



DarkSky Approved Lodging Program

Version 1.0

Criteria Checklist

The table below lists an abbreviated version of the criteria and is a platform to summarize your project's solution to each. Use this checklist as a way to make sure your application is complete and addresses the goals set forth in the program. Be sure to include a comprehensive plan in the application that addresses all details of the criteria from the DarkSky Approved Lodging guidelines. This includes but is not limited to a Lightscape Management Plan (LMP), Habitat Identification Report (HIR), Sky Quality

GUIDELINES	CRITERIA	PROJECT RESPONSE
2.2.A.1 2.2.A.1.a 2.2.A.1.b	Outcome: Sky Quality	
	1. The candidate accommodation facility (hereafter, "Facility") must:	
	a. Have a pre-certification dark sky reading of 21.2 stellar magnitudes per square arcsecond (mpsas) or greater; or	
	b. Be located within a currently designated International Dark Sky Park or International Dark Sky Sanctuary, or within the core of an International Dark Sky Reserve.	
	Outcome: Habitat Identification	

2.2.B.1	1. The Facility must have a written Habitat Identification Report (HIR) that includes:	
2.2.B.1.a	a. A list of threatened, endangered, and vulnerable species around the Facility that identifies which are nocturnal or otherwise sensitive to human-generated light at night; and	
2.2.B.1.b	b. Steps to be taken to minimize human-generated lighting in areas within and around the Facility that are visited by wildlife, especially those species that are endangered, threatened, or nocturnally active; and	
2.2.B.1.c	c. Specific plans for periodic reevaluation of the exposure of identified species to human-generated light	
	Outcome: Quality Lighting Design	
2.2.C	The Facility shall adopt and follow a Lightscape Management Plan (LMP). Minimum requirements:	
2.2.C.1	1. At the outset of any process involving additions or other changes to the existing lighting, the purpose of the proposed changes shall be clearly stated and consideration given as to whether they are necessary or will be helpful, including the following:	
2.2.C.1.a	a. Lighting objectives should consider the local regulatory requirements, relevant lighting standards, and identified species; and	

2.2.C.1.b	b. Consideration should be given to how indoor light affects the outdoor environment, and steps should be taken to minimize its impact, such as window shades and placement of interior light fixtures; and	
2.2.C.1.c	c. Glare from luminaires (i.e., light fixtures) should be minimized to maintain dark adaptation as much as possible.	
2.2.C.2	2. Luminaires shall be dimmable wherever possible, so that the amount of light emitted can be varied according to need.	
2.2.C.3	3. At least two-thirds of the existing lighting inventory shall conform to the LMP at the time the application is submitted.	
2.2.C.4	4. The LMP shall describe a schedule wherein 80% of the lighting inventory will conform to the LMP within two years of certification, and 100% within five years.	
	Outcome: Education and Outreach	
2.2.D.1	1. The Facility shall ensure that all staff are knowledgeable about the Program and that all facility maintenance staff are trained on the LMP; and	
2.2.D.2	2. The Facility shall provide safe viewing of the night sky or the nighttime environment to all guests.	
2.2.D.3	3. The Facility shall provide outreach programs and materials.	

2.2.D.4	4. If the Facility routinely provides programs for guests to attend, these shall include programs related to the night sky and/or nighttime environment.	
3.1.C.4	4. Maps of the area to be designated as a DarkSky Approved Lodging must be included, clearly indicating the Lodging boundaries and geographic context.	
3.1.C.5	5. Site plan showing the location of facilities and any sensitive resources (e.g., natural areas, bodies of water) must be included.	
3.1.C.10	10. A Lighting Inventory, including luminaire locations (see Appendix A in Guidelines) must be included.	