Exploring the Role of Destination Resilience Plans in Promoting Tourism: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

The study investigates the critical importance of destination resilience in enhancing tourism, particularly in the wake of challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The primary aim of the research is to analyze how effective governance, stakeholder engagement, resource management, and risk assessment contribute to the resilience of tourist destinations and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). To achieve this, the study employs a comprehensive literature review methodology, synthesizing existing research on destination resilience strategies and their implications for tourism promotion. The findings reveal that destination resilience plans significantly impact tourism performance, stakeholder participation, and sustainable development. Additionally, the study highlights the necessity

of integrating innovative practices and technology to bolster the resilience of tourism sectors. In conclusion, this research provides valuable insights for destination management organizations, policymakers, and industry researchers, emphasizing the need for strategic planning and collaboration to foster long-term sustainability and resilience in tourism. The study serves as a foundation for future investigations and policy-making in the realm of sustainable tourism, addressing existing gaps in the literature and offering practical recommendations for enhancing destination resilience.

INTRODUCTION

The importance of destination resilience in lessening the effects of crises, like natural catastrophes and pandemics, is being acknowledged by the international tourist scene more and more. A study by Becken and Hughey (2013) highlight the significance of resilience planning and the necessity of integrated approaches to catastrophe risk management in the tourism industry. In a similar vein, Faulkner (2001) addresses the idea of disaster management in tourism and promotes proactive measures to improve destination resilience. Studies by Gössling et al. (2020) and Hall et al. (2020) highlight the critical need for resilient and adaptable sustainable tourism strategies in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Ritchie's (2004) research on tourism resilience highlights the importance of stakeholder governance and involvement in promoting sustainable tourist growth. Collectively, these studies illustrate the critical need for destination resilience strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability and recovery of the tourism sector in the face of global challenges.

The research paper "Examining the Importance of Destination Resilience Plans in Boosting Tourism" delves into destination resilience plans' role in promoting tourism. It consolidates findings from studies on topics such as governance, stakeholder participation, resource management, risk evaluation and management and resilience of micro medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Given the challenges posed by the COVID-19 ongoing issues within the tourism industry, the conclusions drawn from this literature review offer insights into the factors that contribute to the sustainability of tourist destinations and MSMEs. This project aims to assist destination management organizations, decision makers and industry researchers in formulating policies that foster long-term tourism sustainability and resilience. The theoretical foundation provided by this literature study offers an understanding of themes including risk assessment and management resource utilization, sustainable tourism development, governance practices, stakeholder engagement and MSME resilience.

METHODOLOGY

The research approach used in this study involves reviewing existing literature. The study summarizes a range of research on topics such as governance, stakeholder engagement, resource management, risk assessment and management and the resilience of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Through this methodology, the study carefully examines models, theoretical frameworks and empirical data related to destination resilience and its impact on tourism promotion. The findings from the literature review offer insights into the factors that contribute to the sustainability of tourism destinations and MSMEs. This is particularly important considering the challenges posed by the COVID 19 its impact on the travel industry. Employing this research methodology makes it easier to grasp both the foundations and practical implications of destination resilience for tourism planning, development and capacity building.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Risk Assessment and Management. Empirical data on risk assessment and management in sustainable tourism demonstrates the importance of proactively mitigating potential threats to tourist sites. In this sector, a multitude of studies provide helpful information. Ural (2016) emphasizes that multi-hazard risk assessment and management are crucial to minimize the long-term impacts of coastal disasters and promote long-term growth. A further study highlights the relationship between rising natural disaster frequency and resilient tourism destinations and the necessity of risk management assessments based on ISO 31000. Furthermore, by underlining the awareness of regional tourist stakeholders regarding the potential harm caused by natural disasters, Grenada tourism resilience research emphasizes the need for integrated destination and disaster management.

Furthermore, the importance of destination resilience and innovation in advanced sustainable tourism management, as well as the function of resilience planning for future sustainable development in the tourism industry, is highlighted by a bibliometric study. A study on sustainable tourism as a driving force of the tourist industry in a post-COVID-19 scenario suggests that the rise of sustainable tourism may help reduce passengers' perceived anxiety about visiting regions with a high concentration of people. The report also underscores sustainable tourism's benefits to the industry's growth and stresses the importance of sustainable tourism during difficult times (Palacios-Florencio et al., 2021).

Three further studies offer valuable insights regarding sustainability and risk management in the travel and tourism industry. According to the survey by Kalinichenko et al. (2021), stress testing is essential as a precondition for effectively running a tourism business. It also highlights the importance of sophisticated risk management strategies to handle situations and ensure long-term resilience effectively. Conversely, the research conducted by Dzemydienė and Ragab (2020) emphasizes the significance of evaluating types of risks in the tourism sector. Provides strategies for implementation, such as involving private investors and incorporating eco-friendly tourism planning. On a note, Chondrogiannis et al.'s (2018) study focused on managing risks within the travel and tourism industry, underscoring the need for internal reputation risk management and highlighting the negative impacts of unfavorable media coverage. These studies fill gaps in our knowledge regarding risk management and sustainability within the tourism industry, ultimately ensuring that tourism organizations can maintain their long-term viability and resilience. They shed light on the necessity of employing approaches to control reputational risks, assess various risks, and manage them effectively.

Resource Management. The mentioned studies and other search findings emphasize the importance of infrastructure and resource management in the progress of tourism. As per Jovanović and IliĆ (2016), infrastructure boosts tourism by facilitating travel, accommodation, food, and retail expenses. An established communication infrastructure is vital for the tourism industry as it connects stakeholders and promotes information sharing. Creating tourism infrastructure is crucial for providing captivating travel experiences and services, which creates economic growth and employment opportunities. Developing tourism infrastructure also helps manage demand during peak seasons while attracting tourists. This is consistent with studies on tourism destinations' resilience, sustainable management, and the need for resource and infrastructure management to increase the sustainability and stability of tourism destinations. The studies by Pryhara and Hrabar (2021), Siakwah and Musavengane (2021), Baum (2018), and Luis et al. (2022) cover aspects of sustainable tourism, including decolonization of tourism, management innovation in community-based tourism, sustainable human resource management, and strategic management of IT practices in the tourism industry. The literature review on tourism destination resilience covers several topics, including the theoretical foundations of the field, evaluation techniques, sustainable management and resilience, and the application of cutting-edge technology in tourism destination resilience. It also identifies research gaps and potential future directions. More research is needed to fully understand tourism resilience and its implications for

tourism development and planning, including the capacity building of businesses and policymakers.

Planning For Recovery and Crisis Management. Crisis management and recovery planning are crucial in tourism, especially in natural disasters, medical issues, and other unanticipated events. Several studies have provided valuable insights into proactive crisis management, resilience, and recovery strategies. For instance, Gani et al. (2021) conducted a comparative study to look into the preparation and recovery efforts in Jammu and Kashmir and Assam, India, emphasizing the need to build disaster-resilient communities and develop specialized crisis management techniques. In addition to offering a systematic methodology for selecting government-supportive policies to boost resilience, Estiri's et al. (2022) study focused primarily on the resilience of tourism SMEs during the COVID-19 crisis.

Additionally, Kaszás and Keller (2024) examined the crisis management practices of national destination management organizations before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, examining the evolution of online communication and formulating recommendations for a post-pandemic communication strategy. These studies contribute to the body of knowledge by providing valuable details on crisis management, recovery planning, and resilience in the travel and tourism industry. Further investigation is required to understand the theoretical foundations of resilient tourism destinations, sustainable management methods, and the incorporation of state-of-the-art technology into this subject. More studies are also needed to address the unique opportunities and challenges in crisis management and recovery planning that are exclusive to the tourism industry.

Sustainable Tourism Development. The research on crisis management and sustainable tourism growth provides valuable insights into the possible issues the travel and tourist industry may encounter. Streimikiene et al. (2020) extensively investigated the existing literature on the balance between sustainability and competitiveness in the tourism sector and the complexities involved in establishing a tourist industry. Their report offers perspectives on enhancing the competitiveness of tourism and establishes benchmarks for future research. In a study conducted in 2020, Radovanov et al. (2020) employed a Two Stage DEA Model to evaluate the tourism potential of both Western Balkan and EU countries, emphasizing sustainable components' role in determining overall tourism development efficiency. The findings highlighted that sustainability in tourism development significantly influences efficiency, underscoring the importance for policymakers to exert control over variables to safeguard the interests of all stakeholders involved in the process. Cotterell et al. (2019) assessment of sustainability conceptualizations supporting tourism

courses expounded on the necessity for stronger conceptual frameworks and enhanced sustainability skills within tourism education. The study proposed a framework to assist educators within the sector to foster "sustainability" mindsets among business leaders. These studies contribute to understanding crisis management opportunities and challenges within tourism growth while offering novel insights and recommendations for exploration, in this field. We need to conduct research to create a comprehensive curriculum for sustainable tourism. It is crucial to understand how tourism resilience affects tourism planning and development, including the importance of capacity building.

Governance and Stakeholder Engagement. In a study conducted by Sijacki (2020), the focus was on the impact of stakeholder participation in air route development (ARD) on tourism. The research identified seven elements associated with ARD cases, including leadership, partnership, trust, information/knowledge exchange and strategic vision. The study also explored the effects of COVID-19 on tourism growth and emphasized the need for further investigation due to a research gap in professional and academic literature regarding ARD. By providing an analysis of tourism and stakeholder involvement in ARD and practical recommendations for industry professionals and policymakers, this study significantly contributes to our understanding of the subject.

Similarly, Pyke et al. (2018) examined how involving stakeholders can enhance resilience against bushfire damage in nature-based tourism destinations. Their research highlighted shortcomings such as community involvement in disaster management, rehabilitation and bushfire prevention planning, and fragmented stakeholder communications. The report emphasized collaborating with experts to manage bushfires effectively and presented a case study showcasing practices in small tourist destinations.

The research contributed to existing knowledge by addressing a gap in the understanding of the topic. It provided insights into how stakeholder engagement can promote tourism and community resilience. Mandić and Kennell (2021) conducted a study on the effects of governance on tourism in heritage tourism areas.

Using quantitative methods, the researchers examined the perspectives of destination management organizations (DMOs) in the UK. Their investigation revealed that established DMOs perceive governance differently as they already operate effectively in many areas where creative governance could bring benefits. The study focused on how factors, such as public sector support for tourism and the increasing involvement of tourism entities in destination management, influence DMO perceptions of intelligent governance. Additionally, it highlighted

a research gap regarding the lack of attention given to governance in significant tourist destinations. The study also provided recommendations for developments in DMOs' use of governance.

Paddison and Walmsley (2018) conducted a case study on York to examine the implementation of New Public Management (NPM) in the tourism industry. They investigated how NPM affects destination governance and its impact on travel. The research found no focus on nonproliferation management (NPM) in the tourism industry. It provided insights into the challenges and opportunities related to implementing NPM, adding to our understanding of the topic. The study addressed a gap in existing research by presenting a case study on NPM in tourism.

MSME resilience. Sijackis's (2020) research focuses on the involvement of stakeholders in the development of air routes (ARD) and their significance for tourism. The study investigates characteristics of ARD cases, highlighting the importance of collaborations, leadership, and trust, sharing information and knowledge, effective communication and achieving desired outcomes. Additionally, it investigates how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the progress of tourism development. It offers a resilience-based plan for rebounding the global travel and tourism industry following the pandemic.

Similarly, Pyke et al. (2018) examine how involving stakeholders makes an Australian nature- based tourism destination more resistant to bushfire damage. The report identifies fragmented stakeholder communications and a need for more community engagement in planning for emergency management, recovery, and bushfire prevention as critical flaws, underscoring the need to work with local knowledge in bushfire management. Mandić and Kennell (2021) investigate how intelligent governance affects sustainable tourism in heritage tourism destinations and demonstrate that, since established DMOs are already performing well in many areas where innovative governance promises improvements, they do not view innovative governance as potentially helpful. Paddison and Walmsley (2018) conducted a case study of York to look into the application of New Public Management (NPM) in the travel and tourism sector. They examine how NPM affects stakeholder involvement and what that means for destination governance. The Widodo (2021) survey examines the connection between the resilience of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) in the New Normal and marketing strategy, business innovation, and entrepreneurship traits. It demonstrates that these parameters positively and significantly relate to MSME resilience in the New Normal era. Radyanto and Hayati (2020) develop a sustainable production performance system for MSMEs in the creative industry sub- sector to enhance company product

performance. The foundation of this system is a reporting system that operates on a weekly to annual basis and is supplemented by a business early warning system. The literature on the topic is evaluated by Bec et al. (2016), who offer a conceptual model to guide future research on community resilience to tourism decline and rejuvenation.

CONCLUSIONS

The function of destination resilience plans in boosting tourism is examined in the literature review. Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) operating in the new normal include research on sustainable production performance systems, business innovation, entrepreneurship traits, and stakeholder engagement. It also explores risk management for sustainable tourism, creative governance for heritage tourist locations, and community resilience to long-term decline and rejuvenation from tourism. The results emphasize the value of risk management, sustainable production practices, and stakeholder involvement in strengthening the resilience of tourist destinations and MSMEs, particularly in the face of long-term and new standards for tourism. To create policies that effectively promote tourism resilience and sustainability, destination management organizations, policymakers, and researchers can benefit significantly from the crucial insights found in the literature.

The study has generated new knowledge contribution to policy development by providing evidence-based insights and recommendations for destination management organizations and policymakers to formulate effective strategies that enhance the resilience and sustainability of tourism in the face of ongoing global challenges.

TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Based on the synthesis of the literature review on destination resilience strategies in marketing tourism: (1) Impact of Destination Resilience Plans on Tourism Performance. Investigate and evaluate the effects of destination resilience strategies on tourism performance in particular areas. Key performance metrics, including visitor arrivals, revenue, and satisfaction levels before and after resilience plans are implemented, may be quantitatively analyzed as part of this study. (2) Stakeholder Engagement and Sustainable Tourism Development. Examine how stakeholder involvement influences sustainable tourism development in the context of destination resilience. Case studies of locations that have successfully included a range of stakeholders—

such as corporations, government organizations, and local communities—to promote sustainability and resilience in the face of adversity may be included in this research. (3) Innovation and Technology in Tourism Resilience. Examine how innovation and technology can be used to make tourist places more resilient. Adopting intelligent governance procedures, IT systems, and digital marketing tactics might be the main emphasis of this research to increase destinations' resilience to shocks and speedy recovery.

These recommended study areas can help advance our knowledge of the variables influencing destination resilience plan effectiveness and offer insightful information to researchers, policymakers, and destination management organizations.

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