



(Appendix 1)

DRAFT AGENDA
for the
PLANNING WORKSHOP
TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF DUGONG AND TURTLE TOURISM
20-21 May 2004, Conference Room Two, University Halls, Douglas Campus,
James Cook University, Townsville.

Aims of the workshop:

1. to clarify and agree on the key issues surrounding tourism based on dugong and marine turtles in Australia;
2. to develop draft codes of practice for the sustainable management of Australian dugong and turtle tourism;
3. to develop initial protocols for effective implementation of the codes of practice; and
4. to plan subsequent field evaluations of the draft Codes in 04/05.

Desired Outcomes

- (a) shared understanding of different perspectives of all stakeholders
- (b) agreement on key issues as a basis for development of codes of practice and protocols
- (c) shared understanding and ownership of what is needed to develop a National approach to management of tourism interactions with dugong and turtle, suitable for regional and local adaptation
- (d) better understanding of opportunities for dugong and turtle tourism
- (e) commitment to further development and implementation of sustainable dugong and turtle tourism

Outputs

- (a) summary of presentations
- (b) list of agreed key issues (grouped into categories)
- (c) draft code(s) of conduct for tour operators and tourists
- (d) draft protocols for effective implementation of codes of practice
- (e) draft field evaluation program
- (f) workshop report
- (g) list of further ideas and suggestions for further action beyond the scope of the workshop

Facilitator: Simon Woodley

Outline of Workshop Agenda:

Wednesday 19th May 2004

Airport–accommodation transfers on arrival by mini-bus pick-up

17:30 – 19:00 Informal/social meeting of participants at Cluden Park Motor Inn

Dinner available at motel restaurant

Day 1, Thursday 20th May 2004

NB. Cooked buffet breakfast served from 0700; bus pick-up for Workshop at 0800.

08:30 – 9:30

Session 1

Welcome to Country from Traditional Owners

Welcome and introductions (Alastair Birtles)

Overview of Project (Alastair Birtles)

Role of facilitator (Simon Woodley)

Overview of Workshop (Simon Woodley)

Review and adoption of the Agenda

09:30 – 10:00

Presentations by some participants on examples of existing dugong and turtle tourism in Australia and some key management issues.

09:30 – 09:40

1. Ningaloo turtle tourism research (David Waayers)

09:45 – 09:55

2. Shark Bay dugong tourism management (David Charles)

10:00 – 10:30

Morning tea

10:30 – 12:30

Session 2

Presentations continued

10:30 – 10:40

3. Mon Repos turtle tourism management (Sam Emerick)

10:45 – 10:55

4. Heron Island turtle tourism (Jason Elliot)

11:00 – 11:10

5. Cape York dugong & turtle tourism management (Chris Roberts)

11:15 – 11:25

6. Dhimurru & NT dugong & turtle tourism (Steve Roeger & Djawa Yunupingu)

11:30 – 11:40

7. Bare Sand Is, NT turtle tourism research (Mick Guinea)

11:45 – 11:55

8. Moreton Bay dugong & boat interactions (Amanda Hodgson)

12:00 – 12:10

9. Hinchinbrook dugong tourism (Robert Goodwin)

12:10 – 12:30

10. Open floor for additional statements, clarifications & follow-ups.

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Session 3

Issues discussion using Draft Issues Paper (Simon Woodley)

Agree on threats

Identifying gaps

Prioritising key issues

15:00 – 15:30

Afternoon tea

15:30 – 17:00

Session 4

Codes of Conduct

Analysis of existing Codes (Alastair Birtles)

Break-out sessions

Code development

Wrapping up (Simon Woodley)

17:30

Return bus to Motel

19:30 Workshop dinner; bus pickup from Motor Inn at 19:15

Day 2, Friday 21st May 2004

NB. Cooked buffet breakfast served from 0700; bus pick-up for Workshop at 0800.

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| 08:30 – 10:00 | Session 5 Code development including break-out sessions |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Morning tea |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Session 6 Protocols for implementation of Codes at appropriate local & regional scales |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Session 7 Scoping field evaluation trials for proposed testing for 04/05 Wrapping up Official end of Workshop |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Afternoon tea |
| 15:30 – | Informal discussions |

Bus transfers for travel/to accommodation; dinner available at motel restaurant for those not able to fly out in late afternoon.