Ecotourism and Ecolodges as a Conservation Tool in Latin America

Many of us have been, or aspire to be, ecotourists. We seek not just adventure but unspoiled nature and wildlife. Latin America contains the richest biodiversity in the world, and this has enormous ecotourism potential. But ecotourism is not defined only by its intent to see and enjoy nature, but also by its impact on conservation and the provision of sustainable development for local people.

Hector Ceballos-Lascurain, an environmentalist and architect based in Mexico City, has consulted on ecotourism throughout Latin America and in a total of 80 countries around the world. He is particularly concerned with ecotourism planning and designing low impact ecolodges and other physical facilities for tourists and with the relation of tourism to parks and protected areas. He will give an overview of ecotourism and ecolodge development in Latin America three decades after he originated the concept.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS TALK
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