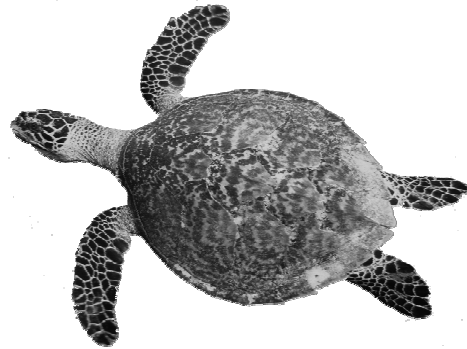


(Appendix 2)

Towards Sustainable Dugong & Turtle Tourism

MANAGEMENT POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE



This research project is being funded by the Natural Heritage Trust through the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Heritage and aims to develop National Codes of Conduct for tourism activities involving dugong and marine turtles and establish World's Best Practice management of Australian dugong and turtle tourism. Results of this questionnaire will be summarised in an upcoming Issues Paper for Dugong and Turtle Tourism in Australia and disseminated to participants at a Planning Workshop to be held on the 20th – 21st May in Townsville, Queensland.

Completion of this questionnaire is entirely voluntary and may take approx. 20 to 40 minutes of your time. If you can help this research by completing this questionnaire it will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your comments.

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Please type in answers in electronic version or continue on another sheet if necessary

1. Does your organisation: (please select/tick appropriate boxes for the following)

- Issue permits for dedicated/advertised tourism activities focused on dugongs and/or marine turtles? Yes No
- Issue permits for multi-species commercial tourism activities which include incidental interactions with dugongs and/or marine turtles? Yes No

- If you said **No to both** of the above, please go on to Question 7.

- If you said **Yes to either** of the above, through what legislative or policy mechanisms does your organisation do this? (Please include details of legislative or other requirements)

2. If your organisation does issue permits for tourism activities focused on either dedicated or incidental interactions with dugongs and/or marine turtles, please list how many permits have been granted for each type of tourism activity, and for each species of interest, including the localities where those activities are permitted.

3. Does your organisation place a limit on the number of marine turtle and/or dugong tourism permissions that can be granted (either on a spatial or other basis)? ... If so, please provide details of such restrictions.

4. What permit conditions are associated with marine turtle and/or dugong tourism operators/operations? (Please forward copies of these if possible)

5. What are your organisation's monitoring requirements for marine turtle and/or dugong tourism operators?

6. Is there any additional monitoring of marine turtle and/or dugong sightings/occurrences (by tour operators or others)?

7. Does your organisation manage private recreational activities which include incidental interactions with dugongs and/or marine turtles? ... If so, how? (e.g. monitoring and/or control mechanisms)

8. Does your organisation manage incidental effects of other tourism and recreational activities (land and sea) on dugongs and/or marine turtles? (e.g. controls on vessel handling, resort operations, vehicles, private residential lighting, etc.)

9. Has your organisation had any particular problems with managing tourism associated with dugongs and turtles (e.g. infringements of any kind, prosecutions etc.)?

10. Has your organisation developed voluntary measures (e.g. Best Environmental Practices) in relation to dugong or marine turtle watching for use by tourism or recreational users? ... If so, please provide details of such voluntary measures (e.g. website links would be useful)

11. If we were planning to develop a tourism operation for watching turtles and/or dugongs in your state, what materials would you send us or direct us to? (This might include any educational/interpretive material about dugongs & turtles)

12. Some of the results of this survey will be used in developing an Issues Paper for dugong and turtle tourism in Australia. Are there any key management issues you feel that we should address?

Thank you very much for your time and for providing this information.