

# Activity Sheet 1.13

## Role Card 7

### Responsible Tourism

We are a very small organisation, with limited funds.

Most of our workers are part-time volunteers.

We are not against tourism or people enjoying themselves – our aim is to make sure that the development of tourism does not harm the people or the environment of the country.

In Nepal, wood from precious forests is being used to build hotels and lodges and as fuel by people on jungle treks and tours. This causes deforestation and increases the risk of landslides and floods – we want to make sure this does not happen in Botanica.

In Burma more than 5,000 people who lived in an historic place were given two weeks to leave. Now tourists are welcomed while those people have been moved away – we want to support Botanicians in their struggle for their rights.

Two years ago we cooperated with Global Wildlife Concern (GWC) in supporting a locally organised petition against a Botanican government plan to develop a new resort.

We have a very strong equal opportunities policy in our organisation.