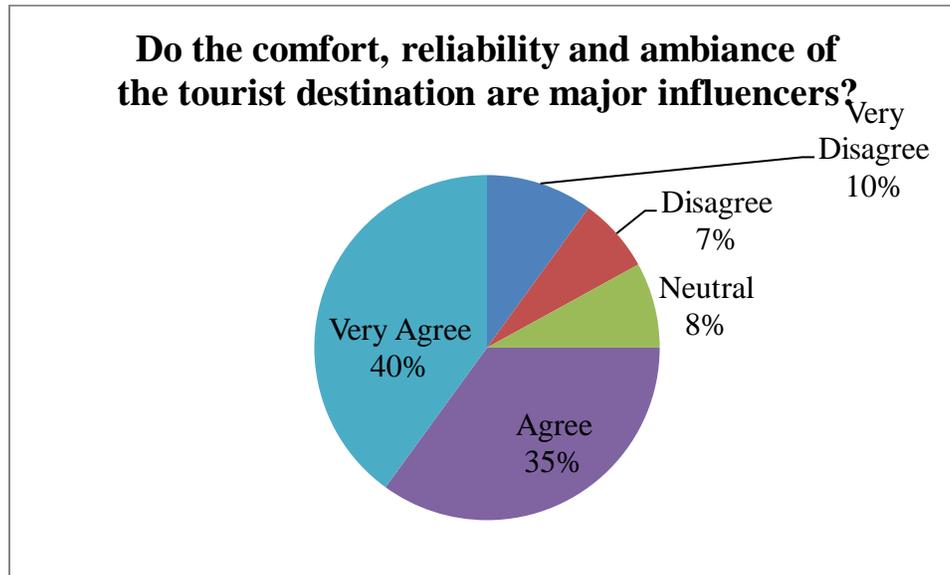
Figure 6: Comfort and Reliability are also Influencer

It is analysed that most of the tourism customers are concerned with the tourist products the destination offering them that can effectively enhance their travelling experience. It depicts that customers before visiting to any destination take all the associated aspects in consideration. The chapter concludes how consumers behave to the perception of ambiance in general and also underlines the influence the other attributes. Determining tourists' satisfaction with a destination is abstractly diverse from measuring satisfaction at the transaction precise level. Moreover, it is opposed that while satisfaction at the destination level is inclined by the numerous transactions that occur at that destination, an individual's level of satisfaction is influenced by much broader, global features, some of which are beyond the capacity of the tourism industry to affect.

Chapter 5 -- Recommendations and Conclusion

5.1   Research Summary

This research study is based on the tourist satisfaction and the impact of environment and ambiance on the spending behaviour of the tourists. The research study is also focused on the positive and negative impact on human nature on the basis of spending behaviour of the tourists. The natural and ecotourism and the preservation of the tourism industry is also an important factor which can affect the satisfaction of the tourists of Zululand. Other factors that can affect the satisfaction of the tourist and their spending behaviour includes responsible tourism, sustainable and integrated tourism,   tourism assessment and accountability, core values of the destination, involvement of local community, community driven tourism , safety, security and peace. Thus, the tourism industry of Zululand is in need of considering all the above mention factors in order to boost the tourism industry of Zululand and in order to provide better satisfaction to the tourists of Zululand (Smith, 2003).

5.2   Implications and Recommendations

The results and findings of this study has indicated that, in the research study of tourism of Zululand, tourism destination development have been accompanied by an increase of both negative and positive socio-cultural and environmental impacts and its effect on the spending behaviour and satisfaction of the tourists. The pace of the tourist's development destination and environment and ambiance indicates that scion-cultural, ambiance and environmental effect should be managed and acknowledged. The results and findings of this research study is the evidence that the local community perceives the increase in the number of tourist as positive

aspect especially those local communities members who are directly involved in the in the development of tourism of Zululand. There are a number of methods that tourism industry of Zululand can ameliorate in order to bring betterment to the environment of Zululand and to the tourism industry of Zululand (Bigne, 2005).

On the basis of the findings of this dissertation, it is concluded that tourism industry is in need of a better and innovative approach in order to minimize the socio-cultural impact of tourism of Zululand. The authorities of tourism industry of Zululand should set up a proper infrastructure so that it can properly monitor the interactions between the local communities and the tourists. The tourism industry of Zululand should also cater strategies to improve the ambiance and the environment of the Zululand. It should also strive to protect and retain the cultural heritage and historical places. The tourism industry of Zululand should spread awareness among the local communities of impact of rampant and unguided interaction with the tourists (Chen & Tsai, 2007). Spreading proper awareness among the local communities and imparting them with proper education about the significance of protecting the identity of Zululand and cultural heritage along with the ambiance and natural environment would help in improving the spending behaviour of the tourists of Zululand and will also enhance their level of satisfaction. This will also help in protecting the assets of the local communities of Zululand. For improving and promoting the tourism sector of Zululand, it is important to boost the economy of the area. In addition to boosting the local economy, it is also important to improve and protect the integrity and uprightness of the local culture. Also the tourism authorities of Zululand should give importance to the local community members and should involve them in the tourism activities. This will further help in educating them about the practices of the tourism industry and will also help in giving the insight about the dynamics of the tourism sector along with the socio-cultural

impacts that tourism development is accompanying. This will further help in boosting the tourism industry of Zululand and will also help in increasing the satisfaction of tourist and improving their behaviour of spending (Bigne, 2005).

5.3   Conclusion

After the detailed analysis of the subject area, it can be concluded that the ambiance and environment plays a vital role in the satisfaction and spending behaviour of the tourists. However, it should also be noted that ambiance alone do not solely plays role in improving the satisfaction of the tourists, cultural heritage, history and the behaviours of the local communities are also significant factors that can help in improving the satisfaction of the tourists of Zululand and also helps in improving the spending behaviour of tourists. The tourism industry of Zululand should take affective measures to safeguard the cultural heritage, infrastructure, history and environment of Zululand. Moreover, appropriate involvement of local communities will further help in improving the tourism industry of Zululand and bringing betterment in the satisfaction of tourists and also their spending behaviour (Chen & Tsai, 2007).

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Appendix

Questionnaire

Name
Gender
• Male
• Female
Age Group
• 18-25
• 26-35
• 26-45
• 45-Above
Identify Your Tourism Behaviour
• Complex Behaviour
• Dissonance-Reducing Behaviour
• Habitual Behaviour
• Variety-Seeking Behaviour
While opting for any tourist destination, do you emphasis on the ambiance in comparison with the revenue you invested?
• Very Disagree
• Disagree
• Neutral
• Agree
• Very Agree
Does strong destination ambiance influences your visiting preferences?
• Very Disagree
• Disagree
• Neutral
• Agree
• Very Agree

Do you think that ambiance is the only factor helps you in making a strong tourist destination decision?

- Very Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Very Agree

Does history and heritage of destination motivates you to travel?

- Very Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Very Agree

Do the price and additional offers of tourist destination influence your decision?

- Very Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Very Agree

Does the quality of accommodation, transportation, safety and security drives your preferences for tourist destination?

- Very Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Very Agree

Do the comfort; reliability and ambiance of the tourist destination are major influencers?

- Very Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree

• Very Agree
Does the tourist products are main influencer to achieve customer satisfaction in reference to entitled revenue invested?
• Very Disagree
• Disagree
• Neutral
• Agree
• Very Agree
Most of the people assess the tourist destinations through the products offers and their experiences?
• Very Disagree
• Disagree
• Neutral
• Agree
• Very Agree