

Cleanup of Caves

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Sparking Ideas for the Classroom

Discussion Question(s):	<i>After reading the article,</i> 1. What happened to the 'Avatar' mountains? To what extent were the actions taken by the local authorities effective? 2. What do you think are the possible impacts on the environment? 3. How would tourist activities be affected?
Extension Question(s):	1. What are some ways in which humans can affect nature? Are they always negative? 2. Why is it important for us to protect the natural environment? 3. Whose responsibility is it to manage these environments sustainably? Why?
Extension Activity:	Lesson Idea: Beyond the story of the 'Avatar' mountains, look for other case studies of tourist attractions that have benefitted from the actions of stakeholders (e.g. local communities, tourists, government. Share how the respective stakeholders have effectively or ineffectively enabled change in the local / tourist environment.