



## Perceptions of Residents Towards The Impacts of Rural Tourism in Sinop Province

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### Abstract

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The importance of local community in rural areas has been gained with much concern by government, researchers. Because of increasing rural tourism in global level, people also has create new job areas, increased their income and living standard. Local people's thoughts to tourism is so important for local community and welcome tourists will be happy if tourism is done correctly. Local community's attitudes to this tourism type has emerged to be investigated and the aim of this study is defined as a mesure of their attitude towards the local community to rural tourism. As a research method, Survey method, being One of the quantitative research method was applied to local community in Sinop province. The survey was conducted between January-April of 2017 and 297 questionnaires were included in the study. Acorrding to results; Local people thought that tourism had both negative and positive effect from the social, economical, environmental perceptives.

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