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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator O'Brien asked about:

How many products and organisations in Australia have ecotourism accreditation and Green Globe certification?

ANSWER

Ecotourism accreditation and Green Globe programs are private sector initiatives.

As at 8 March 2005, Ecotourism Australia had 511 members, 192 of which were ECO Certified operators. ECO Certification is awarded to individual products, such as tour programs or accommodation units, rather than businesses.

As at 3 March 2005, Green Globe 21 had 56 Australian members.