

Supporting the sustainability of coastal and maritime tourism Panel 2: Discussing with the Research Community

### Measuring the sustainability of coastal and maritime tourism in Croatia

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## Institute for Tourism, Croatia

- Scientific research institute
- Established in 1959
- Multidisciplinary team of 20
   researchers (economists, urbanists, traffic engineers, tourism studies, environmental economists, geographers, mathematicians, statisticians)



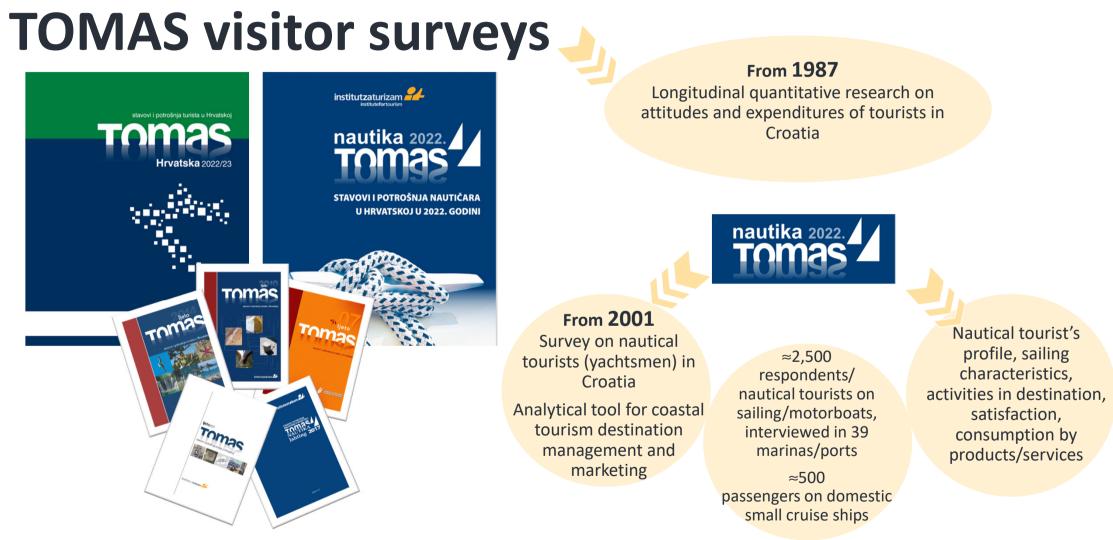
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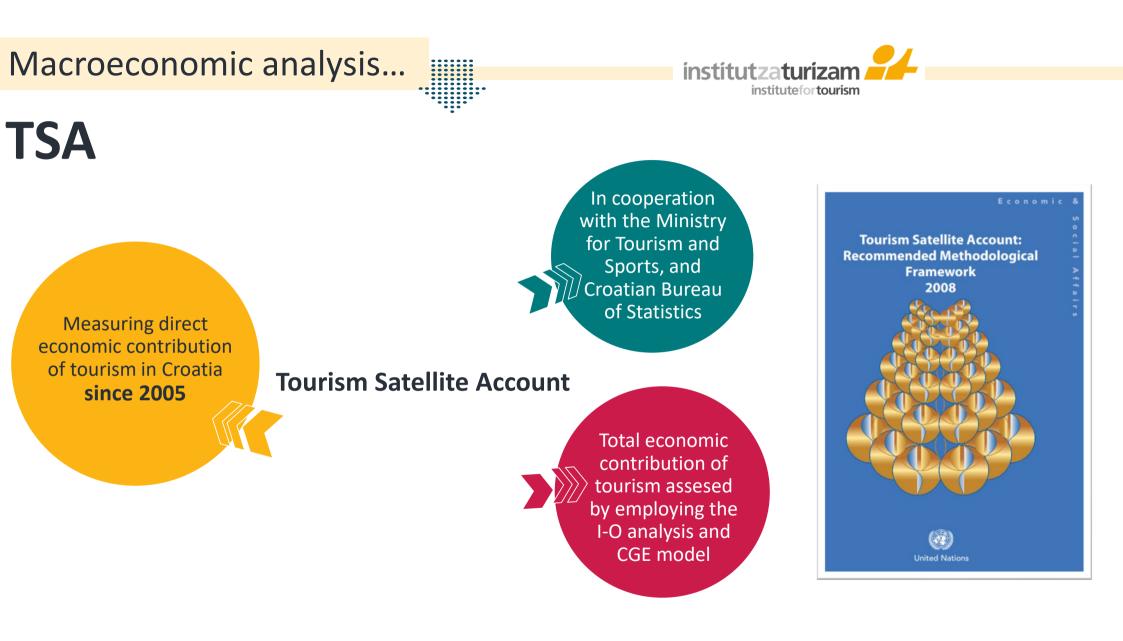
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#### Tourism research...

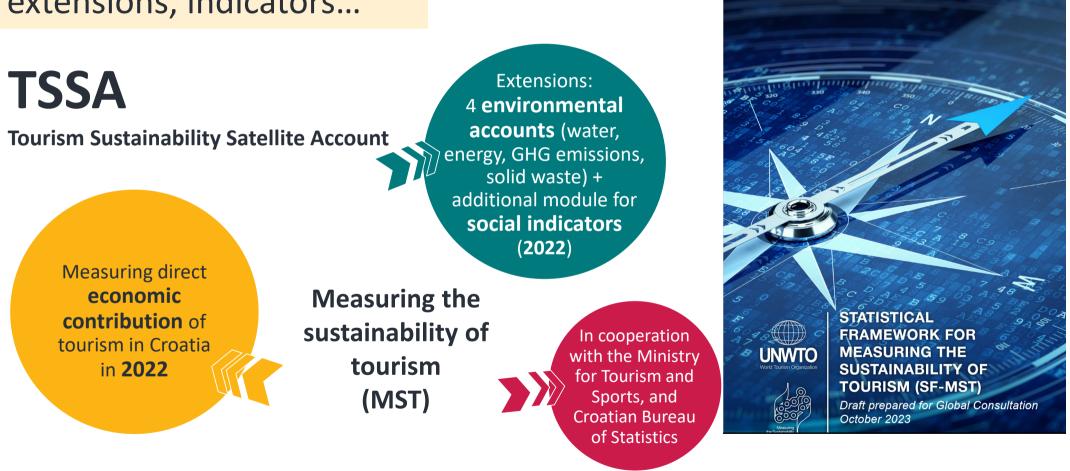






Macroeconomic analysis with environmental/social extensions, indicators...





Indicators...



Croatian observatory for sustainable coastal and maritime tourism development



#### Indicators...



 Guidelines for measurement and monitoring sustainability of tourism for destinations

**CR STO** 

(http://www.crosto.hr/files/file/prirucnik/prirucnik\_za mjerenje\_i\_pracenje\_odrzivosti\_turizma\_za\_destinac ije\_crosto.pdf)

Enable destinations to independently establish a measurement system, from the formation of a local working group, data collection, calculation, analysis and dissemination of measurement results





#### Aplications

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- CROSTO StanApp an application for data entry and data processing of residents survey
- CROSTO TurApp an application for data entry and data processing of tourists survey





# Croatia: The commitment to monitor and support the sustainable tourism

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2023 Official side event: Economic, social and environmental sustainability in tourism

"... Tourism Act (2024) will create a legislative framework for data collection measuring the effects of tourism and managing tourism based on meaningful data....

...local population and government will be provided with tools to mitigate negative impact of tourism on the environment including possibilities of charging a special environmental fee...

... the Act will also include framework for investments and incentives based on sustainability criteria..."

✓ Policy working for data!



#### 14th July 2023, UN Headquarters in NYC

The Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia in collaboration with the UNWTO with the support of the Ministry of Tourism of India, Chair of the G20 Tourism Committee Presidency.

To showcase how partnerships across multilateral, public, private, and academic sectors are actively contributing to fulfilling tourism's potential in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



# Challenges of the measurement process and establishment of indicators (local/regional/national/international scope)

- **Data availability / assessment of indicators** (e.g. family owned accommodation, non-commercial accommodation second homes and VFR, same-day visitors, **nautical tourism yachting/cruising** etc.)
- **Data harmonization** highly dependent on portfolio/structure of tourism products
- **Data integration** (development of some kind of aggregate/compound indicator)
- **Interpretation** of indicators (inauguration of some **baseline values/intervals** in order to enable benchmarking and/or recognition of 'good value practice')
- **Standardization / comparability** (MST, INSTO, EUROSTAT, ETIS, GSTC, OECD....)
- Survey based indicators national/regional surveys or local/destination surveys

## Data gaps: Research agenda on environmental impacts generated by tourism – pilot surveys (2023/2024)

- Hotels, camps and restaurants sector
- Providers of commercial accommodation services in households
- Accommodation in secondary homes
- Travel agencies and tour operators
- Passenger transport (transport providers)
- Nautical tourism (yachting and small ship cruises)
- Visits to protected natural areas and cultural heritage
- Same-day tourism trips

- Main survey topics:
- GHG emission
- Energy use
- Water use
- Waste water production
- Solid waste production
- Attitudes of the local population towards tourism and the impact of tourism on the quality of life (local/destination level)



### Thank you for your attention! Looking forward to further discussion!

