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(RASC-NP-GOL™)**

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## 1.0 SCOPE

This document presents Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting (GOL) in Nocturnal Preserves™ (NPs, and herein after referred to as Parks) and describes the types of equipment required to satisfy these guidelines. It refers to areas classified as “Lighting Zone 0” (per IES – IDA Model Lighting Ordinance), which encompasses pristine areas that are sensitive to artificial lighting and other environmental disruptions.

The goal of the NP Program™ is to prevent light pollution and sustain or improve the nocturnal environment for flora and fauna.

This NP-GOL™ has three objectives: to eliminate all artificial lighting within the Core of the NP, to restrict to minimum levels the artificial light from the Buffer Zone around the NP Core, and to create outreach programs to encourage urban areas beyond the Park boundaries to reduce their contributions to artificial sky glow. These objectives will protect the NP from deterioration in the future by surrounding light pollution.

In Section 3.0 we present the rationale for a NP and the protection of the nighttime environment from the excessive use of artificial lighting. To support these guidelines, this document provides references to useful web sites and to general research into the effects of nocturnal lighting on humans, human activity, flora and fauna.

The general guidelines for outdoor lighting (GOL) within the Nocturnal Preserve are presented in Section 4. Lighting hardware and signage are described in Section 5 to assist Park managers in minimizing the impact of artificial lighting on the nighttime environment while maintaining a degree of safety for visitors.

If the area has very little sky glow from neighbouring urban areas, and it is protected for wildlife while providing significant services for visitors, including astronomy outreach, the area might alternately be considered for classification as a Dark-sky Preserve. Park and Conservation area Managers interested in DSP Designations should refer to the documents: RASC-DSP GUIDELINES™ and RASC-DSP-GOL™. DSP designations encourage outdoor stargazing and astronomy programs that present the night sky as our cultural heritage.

If there is significant sky glow due to close proximity to an urban area, and has significant artificial outdoor lighting for human access, the area may alternatively be classified as an Urban Star Park. Park and Conservation area Managers interested in USP designations should refer to the documents: RASC-USP GUIDELINES and RASC-USP-GOL. The night sky over an USP is also promoted with outdoor stargazing and astronomy outreach programs.

A bibliography in Section 6.1 provides a set of references and useful websites. Supplementary technical information is provided in the appendices at the end of this document.

## 2.0 GLOSSARY

### 2.1 Acronyms

ALAN Artificial Light at Night

CARS Canadian Aviation Regulations

CFL Compact Fluorescent Lamps

CO Cut-off luminaires (>0% and <2% up-light)

DSP Dark-sky Preserve

FCO Full Cut-Off luminaires (0% up-light or Fully Shielded)

GOL RASC Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting

HID High Intensity Discharge lamps (LPS, HPS, MH lamps)

HPS High Pressure Sodium lamps (“yellow” coloured lamps)

IESNA Illumination Engineering Society of North America

LEDs Light Emitting Diodes

LIL™ Low-Impact Lighting™ Lighting that complies with these Guidelines

LPS Low Pressure Sodium lamps (monochromatic, single colour lamps)

MH Metal Halide lamps (“white” coloured lamps)

NP RASC Nocturnal Preserve

SAD Seasonal Affective Disorder

SCO Semi-Cut-off (<2% up-light)

ShCO Sharp Cut-off luminaires (<0% up-light, <2% between 80-90 degrees of nadir)

## 2.2 Definitions

Amber – a colour of light that does not have any emissions at wavelengths shorter than 500 nm with a peak around 590 nm. Generally has a broad band yellowish colour and has less impact on night vision and circadian rhythm than other colours.

Dark Time – a period after which scheduled outdoor activity has ended and visitors are expected to minimize their activity to permit other visitors to sleep.

Foot-candles (fc) - an Imperial unit measure of the amount of light that falls on a defined area<sup>1</sup>. Examples of levels are provided in Appendices A and C.

Lumens - A luminance metric unit for the amount of emitted light. Typical luminance of various lamps are listed in Appendix C.

Lux – a metric unit measure of the amount of light that falls on a defined area<sup>2</sup>. Examples of levels are provided in Appendices A and C.

Nadir – the point directly below the luminaire (opposite to “zenith”)

Photobiology – the study of the effects of light on biological systems.

Photopic Vision – vision that uses the lower sensitivity photoreceptors (cones) that have evolved for daytime vision and high illumination levels.

Scotobiology – the study of the effects of darkness on biological systems.

Scotopic Vision - vision that uses the higher sensitivity photoreceptors (rods) that have evolved for nighttime vision and low illumination levels.

NP Buffer Zone - a region within the NP under control of the park manager, or others surrounding the Core area. The Buffer Zone is designed to prevent glare and light trespass from shining into the Core area.

NP Core - the region under control of the park manager within the NP surrounded by the Buffer Zone.

Sky Quality Meter – a light meter designed specifically to measure a value for the brightness of the night sky.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm](http://www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm)

<sup>2</sup> [www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm](http://www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm)

### 3.0 RATIONALE

Most people take artificial nighttime lighting for granted. In cities artificial light is considered to be an acceptable component of our society, and indeed people think it is a necessity<sup>3</sup> for safety and security. Specifications and guidelines for street and roadway lighting<sup>3</sup> address these urban assumptions. These assumptions have led to lighting policies that encourage the illumination of all urban areas to allow the use of human photopic (daytime) vision. (Figure 3.0.1).

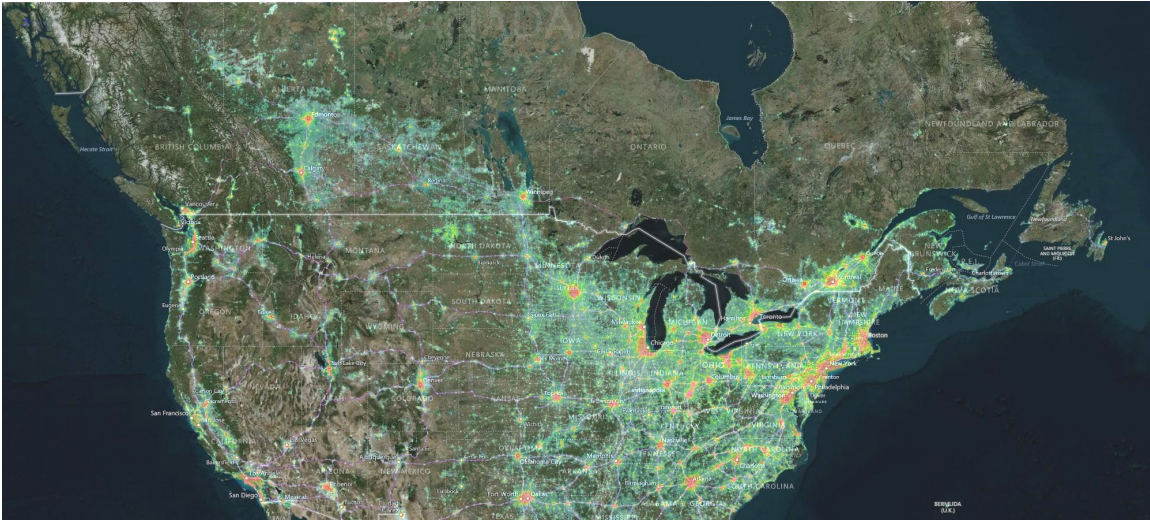


Figure 3.0.1 Mid Latitudes at Night<sup>4</sup>

The availability of electrical energy and efficient lighting fixtures have enabled the current urban lifestyle of non-stop “24-7” activity. Furthermore, the advances in lighting technology have permitted illumination levels to increase over the last 50 years by a factor 10, with the use of the same amount of electrical energy. The result is that most commercial luminaires are designed for high levels of illumination. Low intensity fixtures are primarily limited to decorative lighting such as Christmas lights.

The only reason for outdoor lighting is to assist the mobility of humans. Where the environment is primarily for the protection of wildlife, there should be no artificial outdoor lighting.

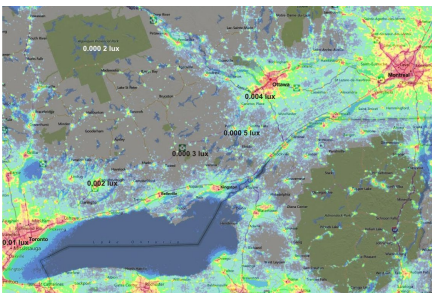


Figure 3.0.2, the extreme difference of light polluted skies of Toronto, compared to relatively good skies southwest of Ottawa on the Rideau Canal system and to its west, are illustrated in this false-colour map. Bright red corresponds to high levels of sky glow (0.010 lux) and green is an intermediate amount (0.00025 lux). The area of Algonquin Park appears black with very dark skies.

<sup>3</sup> Illumination Engineering Society of North American (IESNA) Handbook

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.lightpollutionmap.info> 2010)

### 3.1 Crime

The most prevalent reason given for nighttime lighting is to reduce crime in cities. This is generally based on the notion that more light improves visibility, and that this visibility discourages criminals. Based on before and after studies of crime statistics, there is no clear evidence that outdoor lighting reduces crime<sup>5</sup>. Although there are anecdotal reports that “improved lighting” (i.e. improved visibility) reduces crime<sup>6</sup>, there is no evidence that crime is reduced with “more or brighter lighting”<sup>7</sup>. In some cases crime was simply displaced, or the altered lighting was prompted or caused by a change in use of the streets by “...strengthening informal social control and community cohesion”<sup>8</sup> and this may have affected the pattern of crime.

There are different types of crime. In a Nocturnal Preserve it is anticipated that criminal activity will be minimal and that vandalism and pouching would be the primary elements. Vandalism is best addressed by human presence rather than isolated lighting, which puts the property and other assets on display.

Pouching is a more complex crime that cannot be practically reduced with outdoor lighting. There is no evidence that outdoor lighting reduces pouching.

### 3.2 Human Lighting Needs

Humans are a daytime species. Although we can see at night, our vision is significantly reduced compared to the daytime. In the past, starlight provided sufficient levels of illumination for most activities. However our modern fast paced and mechanized activity requires better visual acuity for driving cars, riding bicycles and for avoiding urban hazards.

Some level of artificial lighting is required for nighttime activities. But this lighting must be designed to increase visibility. Paradoxically, more light can reduce visibility, especially for persons over 40 years of age<sup>9</sup>.

The human reaction time to a stimulus is a function of the illumination level<sup>10</sup>. For our photopic vision it is less than 0.2 seconds, whereas with our scotopic (night) vision it is about 0.5 seconds, which is sufficient for a walking pace. However, measured times and illuminated roadside distractions create actual reaction times of 1 to 3 seconds<sup>11</sup>. Illumination levels play a small part in reducing driver reactions.

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<sup>5</sup> The Influence of Street Lighting on Crime and Fear of Crime, Prevention Unit Paper No. 28, Stephen Atkins, Sohail Husain and Angele Storey, 1991, ISBN 0 86252 668 X

<sup>6</sup> Effects of Improved Street Lighting on Crime: A Systematic Review, Home Office Research Study 251, by David P. Farrington and Brandon C. Welsh, August 2002

<sup>7</sup> The Indiana Council on Outdoor Lighting Education (ICOLE), P.O. Box 17351, Indianapolis, IN 46217

<sup>8</sup> *ibid*, page 2.

<sup>9</sup> **Work, Aging, and Vision: Report of a Conference**, ISBN-10: 0-309-07793-1

<sup>10</sup> A.L. Robert - Simple Time Reaction as a Function of Luminance for Various Wavelengths, Perception & Psychophysics, 1971, Vol.10(6)

<sup>11</sup> T. Triggs, W. Harris, Reaction Time of Drivers to Road Stimuli, Human Factors Report No. HFR-12, ISBN 0 86746 147 0, Monash Univeristy, Victoria Australia, June 1982



### 3.3 Human Health

The proliferation of outdoor lighting has a significant impact on the health and behaviour of wildlife. Different species take advantage of, or avoid, nocturnal activity, while biological clocks control sleep patterns, alertness, physical strength, blood pressure, and other aspects of animal physiology.

The dominant mechanism for synchronizing this biological clock to their activity (the circadian rhythm) is the day-night contrast and the timely release of the hormone melatonin. This hormone regulates the ebb and flow of other hormones in their bodies, repairing physical damage, and fighting infection and disease.

### 3.4 Environmental Health

Although many people are familiar with the activity of the natural world during the day (i.e., photobiology), few people are as familiar with similar activity at night. Humans are not the only species whose biological clock is controlled by day-night contrasts and the release of melatonin. The same biological clock is found in plants and animals wherein it plays a similar role<sup>12</sup>. Wildlife depends on the darkness of the night. The study of this dependence is called “scotobiology”.

Research into the nocturnal environment is relatively recent compared to research into the daytime environment. Consequently, there is far less published literature documenting the sensitivity of the general nighttime ecology to artificial lighting. Most of the research is on specific species in the wild or laboratory studies. However, mounting scientific evidence is documenting the profound impact of artificial light on the ecology of the night.

Plants are affected by the colour and duration of lighting. Whether the effects are considered beneficial or not depends on the desired outcome. Generally, artificial lighting will change the natural growth patterns and may affect the resistance of plants to infestations and disease. Many plants respond to the length of the day and normally recognize it as an indication of the season. Extending light past the evening may slow the plant’s biochemistry from changing to prepare for winter<sup>13</sup>. The various affects of colour, duration, type of plant, etc. makes sweeping conclusions impossible, however they indicate that changing the lighting environment will change the natural ecology of the area.

### 3.5 Animal Behaviour

Artificial sky glow extends well beyond the city boundaries. Therefore in considering urban outdoor lighting, we must also consider its impact on animal behaviour within rural areas in the region.

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<sup>12</sup> “Lighting for the Human Circadian Clock”, S. M. Pauley, *Medical Hypotheses* (2004) 63,588–596

<sup>13</sup> *Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting*, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 405

Exposure to short periods of bright illumination (less than a minute) does not seem to affect the biological rhythm in animals<sup>14</sup>. However, longer exposures to light can shift (or entrain) their circadian rhythm and modify their behavioural patterns. Minimizing the duration of exposure to artificial light is necessary to limit its impact.

Seasonal variations will shift the time of sunset by over four hours (from roughly 16:30 in winter to 21:00 in summer). During the peak of Park activities in summer, the time of sunset can vary by two hours (see Appendix D). In addition to this, dusk can extend the daylight by as much as an hour.

Artificial lighting changes the nighttime behaviour of species<sup>15</sup>. Over a month, the changing phases of the Moon affect the ground illumination at night. Nocturnal mammals adapt their behaviour over the month in sympathy to moonlight to avoid predators. This behaviour includes, in part, limiting the foraging area and carrying food back to their shelters instead of eating it in the field. This latter adaptation limits how much they can eat<sup>16</sup>.



Predator and prey behaviour depends on the darkness of the night<sup>17</sup>. Illumination levels that significantly affect wildlife are believed to be at the level of the full Moon, although the effect begins to be evident at lower light levels<sup>18</sup>. To put this in context, it is generally recommended by the IESNA that an urban parking lot be lighted to more than 100-times this level (see Appendix A), and illumination by the sky glow from a nearby city can exceed these levels.

It is well documented that some insects are drawn towards light sources. This interrupts their normal mating and foraging activities and it concentrates them within a small area thus enhancing predation<sup>19</sup>. They may also swarm the light fixture until they are exhausted. The resulting pile of insects must then be cleaned up. The blue light components of typical white light are the main light attractors for insects. Using white light in populated areas essentially attracts the insects to the people causing a nuisance and since insects are vectors for disease, the white light enhances the health risk of outdoor activity<sup>20</sup>.

Animals separated from their normal foraging grounds by an illuminated road cannot see the area beyond the lights. They can be temporarily blinded by headlights from passing

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<sup>14</sup> Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 24

<sup>15</sup> The Urban Wildlands Group ([www.urbanwildlands.org/abstracts.html](http://www.urbanwildlands.org/abstracts.html))

<sup>16</sup> Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 28

<sup>17</sup> *ibid.*, Chapter 2

<sup>18</sup> *ibid.*, Chapter 11

<sup>19</sup> *ibid.*, Chapter 13

<sup>20</sup> A. Barghini, B. de Medeiros, Artificial Lighting as a Vector Attractant and Cause of Disease Diffusion, doi: 10.128/ehp.1002115, August 2010, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, US Dept. of Health and Human Services

cars. Their natural instinct is to wait until they can see where they are going. This can leave them in the open and vulnerable to predation. They may abandon their established foraging patterns for new ones, which will impact other species as they compete for resources<sup>21</sup>.

### 3.6 Shorelines

Historically, waterways have been used for transportation and recreation. However, they are also important ecosystems that support wildlife in the water and on the lands adjacent to the shoreline. Shoreline property is valued by our society and this is causing human developments along rivers and around lakes. An increasing number of properties have shoreline lighting that illuminates the waterway.

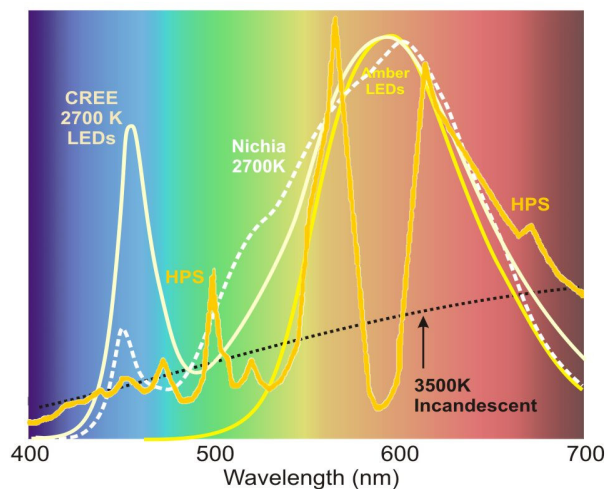
From the human stand point, bright lights along the shoreline make it very difficult to navigate the channel. Glare from unshielded shoreline lighting prevents our eyes from becoming adapted to the darkness. At night, a boater will only be able to see the points of light along the shore rendering the channel markers and out-of-channel hazards very difficult to see. Clearly, glare along the shoreline results in a safety hazard that should be corrected.

Illuminated shorelines also impact fish and aquatic plants<sup>22</sup>. Fish are attracted to the light from their natural feeding depths. The increase in the concentration of fish changes the hunting efficiency of predators. Although the behaviour of the nocturnal predator may not be compromised by artificial light, the ability of its prey to recognize the danger and to escape will affect their survival.

### 3.7 Blank

### 3.8 Spectrum of Artificial Light at Night

As discussed in Section 4 and Appendix 3, only non-white light sources are permitted in Dark Sky Preserves. There are three reasons for the prohibition of white light that refer to the biology of animals and plants and human and animal vision.



Most lamps used in parks are based on incandescent bulbs, HPS bulbs and LEDs. Incandescent bulbs emit a broad band "warm" light with a correlated colour temperature (CCT) of about 2700K. HPS lamps have a "spiky" spectrum. Although the colour "looks" yellow, it contains 10% blue light (<500 nm).

LEDs are available in a range of colours but they can be classified as white and

<sup>21</sup> Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006

<sup>22</sup> Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Part V

amber. The white-light LED luminaires are available with "3000K" LEDs. However the amount of blue in these lamps can vary considerably between companies. The amber LEDs emit virtually no blue light, but due to the smooth variation of colour over the spectrum they provide 2X the colour rendering of HPS lamps.

White light is not permitted in Dark Sky Preserves because of its impact on wildlife, vision and its scattering properties. The blue spectral components affect the circadian rhythm of plants and animals, artificially altering their biology and providing subconscious lighting cues that may lead to inappropriate behaviours.

The blue spectral components attract insects to the light by approximately 50% over amber light. Apart from being a nuisance, insects can carry diseases that may be transmitted to park visitors.

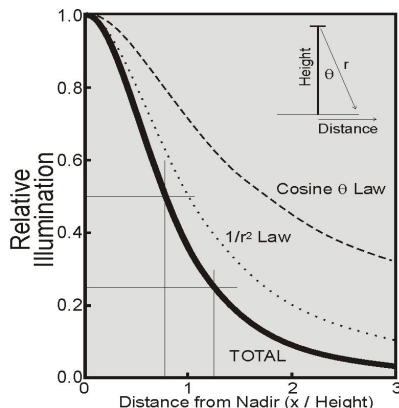
The blue light components increase the impact of glare - 10X that of amber light, and when the LEDs are exposed, they will "bleach" the rod cells in our retina and undermine our night vision. With a compromised night vision, we are less able to see into dim areas - reducing safety by limiting our awareness of the surroundings (creating hazards) and affecting our ability to navigate at night.

On a case-by-case basis the RASC may allow 3000K LEDs. However, they will require more aggressive shielding than full cut-off, and lower illumination to reduce the impact of the glare. No light shall shine at or above the horizon, and no more than 1% of the total emitted light shall be emitted in the "glare zone" between 90-80 degrees from nadir. Also, the illumination level must be less than 1/4 the levels specified in Section 4 of this document to help preserve our night vision, and to limit the extent of the ecological impact.

### 3.9 Luminaire Shields

Shielding of the luminaire is critical for limiting the light's impact on the environment beyond the target areas and improving visibility. It reduces the impact of glare and limits the extent of the affected area.

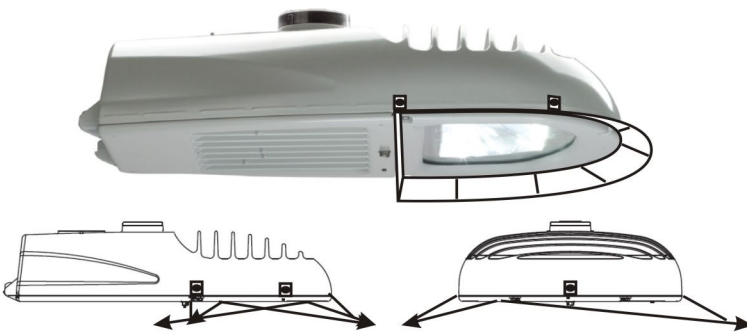
Although unshielded lights will illuminate a very large area, the illumination level more than 2 mounting heights from nadir is, quite literally, negligible - <1/10 that at nadir, due to the cosine law and the  $1/r^2$  law. So without appropriately designed optics, to "throw light" from nadir into the periphery, the total useful spread of the light is only 1.5 X mounting height from nadir.



However the light that shines within 10° below the horizon can affect the aesthetic appearance of the night for more than a kilometre and can undermine our night vision more than 100 meters away. Full cut-off fixtures limit the amount of light in this glare zone to <10%. And, Sharp cut-off fixtures limit it to <1%.

Amber light (spectrum is >500 nm) provides low exposure to the action spectrum of our sensitive night vision and the cells that cause our iris to constrict in bright light. So amber light results in relatively low impact on our night vision. Wavelengths <500 nm (blue spectral components) cause about 10X the impact of glare. This is the reason that white light luminaires seem to be much more "glaring" than the older HPS in their flat-glass fixtures. Therefore the amount of blue light in the glare zone should be reduced to 1/10 that of amber light. The bright points of the LED emitters compared to the much larger HPS bulb exacerbate the effect of glare.

The blue spectral components also impact plant biology and the vision of wildlife so the affected area must be reduced as much as practical to minimize its ecological impact. Therefore, white light lamps require at least Sharp cut-off shielding for them to equal the effective of glare by amber light. Existing commercial luminaires (circa 2016) approach FCO but extra shields are required to convert them into Sharp cut-off.



This is a sketch of what a shield could look like. The shape is based on earlier shields that were used on non cut-off cobra lights. The front and back surfaces should be designed to limit light trespass.

### 3.10 Scheduling of Light

Any use of artificial light at night (ALAN) will alter the ecosystem, so the amount of light that this emitted, the extent of the affected area and the spectrum of the light must be minimized and defined. A good reference and discussion of this impact is listed in the Reference Section 6.1 (R. Dick).

Since humans are the only creatures that want the light, its use must be moderated by its resulting impact. Many Parks have a defined Dark Time during which all unnecessary lighting should be turned off. However many installed lights remain turned on because there are no switches or timing circuits. Older lights were selected before our understanding of the impact of ALAN on the ecosystem ecosystem and have particularly high impact.

There are four uses for outdoor lighting.

- Navigation - It assists in wayfinding
- Aesthetics - It is a visual cultural display
- Safety - It renders hazards more visible
- Security - Assists security personnel to protect persons and property

"Best practice" in urban areas with a full-time police force and security guards is for high-illumination levels for safety and security.

However in Dark Sky Preserves, the aesthetic is the natural night. And, the role of artificial light at night is to only identify hazards and wayfinding. There are usually no security personnel that make regular security sweeps of campgrounds or other areas throughout the night. To protect the night environment and satisfy the need for wayfinding requires the minimum amount of light necessary.

A significant cost to Park infrastructure is the laying of power lines and installation of luminaires. The supply of electricity and the maintenance of these lights are an on-going expense. However LEDs save considerable power over the much older incandescent lamps. Appendix C compares the light output from these light sources.

Where reduction in power usage costs is being considered as a reason for converting to LED lights, similar cost savings can be found by implementing periods where lights are turned completely off to save power, or motion sensed lighting implemented to use light only when use is triggered. In this way, considerable power can be saved even when using amber lighting, which is slightly less efficient than white-light LEDs.

Implementing a Dark Time policy for installed lighting, will more than compensate for the 1-5% energy cost of amber LEDs. And, the illumination will have little ecological impact and will preserve visibility for visitors.

Virtually all visitors to a park after dark use flashlights. So visitors have light when necessary during Dark Time. Convenient signage compliments the use of these personal lights (See Section 4.6).

### **3.11 Summary**

There is growing evidence for the degradation of animal health with the illumination of the night. The reduction in day-night contrast can uncouple the circadian rhythm from their normal daytime activities that may reduce their survival from injury and disease.

It is clearly shown in published research that artificial outdoor lighting affects ecology by disrupting food webs. Although the actual mechanism for this disruption is not always clear, this does not weaken the evidence for the damaging impact of artificial light on the ecosystem and the need to minimize it.

White light sources are not permitted because of their impact on the wildlife, human vision, and attraction for insects.

Education is the key to correcting the degradation of the nocturnal environment by artificial light at night. Establishing Nocturnal Preserves is an obvious way to help inform the public about the virtues of a dark night. And, by drawing their attention to the vitality

of night animals in the Dark-sky Preserves they will begin to understand the importance of reducing artificial light at night.

Artificial lighting that is installed for human activity is altering the natural environment. This environmental degradation continues without resistance, and is indeed supported by human nighttime culture. Primarily due to ignorance, civic policies and the legal system are strongly biased in favour of human demands at the expense of the natural environment. New research is revealing how artificial lighting degrades the health of the ecosystem beyond our cities. Wildlife has no voice and cannot control their environment. We must act on their behalf by preserving regions that preserve the natural night.

## 4.0 GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING

A Nocturnal Preserve (NP) is a region set aside for conservation of flora and fauna. There is no general requirement for nighttime public access, though astronomy or eco-tourism may be part of the Park's outreach program, if desired.. It is the purpose of a Nocturnal Preserve program to minimize the impact on the environment through the control of night lighting practices.

There may be visitor facilities within a NP. The illumination levels for these facilities are summarized in tables in this section for each area and application. The rationales for the limits in these tables are provided previously in Section 3.

This section provides guidelines that should be followed to minimize the impact of artificial light at night (ALAN) within a Park.

The main guideline is that no artificial lighting be installed so that the night remains dark and subject to only the natural variations in illumination and colour. Where the Manager of the Park deems it necessary for basic safety and navigation:

1. Illumination should be to the minimum practical level,
2. The affected area of illumination should be as small as practical,
3. The duration of the illumination should be as short as practical, and
4. Illumination should minimize the amount of blue spectral components in the light (white light is not permitted).

What is "practical" depends upon the specific facilities in the area and the technology available at the time.

Illumination levels specified in this document are significantly lower than urban areas for which most luminaires have been designed. This restricts the type of light sources that may be used. Although High Intensity Discharge (HID) lamps are very efficient, they may emit more light than is recommended in these guidelines. To address this, incandescent lights may be used for short periods of time or more advanced light emitting diode (LED) luminaires may be installed.

These guidelines address the use of the facility and expected pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

Park managers have the discretion to assess what levels are most appropriate for each park facility within the limits outlined in this section. Lighting is limited to provide only what is required for navigation in built up areas. The artificial lighting is restricted to these areas and for the periods of human activity, unless otherwise noted.

"Dark Time" is a term used in some parks to identify the end of significant activity within an area. This term is used herein to identify when use of outdoor lighting should be discouraged. In this document Dark Time is further assumed as initiating less than 2-



hours after sunset. Appendix D contains a reference table with the approximate times of sunset for parks in southern Canada. Park managers may define Dark Time that is suitable for their facility.

The following tenets have been used in developing these specifications.

1. Buildings require illumination only when open or available to people. After people have left, all lighting visible from the outside should be turned off or covered.
2. To save energy and minimize the duration and extent of light pollution, pathways should only be illuminated near parking lots and visitor accessible buildings, and only when pedestrians are in transit. All reasonable effort should be made to turn off lighting when pedestrian traffic is low or is no longer expected.
3. To minimize the ecological impact of light pollution, the extent of illumination should be strictly limited.
4. To limit the duration of light exposure on the ecosystem and to save energy, light activated timing circuits should turn off outdoor lighting. The time delay should begin at sunset and should extend to an appropriate time into the evening to permit scheduled activity to end.
5. Where vehicle and pedestrian traffic is at a low speed or infrequent, retro-reflective signage should be used instead of installed lighting fixtures.

The IESNA BUG Designation System (Back-light, Up-light and Glare) that defines this shielding is in Table 4.1. Appendix F has the definitions for the BUG lighting zones.

**Table 4.0a BUG System Designation for DSP Compliant Luminaires**

<b>BVH</b>	<1%	<b>FVH</b>	<2%	<b>UH, UL</b>	0%
<b>BH, BM, BL</b>	<10%, or as required	<b>FH, FM, FL</b>	As required		

In addition to these guidelines, compliant luminaires with abbreviated BUG designations should be have B=0, U=0 and G=0.

#### 4.1 Buildings

In all cases, sharp cut-off (ShCO) luminaires should be used. These luminaires restrict the emission of light in the zone between 90-degrees of nadir (the horizon) and 80-degrees from nadir to less than 2%. This will limit illumination beyond the target area and prevent light scattering in the air near the ground. Further, the colour of this light should have no blue content (short wavelengths <500 nm). Lighting curfews should apply.

Interior and exterior lighting that remains on for extended periods after operating hours not only wastes energy but can also be a nuisance. Insects are attracted to exterior

building lights and interior lighting that shines through windows distract insects from their normal activity.

Illumination levels and luminaire types for various buildings are listed in Table 4.1. Signage on buildings is discussed in Section 4.6.

This document uses five classifications for buildings:

- Administration Buildings,
- Public Buildings,
- Retail Outlets,
- Vending Machine Enclosures, and
- Toilet and Washroom Facilities.

#### 4.1.1 Administration Buildings

Park administration buildings are defined as those with private offices and will generally be closed after dark. Illumination of the main doorway and especially any steps leading to the main door may be required after sunset in the early spring late autumn and winter.

After sunset and after the workday, either all interior lighting should be turned off, or window and door blinds should be used to prevent interior light from shining outside. Light activated timing circuits should turn off all outdoor lighting within 30 minutes of the office being closed. Manual reset switches may be used to extend this period.

#### 4.1.2 Public Buildings

Public buildings are defined as those open to the public during business hours and may also contain private offices.

After hours, either all interior lighting should be turned off, or window and door blinds should be used to prevent interior light from shining outside. All outdoor lighting should be turned off within 30 minutes of the office building being closed. Exterior lighting should be limited to the main door area and steps. Light activated timing circuits should turn the lighting on after sunset and off after a period of time specified by Park manager and subject to the building use. Manual reset switches may be used to extend this period.

#### 4.1.3 Retail Outlets

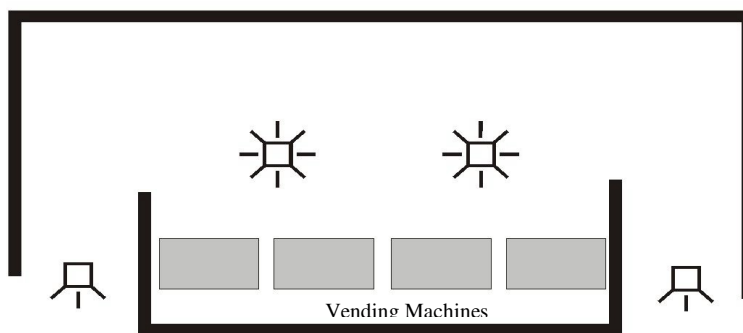
It is assumed retail stores will have higher pedestrian traffic than most other areas and light may be required while they remain open for business after dark.

Window coverings should be used so that interior lighting will not shine outside after sunset. Exterior light is permitted, and restricted to the area around the door using Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) fixtures. All exterior lighting should be turned off within 30 minutes after business hours.

#### 4.1.4 Vending Machines

Vending machines should be located in an enclosed space and their lights should not shine directly outside through doorways or windows. Where practical, these machines should be enclosed in existing public buildings. Figure 4.1.4 shows an example of a dedicated vending machine enclosure. Only ShCO fixtures should be used to illuminate the area outside the entrances. The extent of this outside illuminated ground area is restricted to less than 5 metres from the entrance.

Light from vending may emit significant amounts of blue light. This light undermines our night vision. Therefore, the illumination levels outside these enclosures may be higher than for other buildings to allow the transition for visitors from the bright interior to the dark surroundings.



**Figure 4.1.4 – Sample Vending**

Doorway lighting should be turned off within two hours of sunset. Interior lighting may remain on at the owner’s discretion.

**Table 4.1 Building Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

4.1 Area	Type	Light*	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.1.1 Administrative Bldgs.	ShCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.2 Public Bldgs.	ShCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.3 Retail Stores	ShCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.4 Vending Machine	ShCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.5 Toilet & Washroom Facilities	Marker (ShCO)	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2 m	No

\* Lamp wattages are not specified due to differences in efficacy.

Park Managers should consult Appendix C for guidance in meeting the recommended illumination level in all tables.

Note: 1 lux = illumination of dusk about 25 minutes after sunset

#### 4.1.5 Toilet and Shower Facilities

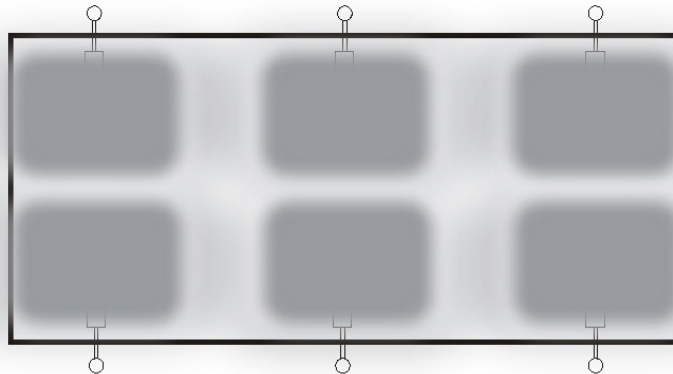
If toilet and washroom facilities are available throughout the night,, Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) fixtures should be used to illuminate the entrance and any steps leading to the doorway.

Interior lighting in these facilities must also be considered. Excessive interior lighting levels can produce serious glare that impairs exterior visibility if windows are present. After sunset, interior lighting should use bug light or yellow colour whenever possible and lighting levels as measured horizontally at the floor should not exceed 10 lux.

#### 4.2 Parking Lots

Generally, parking lots have less traffic at night than during the day. Parking lots may require lighting due to scheduled after-dusk activities. This lighting will be necessary until gate closure or Dark Time, which ever occurs first.

Where required, pole mounted Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) luminaires should be placed one pole-height from the extreme corners of the parking lot and distributed evenly along the perimeter with an approximate pole spacing of no less than 4-times the luminaire height. Their light distribution pattern should be “full forward” and aimed into the lot. This is symbolically shown in Figure 4.2. If necessary for larger parking lots, poles may be located within the parking lot area.



**Figure 4.2 Parking Lot**

##### 4.2.1 Administration Parking Lots

Administrative personnel will generally leave when offices close. Luminaires in administration parking lots should be turned off within 30 minutes of the office closure. A timing circuit should control the lights with a manual reset for employees working late.

##### 4.2.2 Visitor Parking Lots (Small)

Generally small lots (less than 10 cars) experience little traffic and should not be illuminated.

4.2.3 Visitor Parking Lots (Large)

Larger parking lots (spaces for approximately more than 10 cars) may require better visibility than smaller lots due to higher pedestrian and vehicle traffic densities. These lots may be illuminated at the discretion of the Park manager. However illumination levels should not exceed the limits listed in Table 4.2.

**Table 4.2 Parking Lot Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

4.2 Parking Area	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.2.1 Administration Lot	ShCO	≤ 35 watt HPS, Amber LED	~2	6 m	Yes
4.2.2 Visitor Lot < 10 cars	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.2.3 Visitor Lot > 10 cars	ShCO	≤35 watt HPS, Amber LED	~2	6 m	Yes

N/A – not applicable

**4.3 Roadways**

Intersections are some of the most dangerous areas for drivers. Drivers of high-speed vehicles require sufficient time to react when they approach an intersection (approximately 3 seconds). Therefore, major intersections should be marked with signage or luminaires. Illumination of adjacent areas should be minimized.

Where Federal or Provincial roadways run through DSPs, lighting of these roadways should be evaluated, and if lighting will affect the quality of the DSP, then the Park should request the Federal or Provincial government to change or shield lighting to comply with DSP requirements, but still comply to Federal or Provincial standards for roadway lighting. As a minimum, the Park should form an agreement with the Federal Government or the Province that they be alerted to any changes planned for the roadways to assure they have input into the type of luminaires that are selected.

4.3.1 Class 1 to Class 3 Roadways

Class 1 to Class 3 roadways are subject to high (Class 1) to medium (Class 3) traffic volumes. Due to the high speed and volume of traffic, marker lighting may be required to alert drives to an intersection.

Where applicable, marker lights should be installed at intersections between Class 1 to Class 3 roadways. To ensure they are visible to approaching traffic, these marker lights should be semi cut-off luminaires (<2% up light) with a Type II distribution pattern (illumination along the road). They should be oriented with the side area of the “drop glass” lens aimed along the major roadway to minimize illumination beyond the side of the road.

To further minimize the impact of these luminaires on the environment, the luminaire should be mounted no higher than six metres and the bulb should be no greater than a 35 watt Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) or amber LED to minimize the exposure of blue light.

Retro-reflective signage should be used for all other intersections between the Class 1 to 3 roadways and lesser roadways. Illuminated signage should not be permitted. (See Section 4.6).

Where federal and provincial highway standards take precedence, the minimum-allowable illumination should be chosen.

4.3.2 Class 4 to Class 6 Roadways

Class 4 to Class 6 roadways have low traffic volumes with class 6 roads seeing occasional and local traffic. These roads provide access to large areas of the Park. Recognizing the infrequent use of these roads and the potential impact they may have on remote areas, these roads and intersections should not be illuminated.

**Table 4.3 Roadway Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

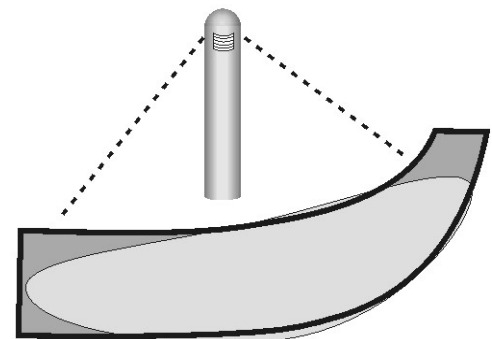
4.3 Roadways	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height (m)	Curfew
4.3.1 Class 1-3 roadways	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.3.2 Class 1-3 roads & intersections	Semi CO Marker	35 watt LPS, Amber LED	~2	6	No
4.3.3 Class 4-6 Roads & intersections	Signage only	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A – not applicable

**4.4 Pathways**

Pathways and sidewalks provide a relatively level surface for pedestrian traffic, and aid in site navigation. Visibility is necessary for navigation but excessive illumination will prevent pedestrians from seeing off the path. Although visitors might use flashlights, non-illuminated navigational aids may be required to guide visitors to public facilities.

Paths are also used by wildlife. Therefore, pathway lighting should be restricted to only those paths near buildings, parking lots and campgrounds. Only those paths that the Park Manager considers appropriate should be illuminated.



**Figure 4.4.1 Bollard Luminaire**

Since overhead FCO luminaires will illuminate areas much wider than the path, low wattage bollard lighting, or railing mounted lighting, should be used such that the light is

directed down and along the path. The fixture should be FCO and shielded or lensed such that the illumination pattern is approximately limited to the path width.

Pathways should use white or light coloured crushed stone (limestone) instead of asphalt to help reflect ambient light. The edges of the pathway may be painted white to for visibility. Passive fluorescent markers may also be used to mark the extent and direction of the pathway. These may be mounted on bollards or in the pathway surface.

The closeness of the luminaires to the ground necessitates very low intensity lights. This limits the current products available to low wattage incandescent bulbs and amber LEDs.

1. Whenever possible pathways in the DSP should not be illuminated. If deemed necessary by the Park manager, specific pathways may be illuminated or lined with fluorescent markers.
2. Illuminated pathways should have full cut-off low-height pole mounted or bollard/railing mounted lighting fixtures.
3. Pathway lighting should be turned off at the Dark Time lighting curfew. Retro-reflective markers on the bollards/railing may assist pedestrians after Dark Time.
4. Main pathways leading to night facilities may be illuminated throughout the night at the discretion of the Park manager.

**Table 4.4 Pathway Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

4.4 Pathways	Type	Light	Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.4.1 Pathways	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.4.2 Illuminated Paths	FCO	Incandescent Amber LED	~1 lux	1 m	Yes
4.4.3 Main Pathways	FCO	Incandescent Amber LED	~1 lux	1 m	No

#### 4.5 Shoreline Areas

Shoreline areas consist of docks, jetties, lock facilities, boat launching areas, beaches, homes, cottages and undeveloped lands. The direct illumination of the shallow water near shore alters the behaviour of aquatic species and the foraging patterns of landed species and insects.

This section provides guidance to Park managers for reducing the impact of lighting along a waterway. These guidelines are relatively general due to the limited authority of Park managers over some of these properties.

1. Park personnel should inform the owners and users of shoreline property of the impact artificial light has on the ecology of the water and adjacent lands.

2. The public should be advised to shield all outdoor lighting to comply with Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) requirements and to turn off this lighting when they go to bed.
3. Shoreline lighting should consist of amber or red light with minimal content of blue. Blue and white lights should not be permitted.
4. Light fixtures should be prohibited within ten metres of a shoreline unless they are deemed necessary by the Park manager. Overhead luminaires that shine into the water should not be permitted. Where applicable, the illumination level and colour should minimize their impact on the ecosystem.
5. Where shoreline lighting is permitted, it should have Sharp Cut-off (FCO) fixtures with low wattage amber or red light. Shielded bollard lighting with incandescent or LEDs should be used where dock managers have identified their need. High traffic areas and near machinery (lock facilities) may require higher levels of illumination at the discretion of the Park manager.

**Table 4.5 Shoreline Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

4.5 Waterways	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.5.1 General Areas	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.5.2 Dock Bollards	ShCO	15 w incandescent, Amber LEDs	~1 lux	1m	No
4.5.3 Lock Facilities	ShCO	LPS, HPS* Amber LEDs	~1 lux	6 m	Yes

\* - lowest practical wattage

N/A – not applicable

## 4.6 Signage

Signs within a Park are essential to the efficient navigation of the site. They may display three forms of information: names for sites or buildings (usually mounted in proximity to buildings or other structures), directions (located along roadways or pathways and their intersections) and those meant to convey other information (located to the side of roadways and pathways).

Illuminated signs should be prohibited in a NP. These include, but are not limited to, back illuminated signs, electronic billboards, signs illuminated from below and above the sign, and in front of the sign. To improve the visibility of signs after dark, their location, colour scheme, and material should permit reading the sign with flashlights or existing pathway or roadway lighting.

Retro-reflective signage should be used to ensure signs are visible only when necessary. Signs may be mounted on or near buildings such that exterior building lighting may provide some illumination, and they should use colours consistent with retro-reflective materials and illumination with flashlights.



Signs should be located so pedestrians can easily see them. Elevated signs are less likely to be illuminated by Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) luminaires. Pathway and information signs should be located less than one metre above the grade of the path so that they may be found and read by pedestrians with flashlights after dark. All bollards and railings should be marked with retro-reflective material so they may be visible to pedestrians. Signs at a higher level may be missed if flashlights are aimed at the ground. Roadway signs should be mounted in accordance with standard roadway practice.

**Table 4.6 Signage Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)**

4.6 Signage	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.6.1 Building	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	1-2 m	N/A
4.6.2 Navigation	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	<1 m	N/A
4.6.3 Information	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	1-2 m	N/A

N/A – not applicable

#### 4.7 Tower Navigation Avoidance Beacons

There is a proliferation of communication towers for cell phones and the acceptance of wind turbine power generation. Towers that may have heights of hundreds of metres are being erected in otherwise unspoilt wilderness areas. Park managers should be aware of the options available for tower navigation beacons that are regulated by Transport Canada<sup>23</sup> and Industry Canada. Park Managers may not have authority over the illumination of these towers so these guidelines are provided as a guide when discussing tower illumination with tower owners and Transport Canada.

Single wind turbine towers less than 90 metres high do not have to be lighted unless specifically identified by Transport Canada as a hazard to aviation. For wind farms with several towers, the towers on the edge of the array and the central tower must be illuminated<sup>24</sup>.

There are several types of navigation avoidance beacons that may be used on towers (see Appendix E). Birds are not attracted to red light as much as white light and they appear to be less able to orient themselves to the flashing beacons compared to non-flashing types<sup>25</sup>. One beacon in the list of those approved by Transport Canada consists of a collimated rotating beam (CL864 in Appendix E). In principal, its luminous intensity can be lower than other types of beacons and would emit less light into the air.

Communication towers erected on or near Parks should not be fitted with nighttime navigation beacons unless strictly required by Transport Canada regulations (CARS

<sup>23</sup> Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARS) 621.19

<sup>24</sup> Wind Turbine and Windfarm Lighting, CAR621.19 Advisory Circular 1/06 - DRAFT 9, Transport Canada

<sup>25</sup> Gehring, J. Aviation Collision Study for the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS): Summary of Spring 2005 Field Season, Central Michigan University, August 12, 2005

621.19). Communication towers and other structures do not require lighting if their maximum height is less than 90 metres. The brightness of nighttime navigation beacons should be the minimum required by Transport Canada regulations (CARS 621.19). And, all towers requiring nighttime navigation beacons should use red flashing lights.

#### 4.8 “Developed” Properties within Park Facilities

These properties include, but are limited to, privately-owned and rental properties and towns within Park boundaries.

Owners of private properties within the Park should be informed of the impact of artificial lighting on wildlife. They should be encouraged to remove “dusk to dawn” lights, replace “yard lights” with Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) luminaires and replace white LEDs, MH bulbs with either HPS, Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) fixtures or amber LED fixtures. They should be encouraged to turn off all exterior lighting when they are indoors. All municipal lighting should be ShCO and illumination levels should be no greater than minimum recommended by IESNA Guidelines.

The outdoor lighting on properties under the control of Park managers should use Sharp Cut-off (ShCO) fixtures. Area lighting fixtures, such as “yard lights” and “dusk to dawn” fixtures or similar luminaires, should not be permitted nor should Metal Halide (MH) or mercury vapour lamps be permitted. These products produce excessive glare and light trespass and emit short wavelength light that affects wildlife.

Use of outdoor lighting on private properties within Parks should be discouraged 2-hours after sunset, and should be turned off when people are indoors. Outdoor lights should not be permitted to remain on throughout the night.

**Table 4.8 Other Properties Illumination Guidelines Maximum Values)**

4.8 Other Properties	Type	Lamp*	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.8.1 Door Lights	ShCO	15 watt Incandescent Amber or red LEDs	~1	1.7 m	Yes
4.8.2 Yard Lights	ShCO	<35 watt HPS, or < 35 watt LPS	~1	6 m	Yes
4.8.3 Municipal Lights	ShCO	typically 70 watt HPS	≤ minimum IESNA	TBD	No

\* Wattage of lamps should be based on illumination limits, where 1 lux = 1 lumen/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **4.9 Municipal Outreach - Light Pollution Beyond Park Boundaries**

As with air and water pollution, light pollution has no boundaries. It is only reduced by increasing the distance to the source. Some cities are actively promoting the replacement of luminaires that contribute to sky glow but these policies are not wide spread. Parks may influence the producers of air and water pollution that passes through Parks. This influence should be extended to include light pollution.

- Park managers should introduce and encourage programs of light pollution abatement in municipalities around the Park facilities with the goal of reducing glare across Park boundaries and sky glow from artificial lighting.
- Park managers should approach individuals whose lights shine onto Park facilities. The goal of these contacts is to have those lights shielded, reduced in brightness or removed.

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International Dark Sky Association  
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Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Light Pollution Abatement Program  
[www.rasc.ca/light-pollution-abatement](http://www.rasc.ca/light-pollution-abatement)

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**APPENDIX A - Reference Illumination Levels**

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Illumination Levels* (lux)**</b>
Clear night sky (no Moon)	0.000 05
Clear Urban Sky with Light Pollution	0.015
Twilight	0.1
Overcast Urban Sky with Light Pollution	0.15
Full Moon	0.27 max. (0.1 typical)
Urban Road Artificial Illumination	2
Open Parking Lot	11-22
Car Dealership Lot	200
Full Sunlight	130,000

\* Clarity of the atmosphere is highly variable over hours and days. These values are presented to provide only a rough guide to approximate illumination levels.

\*\* “lux” is a Système internationale (SI) unit of illumination equal to 1 candela/m<sup>2</sup> (cd/m<sup>2</sup>) = 0.093 foot-candles (fc)

To place these levels in context, people have reported seeing “fine” at full Moon illumination levels in the absence of glare<sup>26</sup>.

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<sup>26</sup> Preliminary Recommendations: Outdoor Lighting at Highlands Center, Cape Cod National Seashore, Chad Moore, March 25, 2006

## APPENDIX B - Colour from Various Light Sources

There six lights that convey “colour” from bright white to deep yellow. The last light source, LEDs can be designed to provide a range of colour. The accompanying table lists these sources in order from white to yellow.

MH – Metal Halide	HID lamp that must be warmed up before it can reach full brightness. . MH has high blue spectral content, produces a significant amount of UV and therefore its use should be avoided in all DSPs. White light gives very good colour recognition
Incandescent bulbs	These emit a warm white light (~2700K CCT) and have very low energy efficiency. They can be turned off and on very quickly so they can be used for motion detection systems. Should be considered only if amber LED or amber CFL lamps are not available with low enough brightness.
HPS - High Pressure Sodium	These are bright yellow and allow fair colour recognition. A HPS bulb has a small light-emitting region for very good control over where the light is focused. As a HID source, they require a few minutes to heat up before they reach their design brightness.
Amber CF – Compact Fluorescent Lamps	These produce filtered light and are commercially sold as bug and party lights. They may be identified as yellow and orange but their colour and quality vary greatly. Choose darker yellow and orange whenever possible to avoid flying insect attraction. They typically do not perform as well in cold temperatures and may take several minutes to warm up in sub-zero temperatures.
LPS - Low Pressure Sodium	Deep yellow light is virtually a single colour offering very poor colour recognition. It is the most energy efficient of the above lamps. They are so efficient that even low wattages may produce too much light for use in DSPs. The light-emitting region in the lamp is quite large compared to other HID lamps.
Amber and Red Light Emitting Diodes	These are available in a range of colours, amber and red LEDs minimizes their impact on the environment. They can produce very focused illumination, which is very desirable for DSP applications. For DSP purposes “Amber” is defined as light in the wavelength of 500 – 700 nm and “Red” is 600 - 660nm.
White Light LEDs	Available in a range of CCT with 10% to >50% blue light. Blue light components impact the biology and behaviour of wildlife and plants. Undermines night vision. Should not be used in a NP due to ecological impact and vision degradation.



## APPENDIX C - Light Output from Typical Bulbs for Comparison Purposes

Bulb Types	Lumens*	Lux* at 6 m	Lux* at 2 m	Lux* at 1 m
<b>Incandescent*</b>				
7 watt	60	0.13	1.2	4.8
15 watt	128	0.28	2.6	10.2
40 watt	342	0.8	6.8	27.2
60 watt	513	1.1	10.2	40.8
100 watt	855	1.9	17.0	68.0
<b>Metal Halide (MH)</b>				
70 watt	3,000	6.6	59.7	238.7
100 watt	5,800	12.8	115.4	461.6
<b>High Pressure Sodium (HPS)</b>				
35 watts	2025	4.5	40.3	161.1
50 watts	3600	8.0	71.6	286.5
70 watts	5450	12.1	108.4	433.7
100 watts	8550	18.9	170.1	680.4
<b>Low Pressure Sodium (LPS)</b>				
18 watts	1570	3.5	31.2	124.9
35 watts	4000	8.8	79.6	318.3
55 watts	6655	14.7	132.4	529.6
<b>Compact Florescent (CF)</b>				
9 watt (40 w equivalent)	550	1.2	10.9	43.8
13 watt (60 w equivalent)	850	1.9	17.9	71.6
<b>LED**</b>				
1 watt (White) ***	100	2.8	25	100
1 watt (amber) ***	75	2.	19	75
3 watt amber A19	90	0.5	4.0	12
3 watt amber PAR16	90	1.8	16	50
7 watt amber PAR30	200	5.5	50	200
13 watt amber PAR38	400	11	100	400

Note:

Fixture and bulb degradation before cleaning or replacement may decrease these to as low as 50%.

Fire has an approximate efficacy of 0.5 lumens/watt

\* The luminous efficiency of incandescent light is approximated as 1/10 that of HPS for photopic vision

\*\* Supplied by IDA

\*\*\* Assumes a 1 steradian illumination angle and no external optics, typical for 2011

. Lumens is the total amount of light emitted in all directions (over  $4\pi$  steradians)

.. Lux is the amount of light illuminating a surface of one metre square

1 lux = 1 Lumen / ( $4\pi \text{ dist}^2$ ) where distance is in metres

References:

IDA Information Sheet 4, Operating Data and Economics of Different Lamps, (08/96)  
CAN/CSA-C653-94 (2000) - Performance Standard for Roadway Lighting Luminaires  
Mesopic Street Lighting Demonstration, Lighting Research Centre, Jan. 31, 2008,  
(Renssear), Table 2, 5

## APPENDIX D - Approximate Times of Sunset for Areas in Southern Canada

The time of sunset depends on the time of year and the latitude for a site. The following table lists the approximate time of sunset (DST) for latitude of about +50 degrees from May to the end of September.

May 1	8:17
8	8:29
15	8:38
22	8:48
29	8:57
June 1	9:00
8	9:08
15	9:11
22	9:13
29	9:13
July 1	9:13
8	9:09
15	9:04
22	8:57
29	8:48
August 1	8:42
8	8:31
15	8:19
22	8:06
29	7:50
September 1	7:45
8	7:30
15	7:15
22	6:59
29	6:44

From the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada  
Observers Handbook

## APPENDIX E - Navigation Light Photometric Distribution<sup>27</sup>

Light Type	Colour	Signal type	Minimum Intensity (candelas) (a)			Vert. beam spread (b)	Intensity (candelas) at given elevation angles when the light is levelled (c)				
			day	twilight	night		- 10deg (d)	- 1deg (e)	± 0deg (e)	+ 2.5deg	+12.5deg
CL810	red	fixed	N/A	32min	32min	10deg	-----	-----	-----	32 min	32 min
CL864	red	flashing 20-40fpm	N/A	N/A	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	-----	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
<u>CL865 (f)</u>	<u>white (f)</u>	flashing 40fpm	20,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL866	white	flashing 60fpm	20,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL885 Catenary	red	flashing 60fpm	N/A	N/A	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	-----	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL856	white	flashing 40fpm	270,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL857 Catenary	white	flashing 60fpm	140,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----

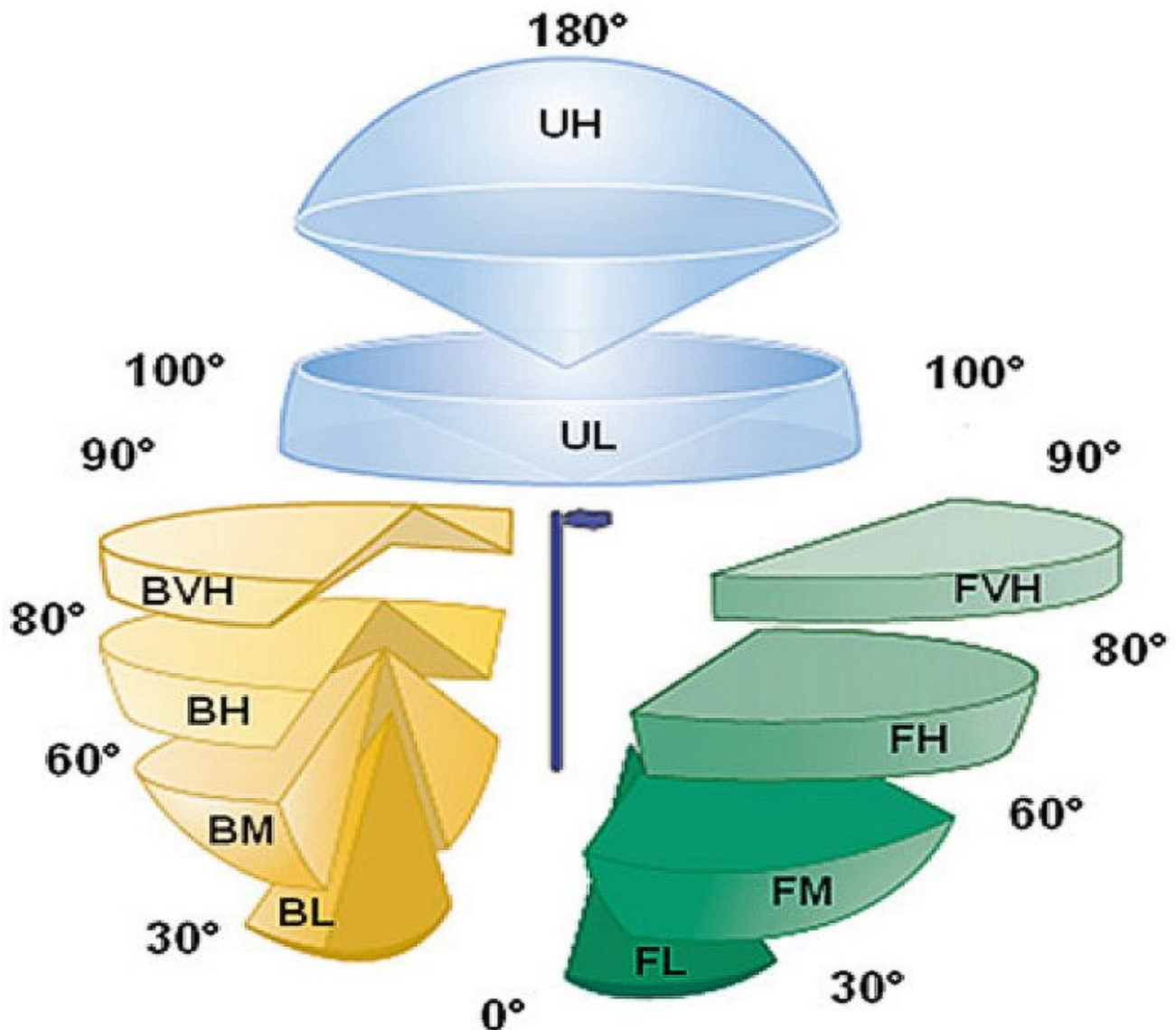
- (a) Effective intensity, as determined in accordance with External Transport Canada Document
- (b) Beam spread is defined as the angle between two directions in a plane for which the intensity is equal to 50% of the lower tolerance value of the intensity shown in columns 4, 5 and 6. The beam pattern is not necessarily symmetrical about the elevation angle at which the peak intensity occurs.
- (c) Elevation (vertical) angles are referenced to the horizontal.
- (d) Intensity at any specified horizontal radial as a percentage of the actual peak intensity at the same radial when operated at each of the intensities shown in columns 4, 5 and 6.
- (e) Intensity at any specified horizontal radial as a percentage of the lower tolerance value of the intensity shown in columns 4, 5 and 6.
- (f) In the case of rotating type CL865 one third of the flash display should be red in colour. e.g. WWR

<sup>27</sup>Wind Turbine and Windfarm Lighting, CAR621.19 Advisory Circular 1/06 - DRAFT 9, Transport Canada

## APPENDIX F - IESNA BUG Designation System

The IESNA BUG System has been developed to more specifically define the illumination from a luminaire. Ten zones have been defined that affect the shielding and glare from a light fixture.

The Addendum A for IESNA TM-15-07 provides examples of this system for a given luminaire. The diagram below<sup>28</sup> visually defines the different zones.



FCO luminaire preclude any up light (UH and UL = 0% of total emitted light). To minimize glare and light trespass that increases the impact area of the illumination should have BVH and FVH as close to 0% as possible. FCO fixtures allow 10%. However the preferred Sharp Cut-off designation only permits 1%.

<sup>28</sup> IDA Specifier Bulletin for Dark Sky Applications, Vol. 2(1), 2009

## **APPENDIX G - Summary of RASC Lighting Protocol Nocturnal Preserve**

This summary applies to all property and structures within the Nocturnal Preserve.

### **1. No additional light fixtures should be installed.**

If additional light fixtures are considered necessary by the park manager, and with approval by the NP nominators, additional fixtures may be installed. All new fixtures should conform to the requirements of Items 3-8 below.

### **2. Signage should not use artificial lighting.**

Signage should use retro reflective materials. Pedestrian signs should be mounted at a height suitable for illumination with flashlights (<1 metre from the ground).

### **3. Only sharp cut-off (ShCO) fixtures should be used.**

All existing light fixtures should be replaced with FCO fixtures or shielded to prevent light from shining above the horizon or beyond the immediate area requiring illumination.

### **4. The illumination level produced by all light fixtures should be as low as practical.**

Dusk and nighttime pedestrian and vehicle traffic densities should be used in assessing the level of illumination. For vehicles, typically < 70-watt HPS is sufficient (3 lux) for large parking lots and high traffic density areas where low speed limits are in effect. Major pedestrian routes may be illuminated by typically < 5-watt incandescent light or <<1 watt LED (1 lux). Due to the use of vehicle headlights and pedestrian flashlights, lower light wattages can be used with the understanding that they are used only as marker lights. Phosphorescent markers may be used.

### **5. Structures and barriers should be used to confine illumination to the immediate area.**

Illuminated areas should be bordered by trees and bushes or other barriers to prevent the light from shining and scattering beyond the area being illuminated.

### **6. All light sources should be turned off within 2-hours of sunset (Dark Time)**

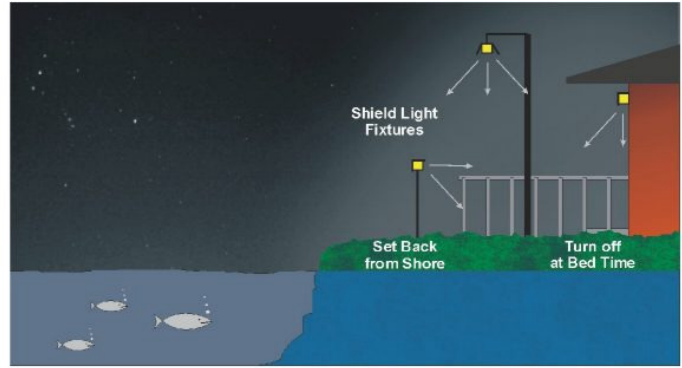
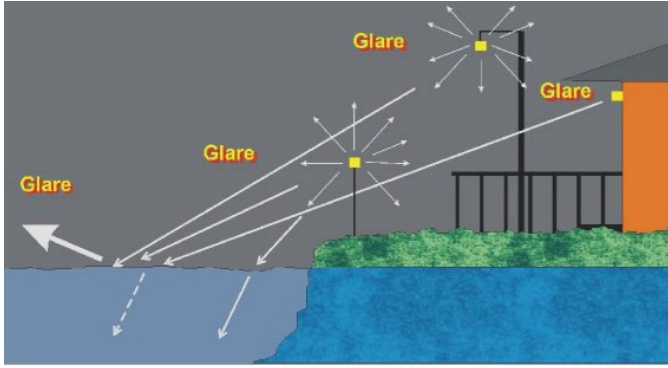
Automatic timers should be used to avoid the need for staff to turn off the lights. The timers should detect nightfall and should turn the lights off within 2-hours. If the park manager considers lights will occasionally be required after this time, the timer should be capable of being reset by staff.

### **7. Indoor lighting should be prevented from shining through exterior windows.**

If interior lights must be used after sunset, window curtains should be closed within 30-minutes of sunset.

### **8. The colour of all light fixtures should emit a minimum of blue in their spectrum.**

“White” light sources such as metal halide lamps and white LEDs should not be used. High-pressure, and low-pressure sodium lamps, incandescent bulbs and “yellow” LEDs may be used as long as they are in FCO fixtures and they provide the required illumination levels.



The Bad and the Good  
Shoreline Lighting



White Stone on Pathway  
and Shielded Bollard

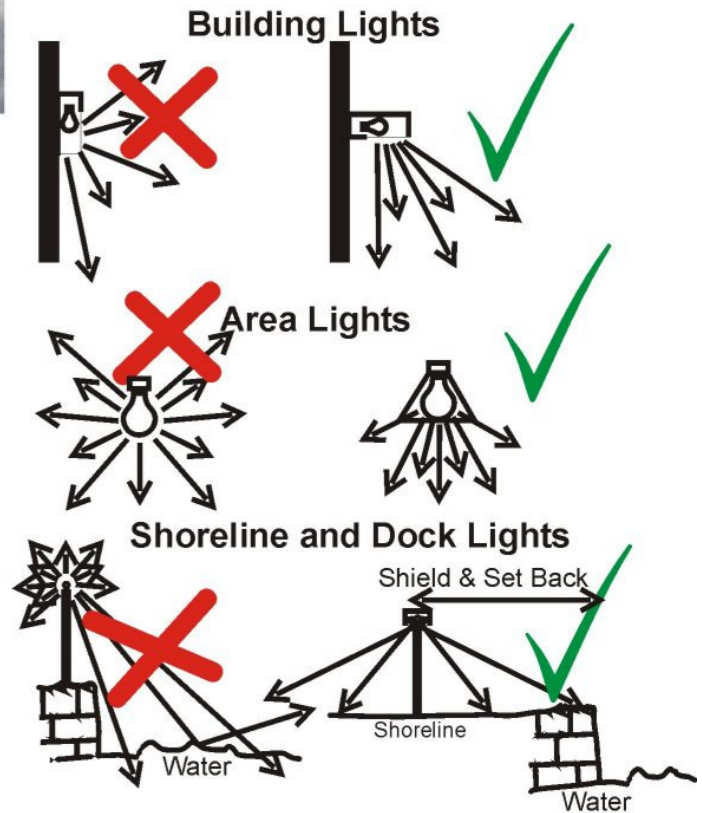
Use "Warm Light"  
- not white light

Use Timers

- on at sunset
- off 2-hours later

Use Motion Sensors

- lights on only  
when needed



## APPENDIX H - RASC Dark Sky Protection Programs



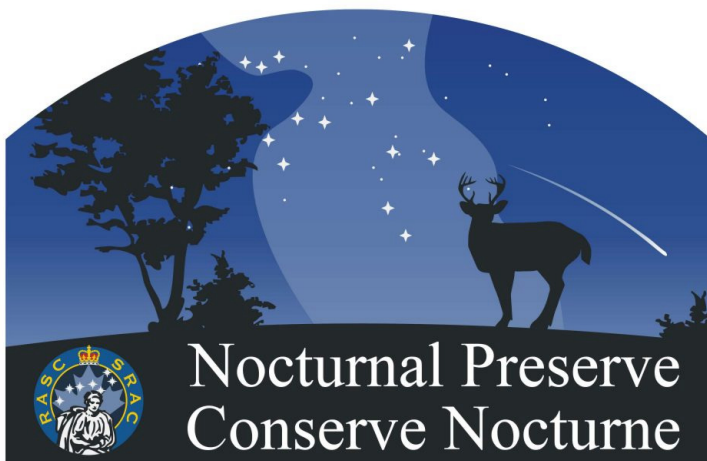
### **Nocturnal Preserve**

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- May have visitor facilities
- May have visitor access at night
- Limiting artificial sky glow
- Promotion of nocturnal environment



### **Dark-sky Preserves**

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- Visitor facilities
- Visitor access at night
- Limiting artificial sky glow
- Stargazing and astronomy outreach programs
- Promotion of light pollution Abatement



### **Urban Star Park**

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- Visitor facilities
- Visitor access at night
- Noticeable impact of artificial sky glow
- Stargazing and astronomy outreach programs
- Promotion of light pollution Abatement