

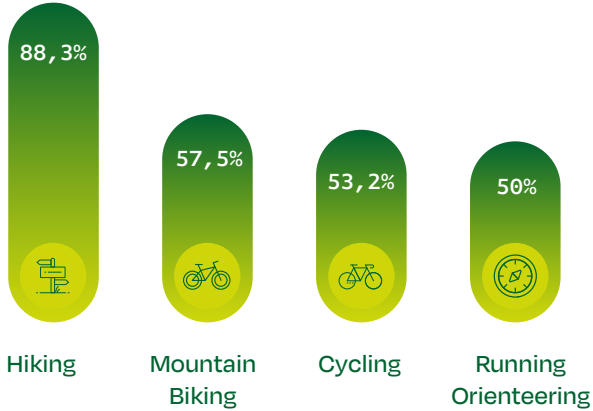
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POPULAR OUTDOOR SPORTS IN PROTECTED AREAS



Data was received from 94 Protected Areas in 24 Countries.

Forest habitats were represented in 80% of Protected Areas.

Most consistent issue across most habitats was unleashed dogs.

COMMON PERCEIVED ISSUES CAUSED BY OUTDOOR SPORTS IN PROTECTED AREAS FROM + TO -



- Unleashed dogs
- Disturbing wild fauna
- Parking issues
- Practicing in restricted areas
- Conflicts with other users
- Overcrowding
- Erosion
- Littering



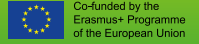
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POPULARITY OF OUTDOOR SPORTS DURING COVID



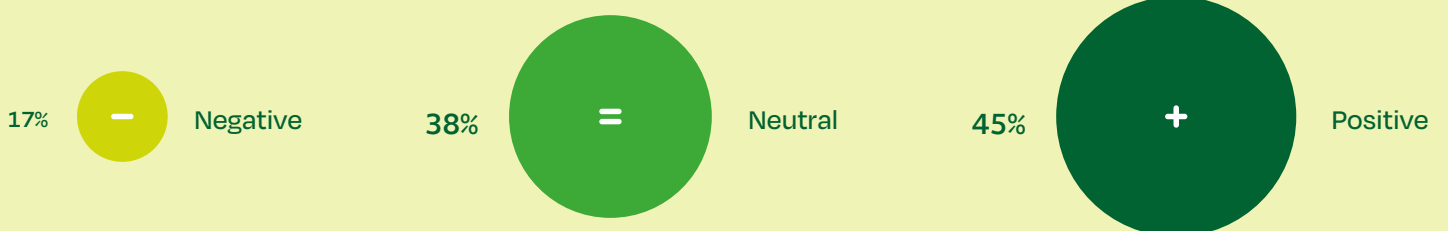
80% of respondents indicated that demand and use of the protected areas has increased during Covid.

55% indicated that this correlated with an increase in **irresponsible behaviours**.



Outdoor recreation plays a key role in building awareness of the natural world — **it's much easier to foster an ethos of care for resources that people can experience at first hand.**

OVERALL PERCEPTION OF OUTDOOR SPORTS IN PROTECTED AREAS



66% of respondents stated that outdoor sports in their Protected Area are linked to **better awareness of nature and environmental issues.**

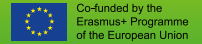
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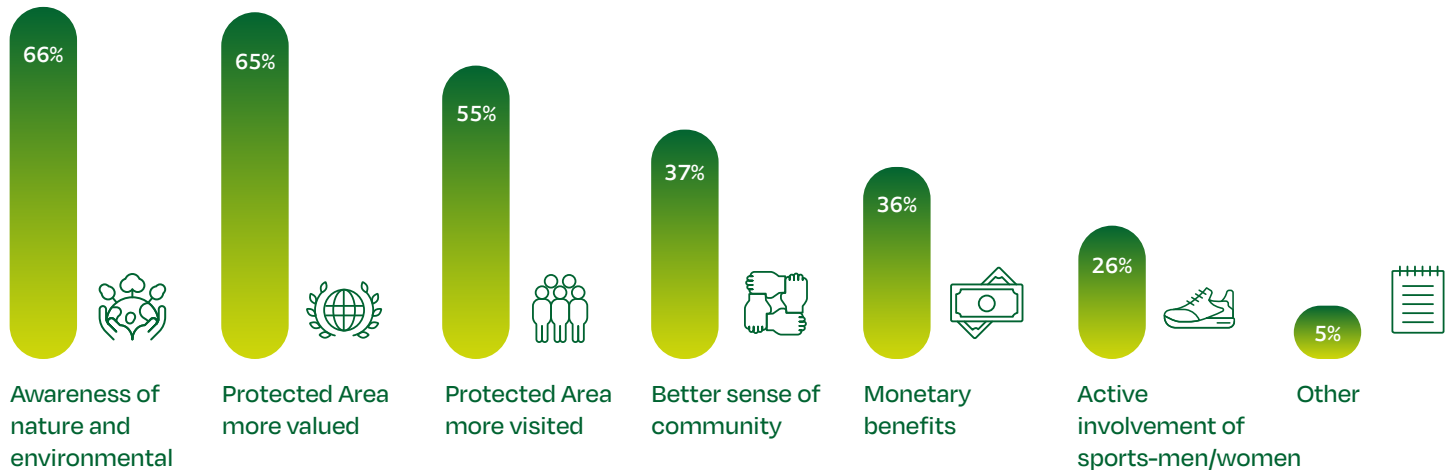


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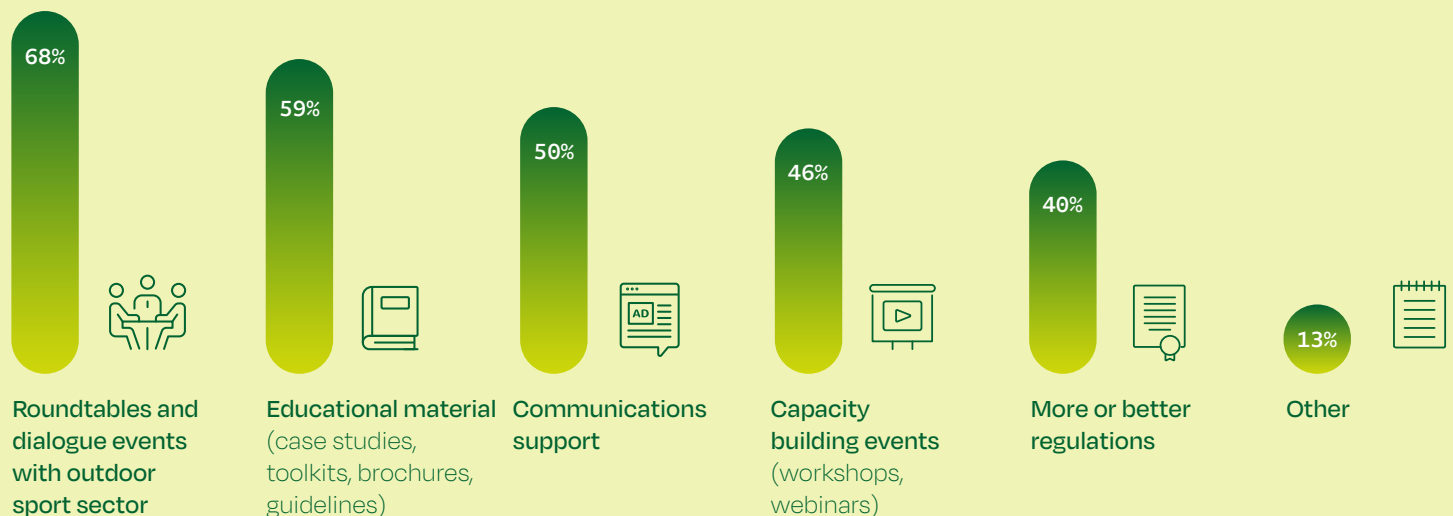
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BENEFITS FOR PROTECTED AREAS FROM OUTDOOR SPORTS



97% of all the respondents have implemented some kind of **regulation to manage outdoor sports.**

SUPPORT NEEDED TO IMPROVE OUTDOOR SPORTS MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION



Data was received from managers of

94



Protected Areas

24



Countries