

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Dr. Ian E. Munanura on Ecotourism [00:00-33:37]

Research in Action - Episode 101

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Ian E. Munanura, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. He earned a Doctorate in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at Clemson University in South Carolina. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Tourism and Wildlife Conservation from the University of Kent in the United Kingdom. He teaches courses on ecotourism and sustainable communities, sustainable tourism planning, and a study abroad course on international perspectives of ecotourism and political ecology. His scholarship seeks to identify the human resilience and wellbeing constraints, which could create livelihood vulnerability, human dependence on forest resources for livelihoods, and loss of biodiversity. He also seeks to identify the potential of community-based tourism to mitigate human resilience and wellbeing constraints, which could influence biodiversity loss. His geographical area of scholarship interest is the Pacific Northwest, Southeast Asia, and East Africa. Previously, Dr. Munanura has worked in Rwanda as a field project director and country director for the Wildlife Conservation Society. He also led a \$5 million project funded by the US Agency for International Development in Rwanda, designed to integrate and promote sustainable tourism, biodiversity conservation, human health, and economic development.

Segment One [00:00-12:37] - In this segment, Ian shares about his research on ecotourism.

Segment Two [12:38-24:59] - In this segment, Ian discusses what led him to research rural communities.

Segment Three [25:00-33:37] - In this segment, Ian shares about his international education has impacted his research.

Bonus Clip [25:00-33:37]: Tourism as a Way to Strengthen Emotional Well Being and Resilience

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e101/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe ecotourism
- Provide an example of ecotourism
- Explain the potential socioeconomic benefits of ecotourism
- Discuss some of the various factors involved for establishing tourism within a community

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What is ecotourism?
- What is an example of an ecotour?
- How can ecotourism potentially help provide socioeconomic benefits to a community?
- What does Dr. Munanura share led him to research rural communities and conservation?
- What does Dr. Munanura explain is the connection of tourism to wildlife and community conservation?
- What does Dr. Munanura explain are some of the challenges in engaging with local communities about tourism opportunities?
- What does Dr. Munanura share are some of the various factors that need to be considered prior to establishing an opportunity for tourism within a community?
- What does Dr. Munanura share he has observed about the role of tourism between the various geographic regions in which he has lived?
- According to Dr. Munanura, how can ecotours strengthen the community of the area to which a tourist may travel? (See also, Bonus Clip)

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e101/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e101/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Ian Munanura if they could?

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About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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