

Blue award Criteria for Coastal Hotels

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1.0 Environmental management

Environmental management		Criteria
1	Hotel planning	Land use master plan should be available
		It should be displayed for the convenience of the users of the hotel
		Environmental aspects should be included in this plan
		Waste management plan should be available in the hotel
		Waste management plan should be implemented properly
		Hotel should have an environmental awareness raising program
2	Environmental regulations	Environmental regulations should be able to avoid marine and coastal pollution
		These regulations should be active and respected
		They should be functioning properly
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		Laws and regulations pertaining to the Hotels should be applied for the visitors
		Quality management system should be available
		Hotel should be adhered to quality management system
3	Environmental policy	Hotels should have an environmental policy
		Environment policy should be implemented in the hotels
		It should be having environmental vision and mission
4	Pollution	There should be a method to identify land and sea water pollution in the hotel
		Sea water quality standards should be set by an authority
		These standards should be announced publicly
		All air pollution activities should be prohibited
5	Sustainable energy/water usage	Measures should be taken for sustainable energy use in the Hotel
		They should be functioning properly
		Hotel should be using renewable energy sources such as solar panels, bio gas etc.
		Measures should be taken to minimize water consumption
		Treated water should be used for gardening purposes

2.0 Environmental approval and license

1	Environmental approval	Criteria
		Hotel should have done an Environment Impact assessment/IEE
		Hotel should have obtained required environmental clearance from relevant authorities Other relevant approvals from local authority ...etc.
2	Environmental licence	Hotel should have obtained EPL from Central Environmental Authority
		Hotel should have obtained a dumping permit from Marine Environment Protection Authority

3.0 Cleanliness

	Criteria
1	Vicinity of the hotel should be clean and trash free.
2	Beach clean-up programmes should be organized with participation from visitors, coastal communities and workers
3	Public furniture should be regularly cleaned
4	Proper Storm water drainage plan should be available and cleaned regularly
5	There should be sufficient public dustbins.
6	Dustbins should be regularly emptied
7	Toilets and washroom facility should be sufficient and clean.
8	Proper clean-up mechanism should be implemented
9	There should be a supervisor to monitor cleaning activities in the hotel

4.0 Awareness and Education

Building awareness		Criteria
1	Resource centre	There should be information available on the hotel and adjacent marine and coastal resources
		Information about important tourist destinations, booklets, leaflets, marine resources nearby should be available
2	Raising awareness	All the staff members should be well aware of the waste management plan
		Visitors of the hotel should be aware of important points of waste management plan by placards, notices, brochures etc.
		Hotels should promote the green hotel concept to the visitors of the hotel

3	Raising awareness of tourists	Visitors should be made aware on the hotel's environmental protection and cleanliness efforts and regulations
		There should be appropriate materials and activities for the purpose
		Regular surveys should be conducted to measure satisfaction on the hotel

5.0 Waste Management

S. N	Storm water and waste water management	Criteria
		Proper storm water management plan should be implemented
		Storm water drainage should be maintained properly
1	Storm water management	Measures to be taken to avoid entering of solid waste in to the sea.
2	Waste water management	Proper steps to be taken to minimize waste water generation
		Waste water management plans should be implemented.
		Waste water should be dumped through a functioning treatment plant
		Waste water standard should be complied to national waste water standards
3	Solid waste management	Criteria
		Solid waste management plan should be implemented
		Using of degradable material in the hotel should be promoted
		There should be a mechanism to control entering of non-degradable items to the sea
		There should be a mechanism to reduce collection of non-degradable waste in the hotel
		It must be functioning properly
	Waste collection and separation	There should be proper waste collection and separation methods in the hotel
		It should be properly functioning
	Waste disposal	There should be a method for daily disposal of solid waste in the hotel
		There should be mechanisms to recycle recyclable waste collected in the hotel
		There should be a proper mechanism to dispose waste oil
		3R concept in waste management (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)

6.0 Green Spaces and beautification

Green Spaces		Criteria
1	Green space in the hotel	Considerable green space should be maintained in the hotel
		Regular maintenance and management programmes should be conducted
2	Beatification	There should be a plan for beatification of the hotel
		This plan should be implemented continuously
3	Green space in the adjacent coastal area	Green space in the adjacent coastal area (ex. coastal vegetation, Mangroves) should be maintained with the support from coastal communities

7.0 Health, Safety and Security

		Criteria
1	Safety	Safety instruction and signs should be displayed in the hotel
		There should be a trained team and equipment for fire fighting
2	Health	There should be an available facility to provide first aid in case of emergency
		There should be a mechanism to hospitalize patients immediately
3	security	There should be a security service for the hotel
		Hotel should have a specialised team for the safety and security.

8.0 Environmental programme

		Criteria
1	Environmental Award	Availability of obtained environmental award in previous years
2	CSR Project	Hotel should be contributing for coastal community development programme
		Hotel should be contributing for marine and coastal environment conservation
		Hotel should have their own innovative ideas to protect the marine and coastal environment
3	Budget allocation	Hotel should be allocating sufficient budget allocation for environmental management
		Hotel should be sponsoring other relevant agencies for marine and coastal environment conservation programmes.
		Hotel should have sufficient budget surplus to implement new projects