

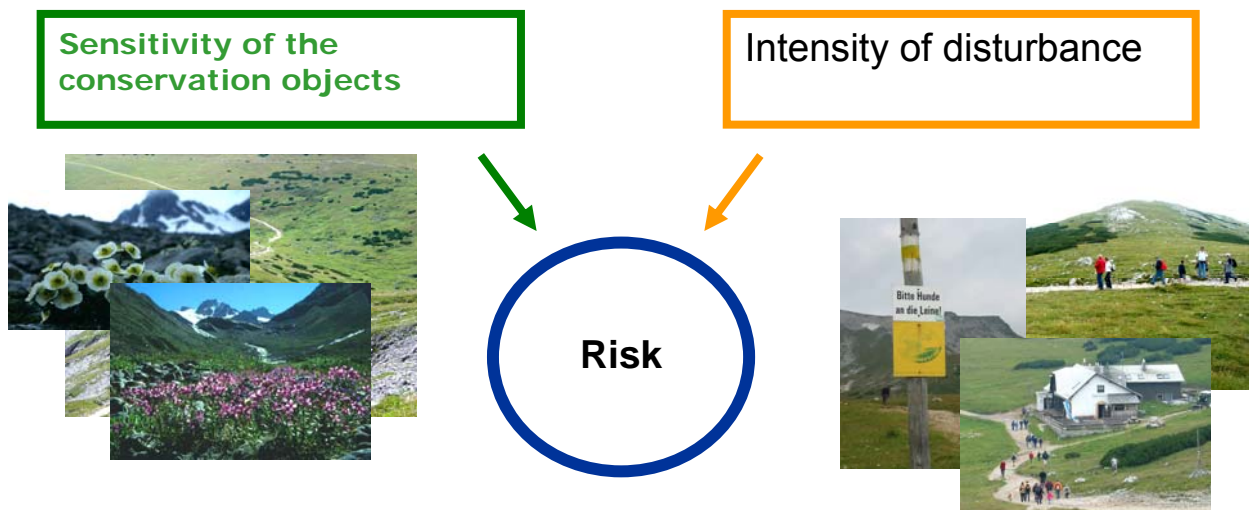
3. Assessment of impact of tourism and recreational use

Theoretical background

Since the 1970s the concept of the ecological risk analysis is applied mainly in environmental impact assessments. This concept has been developed to be able to assess the ecological impact of a planning. Within project AlpNaTour the concept of the ecological risk analysis has been adopted to assess the risk of a deterioration of the conservation status of the protected habitats and species by tourism and recreational use.

The management planning focuses on the areas with high risk. So an efficient planning can be ensured in tackling areas where there is need for action.

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Checklist

Sensitivity of the conservation objects

- Have you identified all species and habitats that can be affected by tourism and recreational activities?
- Have you considered the most sensitive time range of species and habitats (breeding season, start of the vegetation period)?
- Are there local experts for species protection?

Intensity of tourism use

- Have you identified all relevant recreational and tourism uses?
- Have you identified and considered peak times of tourism and recreational activities?
- Are there local experts for tourism and recreation use (tourism stakeholders, sport associations...)?