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**Abstract:**

Carrying capacity is a potential prerequisite to obtain the three mandates of park management, including recreation, conservation, and economic value. In a developing country such as Vietnam, the issue of carrying capacity is recognized and has been mentioned in the policy and regulation documents, yet without further guidelines for implementation. This study thus attempts to investigate the application of carrying capacity in the Vietnamese park system and assesing its application process for further development of the concept.

This study is based on a case study of Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. The qualitative field studies were conducted from 2012 to 2015. The findings show that the park has partly used the carrying capacity concept to control tourist flow. However, its application seems to be rather subjective and not scientific.