

THE FOODPRINT OF TOURISM: A REVIEW OF WATER, CARBON, AND ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT APPLICATIONS TO THE TOURISM SECTOR

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The article examines the environmental impacts of tourism by analyzing studies that assess its water, carbon, and ecological footprints. The research highlights that tourism places significant pressure on the environment, particularly through accommodation, food, leisure activities, and transportation.

The paper finds inconsistencies in data availability and methodological approaches, making comparisons difficult. However, it identifies transportation and food production as primary contributors to environmental burdens. The study also discusses the varying environmental impacts of different types of tourism experiences (high, medium, and low-rated) and the disproportionate impact of tourists compared to local populations.

The authors advocate for standardized methodologies to improve sustainability assessments in the tourism sector.

