

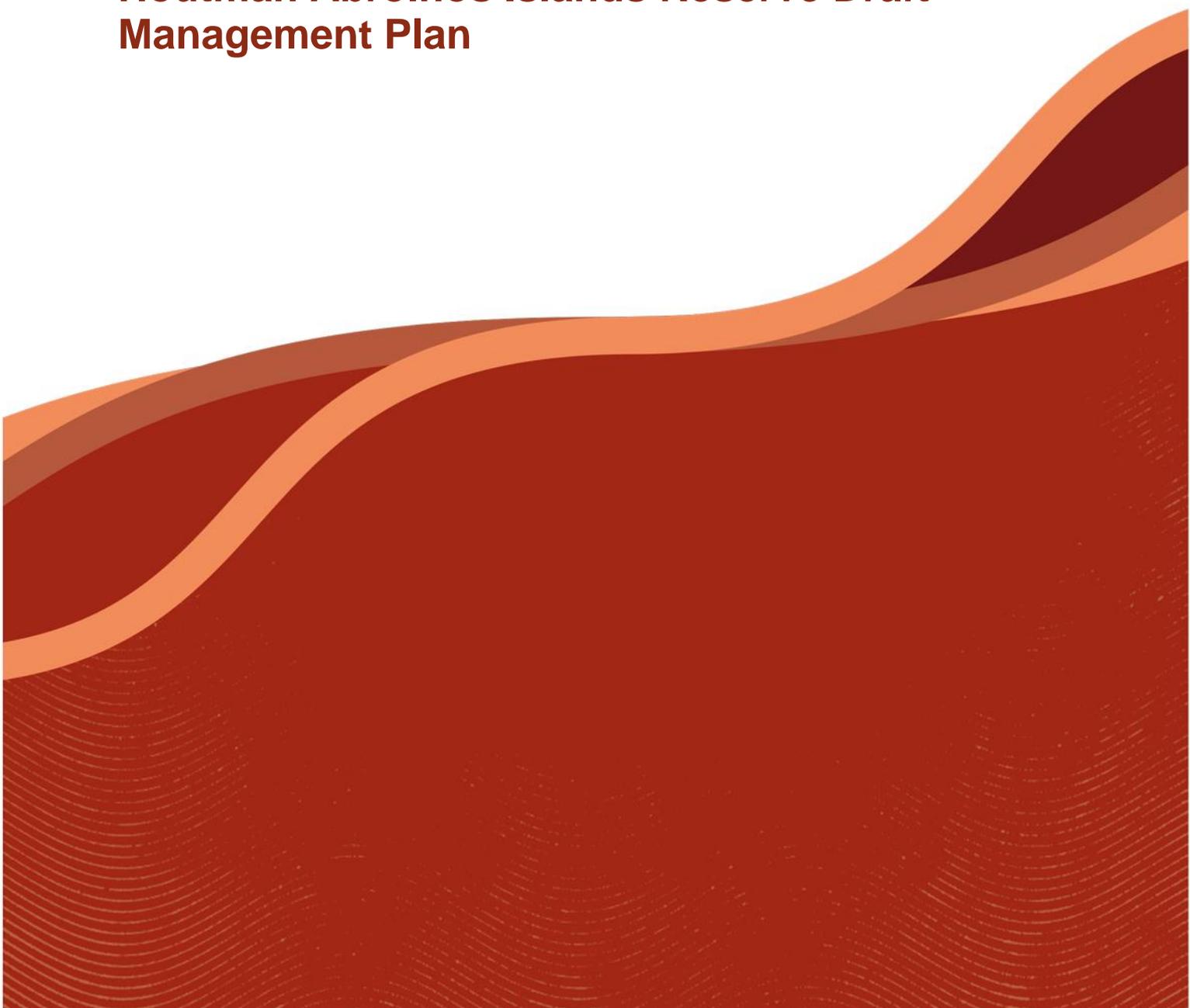


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# Summary Report of Public Submissions

Houtman Abrolhos Islands Reserve Draft  
Management Plan



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# Introduction

On 21 February 2022, the *Houtman Abrolhos Islands Reserve Draft Management Plan* (the draft plan) was released by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for a public comment period that closed on 3 April 2022.

DPIRD sought feedback on the proposed management objectives and management actions set out under six strategic priority themes: nature conservation and protection; cultural heritage protection; tourism; sustainable fisheries and aquaculture; Abrolhos community; and governance.

Government agencies, stakeholders and the broader community were given an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan using an online survey and/or via a written submission (Government agencies and non-government organisations were permitted to upload a written submission).

In total, 74 survey responses were received, and a further 15 written submissions. The online survey responses and written submissions comprised over 1,300 individual comments which have been analysed and considered in the preparation of the final management plan.

This document summarises the key issues raised in survey responses and written submissions and the key amendments that have been made to the final approved *Houtman Abrolhos Islands Reserve Management Plan 2022 – 2032* (the final plan).

Additional detail on survey responses is provided at *Appendix 1 – Online Survey Response Report* and referenced throughout this report.

Note that some feedback received related to issues that are outside DPIRD's jurisdiction and/or the scope of the Abrolhos Reserve. For completeness, all of the **key** comments have been captured in this report, but as the matters raised are outside the scope of the management plan, the final plan has not been amended.

# Submitters

## Online Survey

74 survey responses were received providing comment on the draft plan. This included 43 private citizens, 23 from companies, five non-government organisations, and three State or local government agencies. Refer to Appendix 1 pages 3-5 for a more detailed breakdown of respondents and categories.

The majority of responders had an interest in recreational fishing, non-fishing activities and commercial fishing (refer App 1, pg. 6). 29 responses were received from body corporate members (refer App 1, pg. 7).

## Written Submissions

Written submissions were received from –

1. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
2. Western Australian Museum
3. Tourism Western Australia
4. City of Greater Geraldton
5. Department of Health
6. Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
7. Western Australian Fishing Industry Council
8. Western Rock Lobster Council
9. Recfishwest
10. Marine Tourism Western Australia
11. Abrolhos Islands Bodies Corporate Committee
12. Easter Group Body Corporate
13. Wallabi Group Body Corporate
14. Pelsaert Group Body Corporate
15. Mission Blue

# Key Comments, Issues and Amendments

## Section 1.0 General Overview

### Summary of Survey Responses

- **86%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or were neutral with respect to Section 1 providing an informative overview of the Abrolhos Reserve planning area, management focus and management context (refer App 1, pg. 10).

### Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 1 General Overview is provided below –

- Some stakeholders felt the overview was heavily weighted towards favouring the commercial fishing industry and camp owners, while other stakeholders felt the overview was heavily weighted towards the tourism sector and tourism development.
- Several stakeholders expressed their strong support for low impact tourism only.
- Concerns raised about large-scale cruise ship visitation to Reserve islands and associated detrimental impacts to the natural values of the Abrolhos.
- Comment that the term ‘overnight accommodation’ is too limiting.
- Concern that recreational fishing is not identified as a key value of the Reserve.
- Comment that the plan should include a direct reference to public health, such as enhancing the public health of the island community and visitors.
- Some stakeholders requested further clarity on management responsibilities.
- Some stakeholders raised concerns about bodies corporate management of the leased land.
- General concerns raised about the consultation and submission process.

### Summary of Key Plan Amendments

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 1 General Overview is provided below –

- Table 1 amended and simplified to provide a snapshot of key values of the Abrolhos Reserve and the management objectives for those values. Text changes have addressed several of the comments made above.
- Figure 1 updated to provide clarity on agency management responsibilities.
- Abrolhos Islands Bodies Corporate section re-drafted to provide additional detail on the bodies corporate management framework and lease arrangements, and clarity on the role of DPIRD and the role of the bodies corporate in managing lease areas.

## Section 2.1 Nature Conservation and Protection

### Summary of Survey Responses

- **79%** of survey respondents agreed that the natural values were accurately described in Section 2.1 of the draft plan.
- **84%** of survey respondents agreed that the management issues and threats to the natural values of the Abrolhos Reserve were accurately described in Section 2.1 of the draft plan.
- **62%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the four (4) management objectives in Section 2.1 of the draft plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the natural values of the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **82%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.1 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 11 – 14) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

### Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.1 Nature Conservation and Protection is provided below –

#### Natural values

- Request for additional detail to better explain the environmental legislation applicable to the Abrolhos Reserve.
- Additional information provided on specific Abrolhos Reserve islands important for seabird nesting and breeding.
- Additional information provided on key seabird species that breed on Abrolhos Reserve islands.
- Several stakeholders felt the description was too generalised.

#### Management issues and threats

- Comment that additional focus is needed on the impacts of an increased human presence.
- Recommendation that the *National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds* be explicitly referred to.
- Concern that biosecurity threats have not been assessed.
- Proposal to eradicate all introduced vegetation (at fishing camps), particularly Bryophyllum and Cotyledon. Also proposal to control ice plant.
- Additional information provided on shoreline waste and microplastics.
- Concerns raised about land-based wastewater management practices, and the inconsistency of rules applied between sewage discharge from vessels and camps.

- Several stakeholders noted the need for greater flexibility in respect of wastewater management and further investigation into fit for purpose solutions.

### **Management objectives**

- View that all native flora and fauna should be protected, not just important flora, fauna and ecosystems.
- Suggestion to include a management objective on climate change and use of environmentally sustainable equipment and clean technologies.

### **Management actions**

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 1 (protection of flora and fauna)

- Suggestion that the proposed code of conduct be broadened to address more than just protection of seabirds.
- Need for an updated inventory of seabird and shorebird sites on the islands.
- Recommendation that Government places a higher priority on increasing protection for the Australian sea lion.
- Suggestion to include measures to protect the availability of the seabird food source.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 2 (human disturbance)

- Further detail needed on DPIRD's expectations and requirements in respect of developing environmental risk management plans.
- Concern raised with the use of the term 'best practice', noting this needs to be considered in an Abrolhos context.
- View that any new land-based infrastructure will have much greater level of disturbance to the natural values as opposed to established infrastructure.
- Suggestion to include a specific strategy that requires all new camp construction to comply with the *National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds*.
- More information required on how rehabilitated land would be assessed and reallocated under future land use applications.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 3 (biosecurity)

- Further detail needed on responsibilities and resources available in respect of developing biosecurity requirements.
- Suggestion that all introduced species should be removed from the islands, and all introduced vegetation eradicated from fishing camps.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 4 (waste and pollution)

- Comment that 'best practice' wastewater solutions used on the mainland are generally unworkable on the islands.

- Additional detail needed on the proposed review of the Abrolhos Waste Management Standards, and whether the bodies corporate would be consulted.
- View that wastewater systems must be practical for the unique condition of the islands, and there needs to be greater flexibility with the types of wastewater treatment options at the islands.
- Recommendation for a robust review of the approved wastewater system undertaken by the CoGG), Department of Health, DPIRD and the bodies corporate.

### **Other / Additional feedback**

- Recommendation to develop a Mosquito Management Plan for the islands.
- Anecdotal advice that there has been a significant increase in the population and breeding colony of sooty terns on the northern end of Rat Island.

### **Summary of Key Plan Amendments**

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.1 Nature Conservation and Protection is provided below –

- Natural values section amended to provide additional background detail on applicable environmental legislation.
- Seabirds and migratory shorebirds section amended to include additional information provided. Also noted the need to improve the knowledge base of current important seabird and migratory shorebird sites on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- Included reference to relevant Commonwealth and State recovery plans.
- Human disturbance section amended to provide additional background detail on the *National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds*.
- Waste and pollution section amended to include reference to shoreline waste from the fishing and aquaculture industries, visitors and marine debris.
- Biosecurity section amended to improve alignment with the National Park plan.
- Wastewater section amended to provide additional background information and strengthen the need for a continued urgent focus on improving wastewater systems on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- Management Objective 1 amended to remove 'important' and replace with 'native'.
- Management Objective 4 amended to refer specifically to wastewater.
- Management Action 2 amended to broaden the scope of the code of conduct.
- Management Actions 13 – deleted and incorporated into new action (see below).
- Management Action 14 – deleted.
- Management Action 17 amended to add flexibility for camp owners to adopt new approved wastewater technologies.

New management actions added:

- *Collaborate with DBCA and conservation experts to map locations of key seabird and migratory shorebird sites on the Abrolhos Reserve and the National Park to establish baseline data and trends.*
- *Collaborate with DBCA to map areas covered by mangroves on the Abrolhos Reserve (and the National Park) and support ongoing monitoring programs.*
- *Consider the merit of identifying and implementing ‘conservation zones’ on the Abrolhos Reserve to recognise areas of high biodiversity and safeguard these areas for the future.*
- *In collaboration with DBCA and consultation with the bodies corporate, prepare and implement a terrestrial biosecurity plan and weed and pest animal control plans for the Abrolhos Islands (National Park and Reserve).*
- *As an urgent priority, work with the bodies corporate, the CoGG and DoH to support investigation into new, practical, fit-for-purpose wastewater solutions to improve wastewater management standards on the Abrolhos Reserve.*

## **Section 2.2 Cultural Heritage Protection**

### **Summary of Survey Responses**

- **82%** of survey respondents agreed that the cultural heritage values were accurately described in Section 2.2 of the draft plan.
- **77%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the three (3) management objectives in Section 2.2 of the draft plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the cultural heritage values of the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **76%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.2 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 15 – 17) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

### **Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised**

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.2 Cultural Heritage Protection is provided below –

#### **Cultural heritage values**

- View that the draft plan was too one-sided towards fishing heritage values and should have more information on other important cultural heritage values.
- Suggestion that the draft plan be expanded to accurately reflect the Aboriginal cultural heritage value. Suggestion that it may be valuable to engage with the Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation and/or Bundi Yamatji Aboriginal Corporation to seek advice on Aboriginal occupation/use of the islands.

- Comment that the draft plan should recognise that the Abrolhos Reserve was originally created for the purpose of 'Recreation and Tourism Resort'.
- View that there should be a greater emphasis on the significance of the *Batavia* and other shipwrecks, and on early European influence.
- Recommendation that recreational visitation, particularly day trippers, be included as an important cultural value.

### **Places of cultural heritage interest**

- Suggestions for additional places of cultural heritage interest included:
  - all fishing camps and jetties
  - stone camps/buildings
  - small boat recreational heritage
  - Little Rat Island community hall and school
  - Pigeon Island community hall and school

### **Management objectives**

- View that the objectives were too one-sided – too much focus on the fishing heritage.

### **Management actions**

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 1 (awareness of fishing heritage, visitation)

- Comment that any visitor access to body corporate land must be guided and policed.
- Concern with the use of the term 'appropriate' visitor access and what this means.
- More information needed on the process of amending body corporate leases to enable tourist access to places of cultural heritage interest.
- View that visitor access to cultural heritage sites on body corporate land is not necessary. Cultural heritage sites on body corporate land should be maintained but excluded from visitation.
- Suggestion that only selected areas should be able to be accessed by the tourist sector, where there is no adverse interference with commercial fishing operations.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 2 (protect cultural heritage sites)

- Support for the identification, protection and management of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century cultural heritage values.
- Support for maintaining the unique fishing heritage on Leo Island, recognising over 60 years of continuous commercial use.
- Need for careful consideration and a sensible approach towards heritage listing, given the potential for significant costs that could be added for renovation, extension and maintenance of a structure if it becomes heritage listed.
- More information requested on the location of the stone structures and an understanding of future management.

### Actions relating to Management Objective 3 (maintain building character)

- View that the proposed building style guide should be led by the bodies corporate, in collaboration with CoGG and in consultation with DPIRD.
- View that the proposed building style guide was unnecessary.
- View that it was unnecessary to have an action on maintaining the visual character of Basile Island, and that was a role for the Pelsaert Group Body Corporate.

## Summary of Key Plan Amendments

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.2 Cultural Heritage Protection is provided below –

- Cultural heritage values section amended to provide additional background information on other important cultural heritage values.
- The following places of cultural heritage interest were added:
  - building character of the fishing camps and communities, particularly Basile Island
  - jetties, particularly the stone jetty on Rat Island
  - Pigeon Island Community Hall and School
  - Little Rat Island Community Hall and School
- Management Action 1 amended to include collaboration with the bodies corporate and relevant peak fishing bodies.
- Management Action 2 deleted (visitation to places of cultural heritage interest on the Abrolhos Reserve moved to Section 2.3 Tourism).
- Management Action 5 amended to include the Easter Group Body Corporate.
- Management Action 6 amended so that DPIRD would support the CoGG and the bodies corporate to develop a building style guide for buildings on the Reserve.
- Management Action 7 deleted.

New management action added:

- *Provide support to relevant organisations in conducting further research into future maritime and aboriginal archaeological discoveries at the Abrolhos.*

## Section 2.3 Tourism

### Summary of Survey Responses

- **78%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed guiding principles for sustainable tourism development described in Section 2.3 of the draft plan.
- **66%** of survey respondents disagreed with the proposed management arrangements for new built commercial tourist accommodation on the Abrolhos Reserve.

- **59%** of survey respondents disagreed with the proposed management arrangements for hosted fishing camp accommodation on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **71%** of survey respondents agreed with the proposal to prohibit recreational camping on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **62%** of survey respondents agreed with the proposed management arrangements for guided tours on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **59%** of survey respondents disagreed with the proposed management arrangements for retail, food and beverage outlets on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **57%** of survey respondents agreed with the proposed management arrangements for commercial events and functions on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **52%** of survey respondents disagreed with the proposed management arrangements for a tourism operations base on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **54%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the four (4) management objectives in Section 2.3 of the draft plan will result in appropriate outcomes for tourism on the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **72%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.3 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 18 – 27) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

## **Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised**

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.3 Tourism is provided below –

### **Guiding principles for sustainable tourism development**

- The main concern was uncertainty on how tourism and commercial fishing operations could coexist. There is a common view that these activities are not compatible.
- Concern raised about using existing underutilised infrastructure on body corporate land for tourism purposes. Current infrastructure is largely built fit for purpose and may not meet safety standards for public visitation.
- Comment that heritage assessments may be required prior to adaptation and/or demolition of proposed sites for tourism development.
- Clarity needed on what is meant by ‘low visitor numbers’.
- Concerns raised about developing new land-based infrastructure and expanding the human footprint on the islands.
- Recommendation for Government to implement appropriate basic tourism infrastructure before encouraging large numbers of visitors to the islands.
- Suggestion to include a principle supporting private recreational vessel access.

## **Tourism opportunities and proposed management**

### Purpose-built commercial tourist accommodation

- Differing views in relation to the proposed management arrangements for new purpose-built tourist accommodation on the Reserve (outside lease areas) –
  - view that this type of activity should be managed by DBCA on the National Park (on unoccupied islands only),
  - view that new tourist accommodation should only be built within the existing infrastructure footprint on body corporate land
  - suggestion to consider converting disused fishing camps into overnight tourist accommodation options
  - recommendation to require coastal hazard risk management planning
  - concerns raised on the viability of land-based accommodation at the Abrolhos due to the short visiting season

### Hosted fishing camp accommodation

- Differing views in relation to the proposed management arrangements for hosted fishing camp accommodation –
  - view that this activity should be managed by the bodies corporate
  - view that this activity should be managed by DPIRD
  - view that tourist accommodation should be separate from camps
  - suggestion that Government should buy out an island for tourist accommodation purposes to ensure appropriate separation of uses
  - concerns raised around having tourists in the vicinity of commercial operations and associated safety, distraction and liability for businesses
  - comment that future tourism members should also have the opportunity to offer hosted camp accommodation, not just existing body corporate members
  - concerns that enabling hosted fishing camp accommodation opportunities will significantly disadvantage tour operators that have spent significant money complying with correct survey vessels for overnight stays
  - request for further consultation

### Private recreational camping

- While the majority of stakeholders supported the proposal to prohibit recreational camping on the Reserve, some stakeholders felt that some islands could offer this opportunity without impacting on the fishing communities, and noted that it was important to provide budget, low-cost accommodation options.

### Guided tours

- Key comments and issues raised in relation to the proposed management arrangements for guided tours were –
  - view that arrangements for guided tours should not be driven or managed by the bodies corporate, there should be a mechanism for tour operators to drive the opportunity through consultation with DPIRD and the bodies corporate

- significant concerns raised on safety and privacy impacts – tourists peering through fishing camps is considered invasive and uncomfortable, most fishers do not want to be viewed as a tourist attraction
- concerns raised on increased foot traffic and ‘wear and tear’ of the islands (some islands will be more resilient than others)
- concerns that there has been a history of some visitors on tours disrespecting private property and behaving inappropriately

#### Retail, food and beverage outlets

- Differing views in relation to the proposed management arrangements for retail, food and beverage outlets –
  - view that having retail, food and beverage outlets at the Abrolhos is unnecessary, too commercialised, and would take away from its sense of place and raw natural beauty
  - view that arrangements for retail, food and beverage outlets should not be driven or managed by the bodies corporate, there should be a mechanism for others to drive the opportunity through consultation with the bodies corporate and managed by DPIRD
  - concerns raised about an increase in foreign food,
  - waste and potential for litter
  - view that this activity would not be financially viable as a stand-alone business

#### Commercial events and functions

- Differing views in relation to the proposed management arrangements for commercial events and functions –
  - concern that the bodies corporate is given too much control and influence as to whether an event could go ahead
  - view that it is not appropriate to have commercial events at the Abrolhos, given the fragile environment
  - concerns raised about an increase in foreign food and waste and potential for litter to leak out into the environment
  - concerns raised about noise pollution
  - recommendation that there should be an independent assessment of potential conflicts with nature conservation values for each event
  - more information requested on management of non-commercial events (e.g. ANZAC Day Two-Up on West Wallabi Island)

#### Tourism operations base

- Differing views in relation to the proposed management arrangements for a tourism operations base –
  - view that tour operators do not need an operations base, as everything is available on their boat
  - concern that the bodies corporate is given too much control and influence as to whether an operations base would be approved
  - view that tour operator bases are not compatible with commercial fishing and aquaculture activities, and it will create conflict

- some stakeholders were supportive of the proposal so long as existing and ongoing, active commercial fishing and aquaculture operators are not forcibly relocated to provide locations for tour operator bases
- view that DBCA should be flexible and allow for this opportunity on the National Park if space is too restricted on the Reserve

### **Management objectives**

- The main concern relates to the integration of tourism onto body corporate leased land, and the view that the existing commercial fishing industry should not be forsaken for the growth of a new tourism industry.
- Objection to providing new purpose-built tourist accommodation on the Reserve.
- General comment that the development of tourism at the Abrolhos must be carefully considered, well planned, and strictly managed.
- Suggestion to include an additional objective to “facilitate and support private recreational vessel access to the Reserve”.

### **Management actions**

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 1 (effective management)

- Concerns raised about the competitive process and applying this to body corporate leased land.
- Support for DPIRD to manage tourism, through issuing of Tourism Licences. View that the bodies corporate is not equipped to manage tourism.
- View that the bodies corporate must lead management processes and be the determining authority for any tourism occurring on body corporate leased land.
- Building and design guidelines should apply to all buildings, not just tourism.
- View that photography should not be regulated.
- View that management rules will be difficult to police due to the vastness and distance between islands.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 2 (visitor access)

- General view that tour operators do not need operational bases.
- More information needed on the potentially broad definition of a “commercial tour operator”.
- View that consideration of tour operator access must be led and managed by the bodies corporate, with additional assessments required.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 3 (accommodation options)

- General objection to new purpose-built tourist accommodation on the Reserve.
- View that consideration of hosted fishing camp accommodation must be led and managed by the bodies corporate.

- View that hosted fishing camp accommodation should fit within the guidelines of agritourism (comparable to a farm stay).
- View that hosted fishing camp accommodation should not be used to support charter fishing tours. There is already too much pressure on island fish stocks.
- View that the mix of overnight accommodation proposed on body corporate land will create conflict.
- Suggestion to consider providing facilities for outside deck sleeping under the stars at Rat Island and North Island.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 4 (day use tourism and services)

- Main concern relates to the perception that expedition cruise ships will bring large numbers of tourists to the islands.
- View that day visitation should be limited due to fragility of the islands. There needs to be a balance between visitation and impacts.
- View that consideration of guided tours and day use visitation on body corporate land must be led and managed by the bodies corporate. DPIRD could provide the overarching policy framework and guidelines to facilitate implementation by the bodies corporate.
- Comment that the community halls are owned and utilised by body corporate members and form an integral part of the development and maintenance of the social and cultural fabric of the bodies corporate. Opportunities for use of this infrastructure for tourism must be led by the bodies corporate.
- Recommendation that actions need to explicitly prohibit tourism activities that centre around recreational fishing.
- Suggestion to consider access for environmental activities and educational talks.

### **Summary of Key Plan Amendments**

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.3 Tourism is provided below –

- The draft plan has been amended to support consideration of low impact, small-scale visitor experiences on the Abrolhos Reserve with an agritourism focus. Tourism and visitor access will be considered where it can coexist with operational activity on the Reserve, and complement visitor experiences already occurring on the National Park and the Abrolhos FHPA.
- The plan has been amended to state that new purpose-built commercial tourist accommodation will not be considered on the Abrolhos Reserve during the life of the plan. The plan notes that DBCA will be considering nature-based tourism development proposals, including those incorporating overnight accommodation options, on the National Park. Additional opportunities for marine-based fixed/floating accommodation may also be considered within the Abrolhos FHPA.
- Hosted camp accommodation will be maintained as a future small-scale land-based accommodation option at the Abrolhos. Visitors could be hosted by a local fisher,

aquaculture or tourism operator. Further consultation with the bodies corporate is needed to consider this type of tourism opportunity, work through the relevant issues and develop an agreed management framework. Opportunities will be considered once these steps are completed and the assessment guidelines and operational conditions and requirements for hosted camp accommodation are clear.

- Retail, food and beverage outlets have been removed as a stand-alone tourism opportunity. The opportunity for operators to be able to sell their product and offer catering services to day visitors as part of a guided tour, commercial event or hosted camp accommodation, will be considered.
- The plan will maintain the opportunity for commercial nature-based eco tour operators to have access to island infrastructure where it would support their business operation. Access to island infrastructure would be limited to an operations base, envisaged to include equipment storage and staff (crew) accommodation, but would not extend to tourist accommodation or visitor access. DPIRD will work in partnership with the bodies corporate to develop an agreed framework for assessing applications for island access in respect of commercial nature-based tour operators.
- Management Objective 2 amended to – “Enable access to and occupancy of the Abrolhos Reserve to support the operational needs of the tourism industry.”
- Management Action 1 amended to remove reference to the competitive process.
- Management Action 3 deleted (covered in Section 2.2 Cultural Heritage Protection).
- Management Action 4 deleted (covered under Action 2).
- Management Action 10 deleted (replaced by new action below).
- Management Action 12 deleted (moved to Section 2.5 Community).
- Management Actions 13 and 14 deleted (replaced by new actions below).

New management actions added:

- *Work with the bodies corporate to consider an appropriate pathway to integrate other commercial uses, such as operational bases for nature-based commercial tour operators, into the existing body corporate framework.*
- *Liaise with the bodies corporate to consider the need to develop a management framework for non-commercial events on body corporate leased land.*
- *Collaborate with DBCA and other partner agencies to investigate suitable locations and options for new land-based built tourist accommodation at the Abrolhos.*
- *Liaise with the bodies corporate to further consider hosted camp accommodation opportunities and develop an appropriate approvals and assessment framework.*

## **Section 2.4 Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture**

### **Summary of Survey Responses**

- **68%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the management objective in Section 2.4 of the draft plan will support the sustainable fisheries and aquaculture values of the Abrolhos Reserve.

- **75%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.2 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 28 – 29) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

## **Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised**

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.4 Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture is provided below –

### **Management objectives**

- Concerns raised that too many aquaculture leases have been granted at the Abrolhos with very few operating.
- Concern that DPIRD would be the ultimate decision maker on what would be deemed 'appropriate' infrastructure access for the rock lobster and aquaculture industries.
- Concerns raised around the coexistence of existing fishing and aquaculture members living and working and fishing tour operator bases whose paying guests may be in 'holiday/party mode'. Viewed as incompatible.

### **Management actions**

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 1 (infrastructure access)

- View that priority should be given to ensuring that access arrangements for the existing fishing and aquaculture industries are maintained and adequate provision for growth of these industries provided.
- Most stakeholders supported providing opportunities for other commercial fishery operators to have access to island infrastructure as long as it could be shown to clearly benefit their fishing operation.
- More information needed on the potentially broad definition of 'all commercial fisheries'. Further work required to determine which other commercial fisheries could benefit from island access and camp ownership.
- Further information needed on the process of amending the Regulations to enable land access and camp ownership for all commercial fisheries.
- Need for a greater emphasis on ensuring that any infrastructure access must support an active operation and show a demonstrated need for infrastructure.
- View that fishing tour operators do not require access to land-based infrastructure.
- Concern that providing opportunities for fishing tour operators to have an operations base would increase recreational fishing effort.
- General view that tourism, including fishing tour operator bases, should not be considered on body corporate land.
- Comment that the charter fishing sector should also be involved in developing assessment guidelines.

## Other / Additional feedback

- Significant concerns raised about the potential discharge of raw sewage into the marine environment in close proximity to shellfish aquaculture sites.
- Suggestion to include additional information regarding the required environmental assessment process for aquaculture operations.

## Summary of Key Plan Amendments

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.4 Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture is provided below –

- Additional background information included on commercial fishing, recreational and charter fishing and aquaculture values.
- Plan amended to recognise a recent new management issue that has come to DPIRD's attention relating to the impact of land-based sewage discharge on the development of (edible shellfish) aquaculture ventures in the Abrolhos FHPA.
- Noted that further work may be required to consider future access requirements of the commercial rock lobster and aquaculture industries.
- Clarified that opportunities for fishing tour operators to have access to island infrastructure would not be considered until implementation and allocation of the new Abrolhos Charter Operator Zone.
- Clarified that an operations base for fishing tour operators could include equipment storage and staff accommodation, but would not extend to tourist accommodation or visitor access.
- Management Objective 1 deleted and replaced with three new objectives, separating out existing industries having island access with potential new industries which will be considered for island access. Term 'appropriate' deleted.
- Management Actions 3, 4 and 5 deleted.
- Management Action 6 amended to also include collaboration with the peak fishing bodies and the tourism sector.

New management actions added:

- *Liaise with the bodies corporate, the WRLC and ACWA to consider the potential future access requirements of the commercial rock lobster and aquaculture industries.*
- *Liaise with WAFIC to consider which commercial fisheries (other than rock lobster) could benefit from access to the Abrolhos Reserve and camp ownership and discuss the outcomes with the bodies corporate.*
- *Work with the bodies corporate to consider an appropriate pathway to integrate other commercial uses, such as operational bases for commercial fisheries (other than rock lobster) and fishing tour operators, into the existing body corporate framework.*

## Section 2.5 Abrolhos Community

### Summary of Survey Responses

- **59%** of survey respondents disagreed that a permitted land use table is an appropriate and effective management tool to guide future land use and development.
- **35%** of survey respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed, and **29%** strongly disagreed or somewhat disagreed, with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for North Island. 36% were neutral.
- **40%** of survey respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed, and **22%** strongly disagreed or somewhat disagreed, with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Wallabi Group Islands. 38% were neutral.
- **32%** of survey respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed, and **39%** strongly disagreed or somewhat disagreed, with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Easter Group Islands. 29% were neutral or undecided.
- **43%** of survey respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed, and **26%** strongly disagreed or somewhat disagreed, with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Pelsaert Group Islands. 31% were neutral.
- **69%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the outcomes that Government is seeking in relation to future management of fishing camps outlined in the draft plan.
- **50%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the six (6) management objectives in Section 2.5 of the draft plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the community values of the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **84%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.5 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 30 – 37) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

### Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.5 Abrolhos Community is provided below –

#### **Managing future land use – proposed permitted land use table**

- Concerns raised about impacts to existing commercial uses.
- Concerns raised about lack of consultation undertaken to develop the proposed permitted land use table. Needs to be amended through collaboration and workshopping, particular with the bodies corporate.
- Concerns raised about lack of independent assessments, demand and commerciality analyses being undertaken to inform the permitted land use table.
- Concerns raised that the table could be amended, which creates uncertainty.
- Several stakeholders reiterated their view that tourism and commercial operations should be separate.

- Several stakeholders raised concerns about the expansion of aquaculture at the Arolhos, and potential impacts to the environment if not managed well.
- Several stakeholders made the point that no existing and ongoing commercial rock lobster fishing and/or aquaculture operators should be coerced or forcibly relocated to provide locations for commercial tourist operations.
- Concern that a simple tick box gives no real clarity on the level of tourism intended for an island.
- Several stakeholders questioned why North Island had been checked for all potential future uses, given its lack of infrastructure, poor telecommunications, airstrip limitations and potential impacts to the sensitive natural values. Concerns that new tourist accommodation on North Island would not be commercially viable.
- Several stakeholders suggested that East Wallabi Island could be more suitable for a tourist accommodation development, providing for separation of uses.
- Concerns raised about the impacts on mental wellbeing of relocating fishers from West Wallabi Island.
- Request for further clarity on the reasoning why the Easter Group islands had not been identified as suitable for hosted camp accommodation.
- View that the airstrip to jetty pathway in front of the DPIRD operations base (Rat Island) does not constitute a clear separation of land uses.
- Several stakeholders raised concerns about the future land use proposals for Leo Island, in terms of impacts to the significant seabird and sea lion values and impacts to the current long-standing fishing operation.
- In relation to the Pelsaert group islands, view that low impact recreational camping and tourist facilities for day trippers should be prioritised.
- Several stakeholders thought the Pelsaert Group would be most popular for land-based accommodation options. Suggestion to consider Newman Island for new purpose-built tourist accommodation.
- Concern that Post Office Island was not recognised as having important natural values (threatened seabirds and mangrove habitat).
- Island camps need to be considered in the changing circumstances for the best interests of the WA community into the future.

### **Managing fishing camps**

- Concerns raised that some of the proposals will significantly impact on the existing rights of body corporate members. Inconsistent with existing agreed arrangements.
- View that it is not appropriate for DPIRD to determine what might be an appropriate camp holding entitlement for a commercial fishing or aquaculture operation.
- Concerns raised that the proposals do not consider succession planning for future generations and periods of business refinement.
- View that the management controls around camp occupation for maintenance purposes are too restrictive. Need for greater flexibility.
- Lack of clarity on the definition of 'lifestyle use'.

- View that extensive camp rationalisation and decommissioning is required. Also significant opportunity for repurposing infrastructure.
- Limited support for the arrangements for management, eligibility, use and occupation of camps to be set out in an Administrative Guideline.
- General request for further consultation on future camp management proposals.

### **Other / Additional feedback**

- Several stakeholders raised concerns about the limited digital and telecommunications coverage across the Abrolhos.
- View that the current emergency response arrangements are inadequate. Recommendation for an inter-agency review of the emergency response capability to service the Abrolhos be carried out to determine current and future needs including the possibility of a Geraldton-based rescue helicopter.
- Several stakeholders noted the need for improved emergency response arrangements for the Pelsaert Group islands (noting lack of airstrip).

### **Management objectives**

- The main concern raised was the management objective to facilitate sustainable economic development on the Abrolhos Reserve for a range of new commercial purposes, including tourism ventures.
- Several stakeholders commented that the objective to recognise and respect the social and community values of the fisher camp lifestyle did not align with the proposal to relocate some fishing operations.

### **Management actions**

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 3 (facilitate land use development)

- Further consultation and independent assessments required. Detail provided above.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 4 (managing camps)

- Concerns regarding development of an Administrative Guideline.
- View that there are already processes in place addressing Actions 8 and 9.

#### Actions relating to Management Objective 5 (quality and safety of camps)

- Concerns that proposed new development controls, such as the building and structure style guide, will add more “red tape”, slow down development and increase costs.

## **Summary of Key Plan Amendments**

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.5 Abrolhos Community is provided below –

- The proposed permitted land use table has been removed from the final plan. An alternative stepped approach will be undertaken over the next one to two years to consider opportunities to transition the Abrolhos Reserve to support new land uses in some areas. This will include –
  1. Review of existing infrastructure to determine its capacity to be repurposed and look at opportunities for camp rationalisation.
  2. Determine the demand for island access across the sector groups.
  3. Assess individual Reserve islands to determine their capacity to support other commercial uses.
  4. Develop the required assessment frameworks and progress required regulation and/or lease amendments.
- The final plan will specify the key Government principles, priorities and commitments associated with this stepped approach.
- Managing fishing camps section amended to re-focus on three priority outcomes for infrastructure management –
  1. Improved administration, including a new digital registration system.
  2. Appropriate occupation and use, including redefining the conditions on appropriate and acceptable camp occupation.
  3. Improved condition and safety of camps and other infrastructure.
- Management Action 4 deleted and incorporated into new action below.
- Management Action 5 deleted. Refer new actions below.
- Management Actions 6 and 9 deleted.
- Management Action 10 deleted (covered in Section 2.2 Cultural Heritage Protection).

New management actions added:

- *Support the bodies corporate to undertake a review of the status of existing land-based infrastructure to determine if any structures could be repurposed to provide for other commercial uses.*
- *Liaise with relevant stakeholders to evaluate the current and future infrastructure access requirements for the commercial fishing, aquaculture and tourism industries.*
- *In consultation with DBCA, the bodies corporate and other stakeholders as required, undertake an assessment of each Reserve island to identify and map its potential and opportunity to support other land uses.*
- *Liaise with the Easter Group Body Corporate, the MWDC and the tourism sector to explore options for enabling low impact tourism outcomes, including public infrastructure, on Rat Island.*
- *Work with the bodies corporate and other stakeholders as required to develop an agreed pathway and assessment framework to support integration of other land uses onto the Abrolhos Reserve.*

- *Progress any required Regulation and/or lease amendments to enable and facilitate new commercial uses on the Reserve.*
- *In partnership with the bodies corporate review and redefine the conditions on appropriate and acceptable camp use and occupation and reflect the outcomes in the body corporate lease agreements.*
- *As a priority, assess the safety standards of camps and infrastructure on Reserve islands where public visitation occurs and issue remedial work orders where required.*

## **Section 2.6 Governance**

### **Summary of Survey Responses**

- **67%** of survey respondents agreed that achieving the five (5) management objectives in Section 2.6 of the draft plan will improve governance of the Abrolhos Reserve.
- **79%** of survey respondents either strongly agreed, somewhat agreed or neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposed management actions in Section 2.6 of the draft plan.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (pages 38 – 39) for a more detailed breakdown of responses.

### **Summary of Key Comments / Issues Raised**

A summary of the key comments and issues raised from both the online survey and written submissions on Section 2.6 Governance is provided below –

#### **Management objectives**

- Need to improve consistency and transparency of decision making by Government and for decision-making to reflect the needs of all user groups.
- Concerns raised around resourcing implementation of the plan. Further information needed on funding arrangements, particularly for research and administration.
- Differing stakeholder views on the effectiveness of body corporate governance and management of leased land.
- Concerns about lack of resourcing for bodies corporate to effectively manage leased land, and request for funding support.
- View that the addition of tourism operators as part of the body corporate membership will elevate a new revenue stream that will enhance the bodies corporate ability to govern the islands more effectively.
- Proposal to consider forming a new governing authority with representatives across the sector groups.

## Management actions

### Actions relating to Management Objective 1 (inter-agency approach)

- View that the bodies corporate should be included in any governance framework established which has jurisdiction over lease areas.
- Concerns raised about dual management responsibilities and recommendation that Government work towards developing a single management plan for the Abrolhos covering both the land and water components.

### Actions relating to Management Objective 2 (contemporary legislation)

- Request for Government to collaborate with stakeholders in respect of developing contemporary policy and legislation.

### Actions relating to Management Objective 3 (monitoring and review)

- More information required on the range of research programs occurring on the Reserve and within body corporate land.

### Actions relating to Management Objective 4 (body corporate lease model)

- More information needed on proposed review of access and administrative cost arrangements for the bodies corporate.
- More information needed on ongoing governance arrangements.
- View that the bodies corporate should be provided greater autonomy and responsibility in accordance with their lease in order to reduce the need for unnecessary micromanagement by DPIRD.
- Need for improved bodies corporate governance, including compliance.

### Actions relating to Management Objective 5 (funding and resources)

- More information needed on developing fee schedules for approvals and licences on the Abrolhos Reserve.

## Summary of Key Plan Amendments

A summary of the key amendments made to the draft plan in relation to Section 2.6 Governance is provided below –

- Body corporate governance section amended to include additional information on the need for the body corporate lease review to have regard for a future operating environment under the *Aquatic Resources Management Act 2016*.
- Management Action 7 & 8 deleted.

New management action added:

- *Support the bodies corporate to establish a representative working group to improve ongoing collaboration and communication with government.*

## **Prioritised Summary Action Table**

Some stakeholders requested that a higher priority be given to:

- Implementing tourism-related actions, including management frameworks and basic public infrastructure where required.
- Enabling tourism outcomes on Rat Island, particularly an all access pathway that will enable the public to safely transit from the airstrip to a multi-use public jetty.
- Improving the knowledge of important seabird breeding sites.
- Improving wastewater systems.
- Improving telecommunications.

## Summary

DPIRD has carefully considered the issues raised through the public consultation period. The need to balance competing requirements of the different sector groups was a fundamental consideration in the review of the public submissions. As a consequence of the analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the final management plan.

In summary, the amendments have provided additional detail and clarity where required, and an overall better balance of information presented. In recognition of the significant divergence in views in respect of integrating tourism onto the Abrolhos Reserve, the amendments will provide for additional time to work through the issues with the bodies corporate and other stakeholders, and work together in a collaborative manner to develop the pathways and management frameworks needed to facilitate sustainable tourism development opportunities.

DPIRD thanks all the respondents for their time in providing a submission and contributing to development of the final approved *Houtman Abrolhos Islands Reserve Management Plan 2022-2032*.

# Appendix 1 – Online Survey Response Report

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# Abrolhos Reserve Draft Management Plan - Online Survey

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

22 February 2022 - 03 April 2022

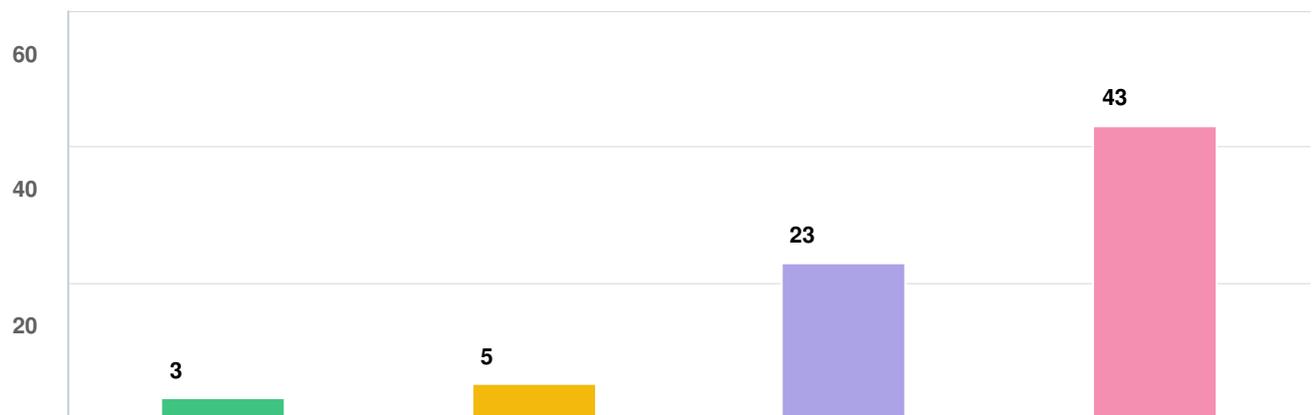
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation or as a private citizen?**



**Question options**

- Commonwealth, State or Local Government organisation
- Non-government organisation
- Company
- Private citizen

Mandatory Question (73 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q2 | What is your Commonwealth, State or Local Government organisation's name?**

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**Mandatory Question** (5 response(s))  
**Question type:** Single Line Question

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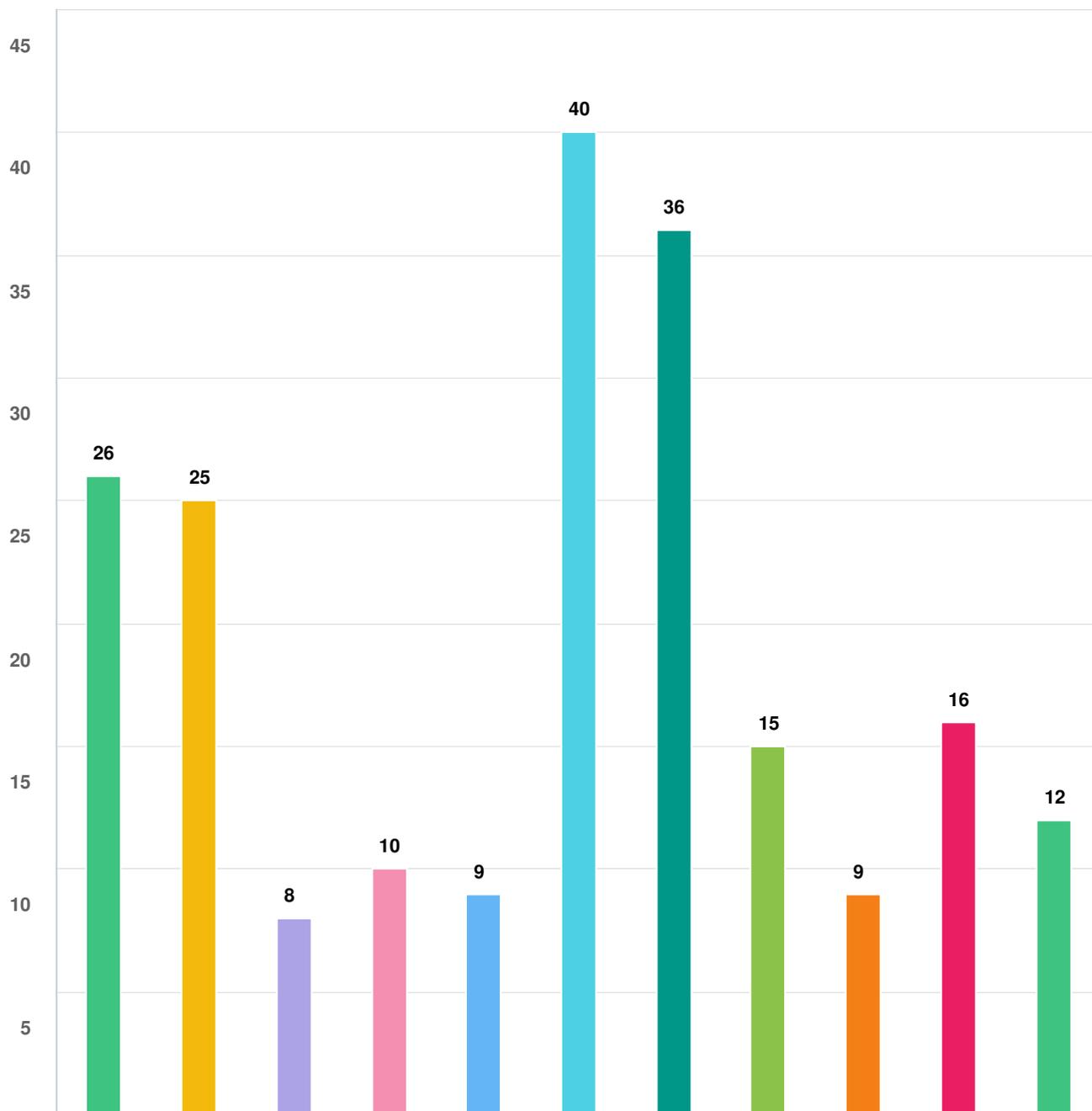
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**Mandatory Question** (23 response(s))

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q5 Which sector/interest group/activity do you identify with? Tick all that apply.**

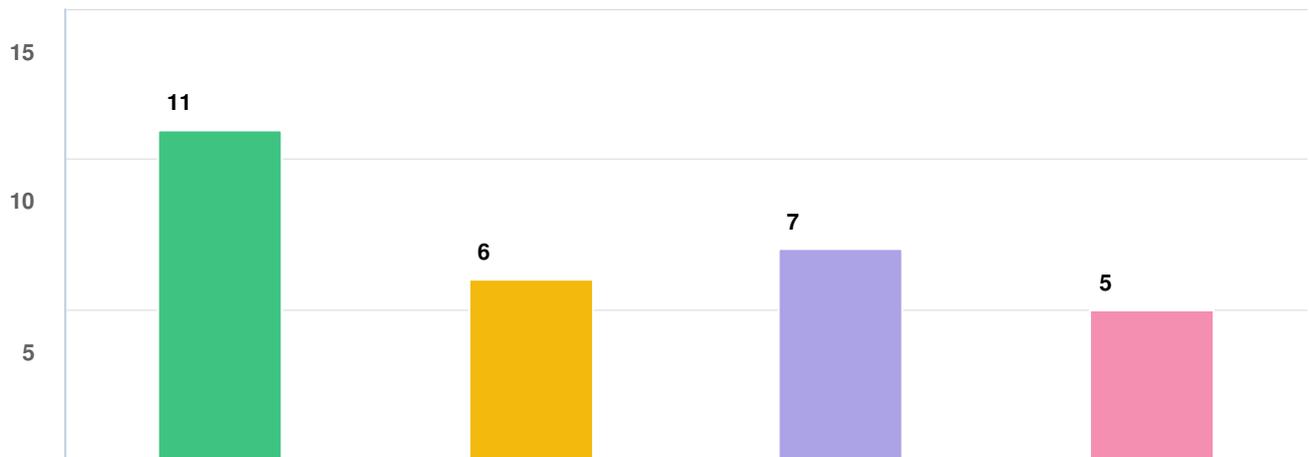


**Question options**

- Abrolhos Islands Body Corporate member
 ● Commercial fishing
● Aquaculture
● Fishing tour operator
- Marine eco-tourism operator
 ● Recreational fishing
- Non-fishing activities (e.g. wildlife appreciation, diving, snorkelling, surfing, boating, kitesurfing, kayaking, etc.)
- Conservation, education and/or research
 ● Cultural heritage
● Tourism
● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (73 response(s))  
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**Q6 Which Body Corporate are you a member of? Tick all that apply.**

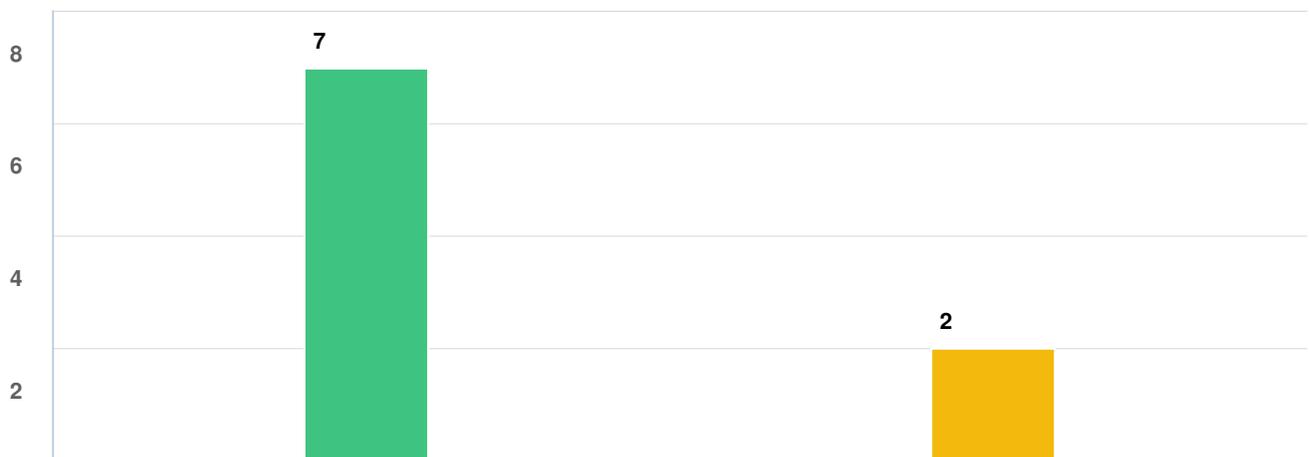


**Question options**

- North Island
- Wallabi Group
- Easter Group
- Southern Group

Mandatory Question (26 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q7 Do you currently conduct commercial eco-tours (non-fishing) at the Abrolhos Islands?**

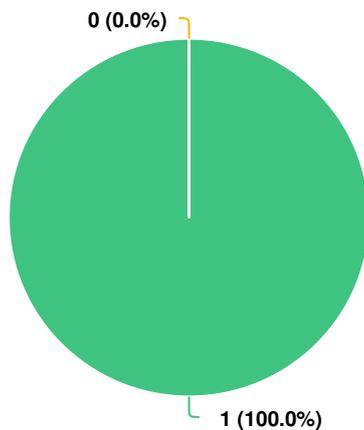


**Question options**

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- No

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Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q8** Do you plan on doing so in the future?

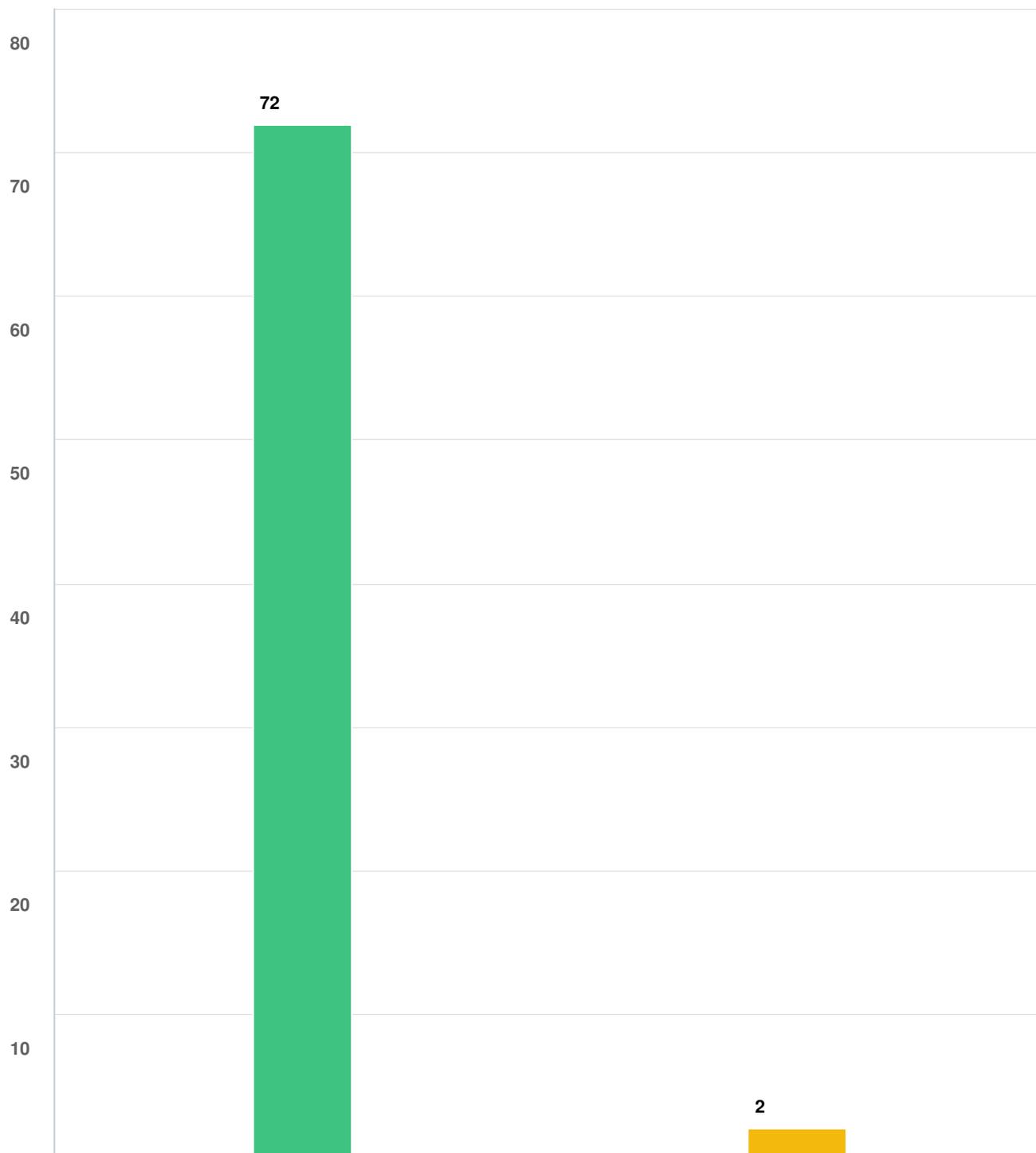


**Question options**

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- No

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Question type: Dropdown Question*

**Q9 Have you read the Houtman Abrolhos Islands Reserve Draft Management Plan 2022?**

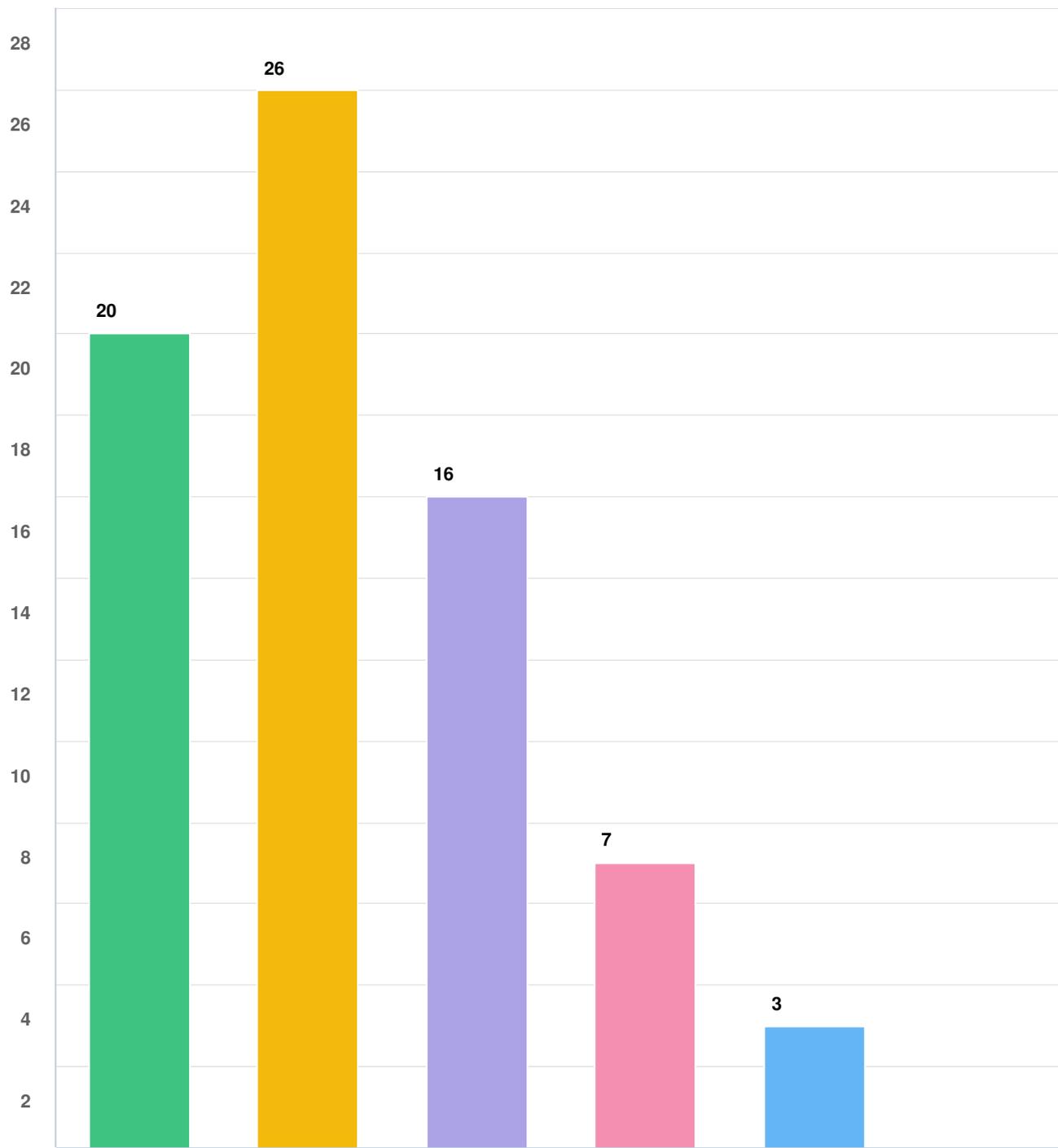


**Question options**

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Mandatory Question (73 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q10** To what extent do you agree that Section 1 of the Abrolhos Reserve Draft Management Plan provided you with an informative overview of the Abrolhos Reserve planning area, management focus and management context?



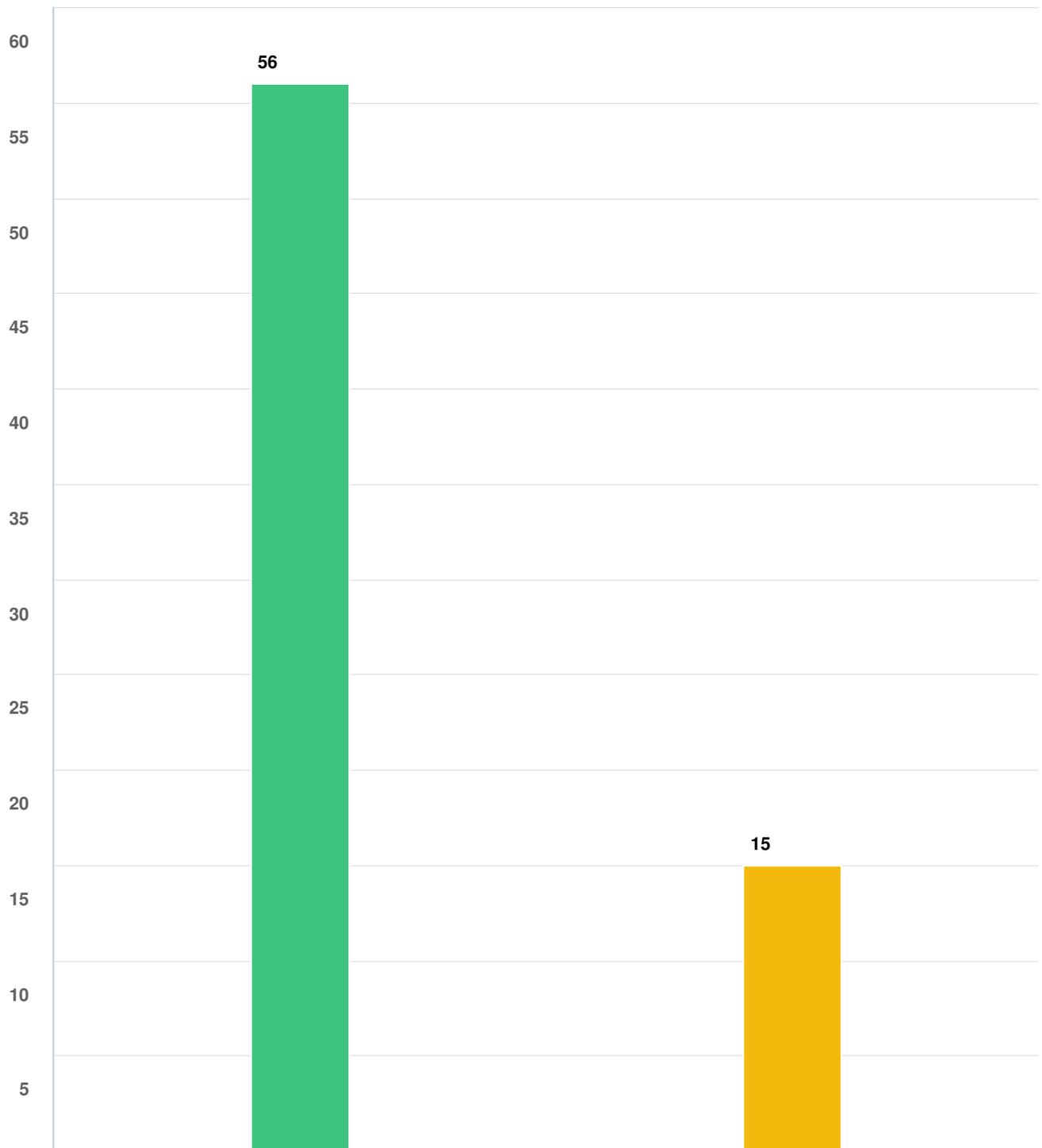
**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure/undecided

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Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q11 | Do you agree that the natural values are accurately described in Section 2.1 of the draft management plan (refer pg. 27)?**

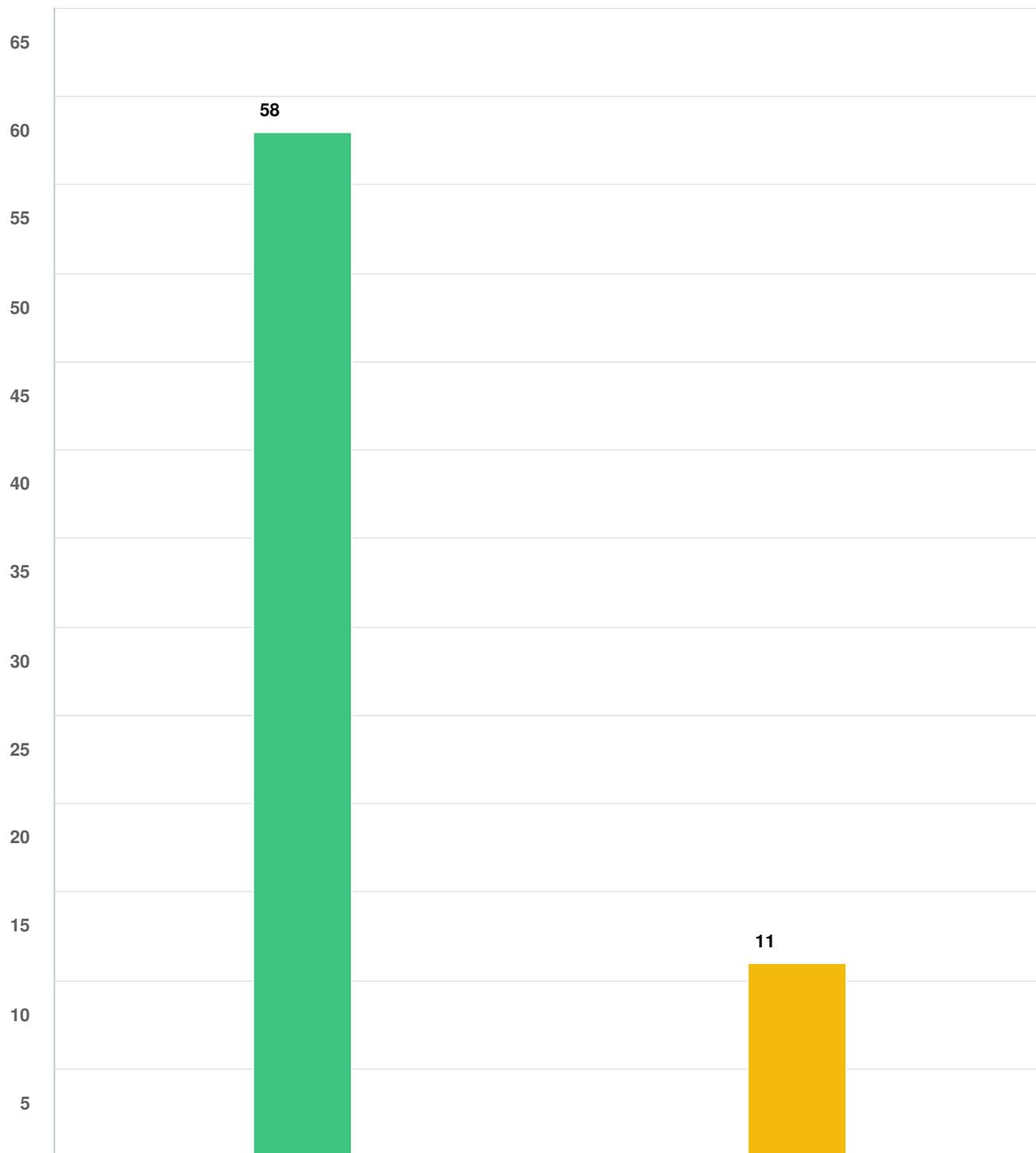


**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (70 response(s), 4 skipped)*  
*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q12** Do you agree that the management issues and threats to the natural values of the Abrinhos Reserve are accurately described in Section 2.1 of the draft management plan (refer pg. 30)?



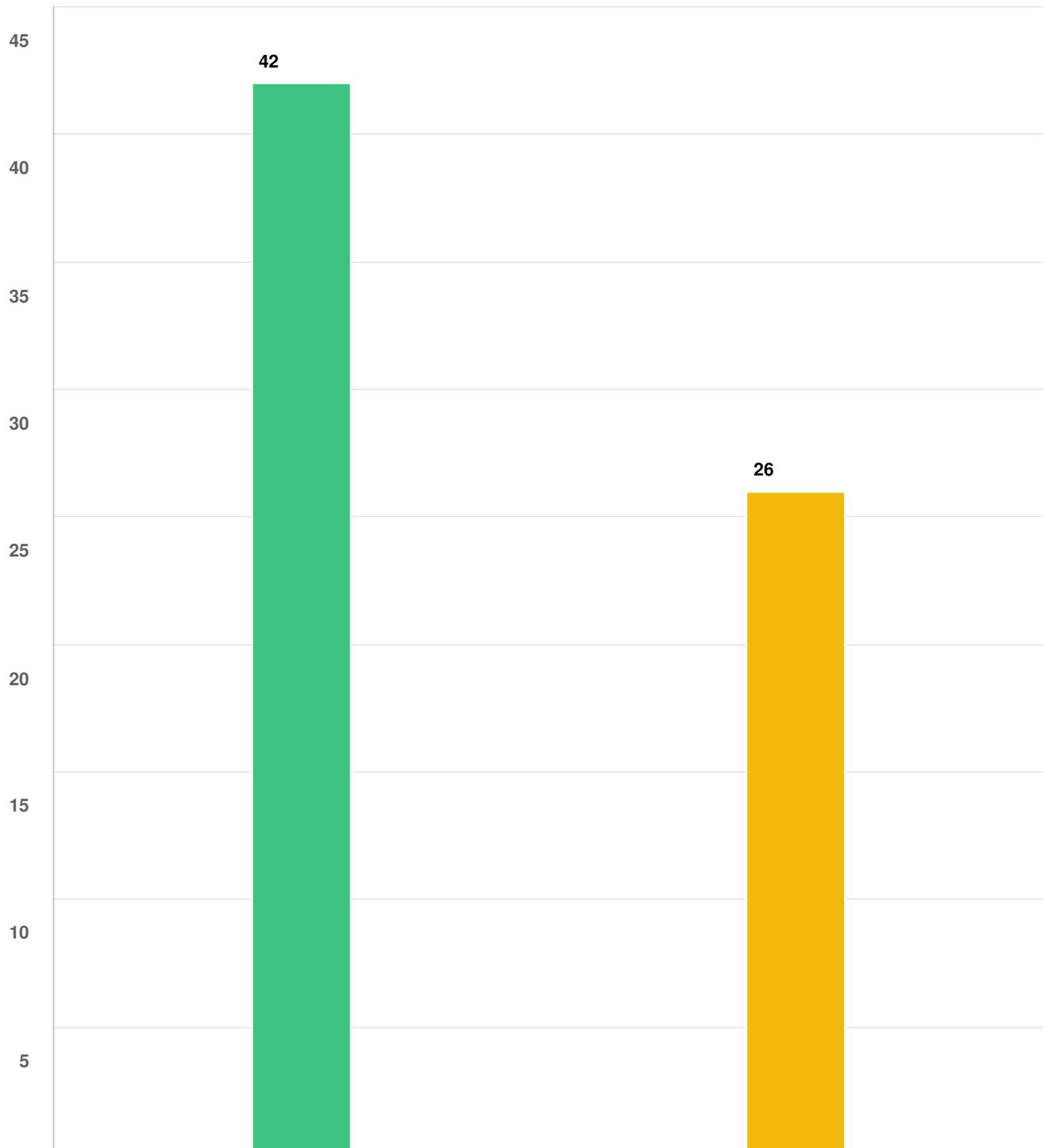
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- Yes
- No

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Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q13** Do you agree that achieving the four (4) management objectives in Section 2.1 of the draft management plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the Natural values of the Abrinhos Reserve?



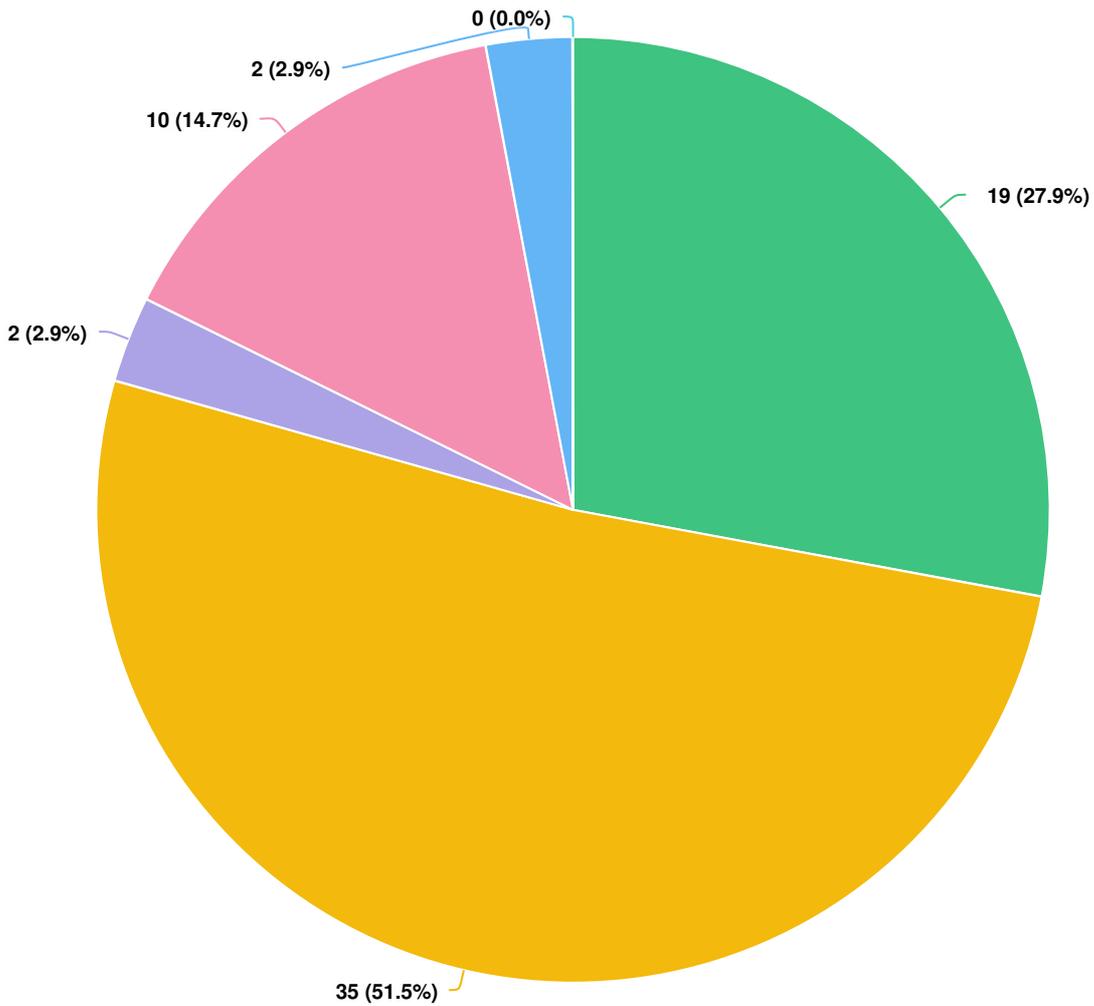
**Question options**

● Yes ● No

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Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q14** | There are 17 proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objectives for Nature Conservation and Protection on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?

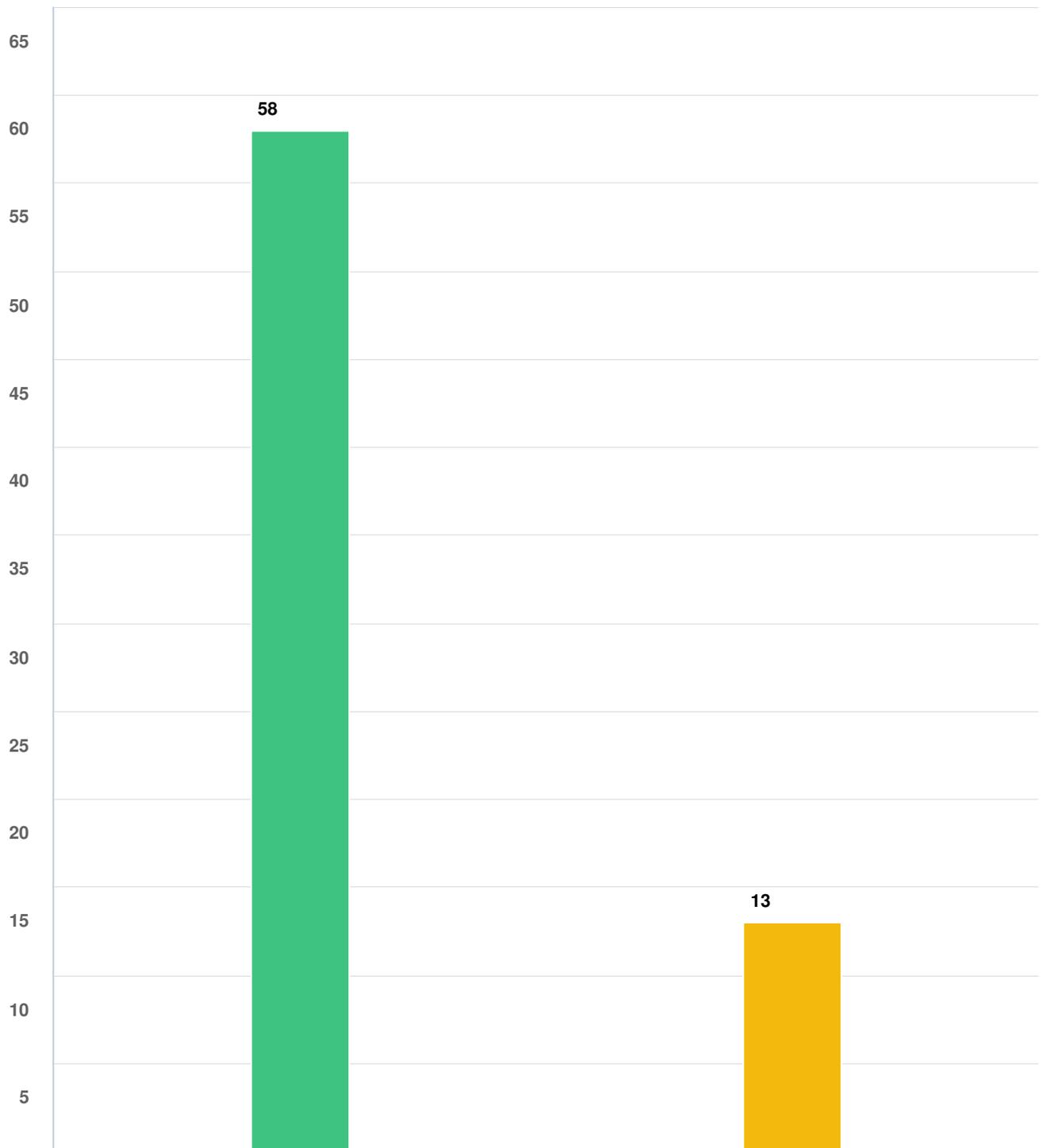


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

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Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q15** Do you agree that the cultural heritage values are accurately described in Section 2.2 of the draft management plan (refer pg. 36)?

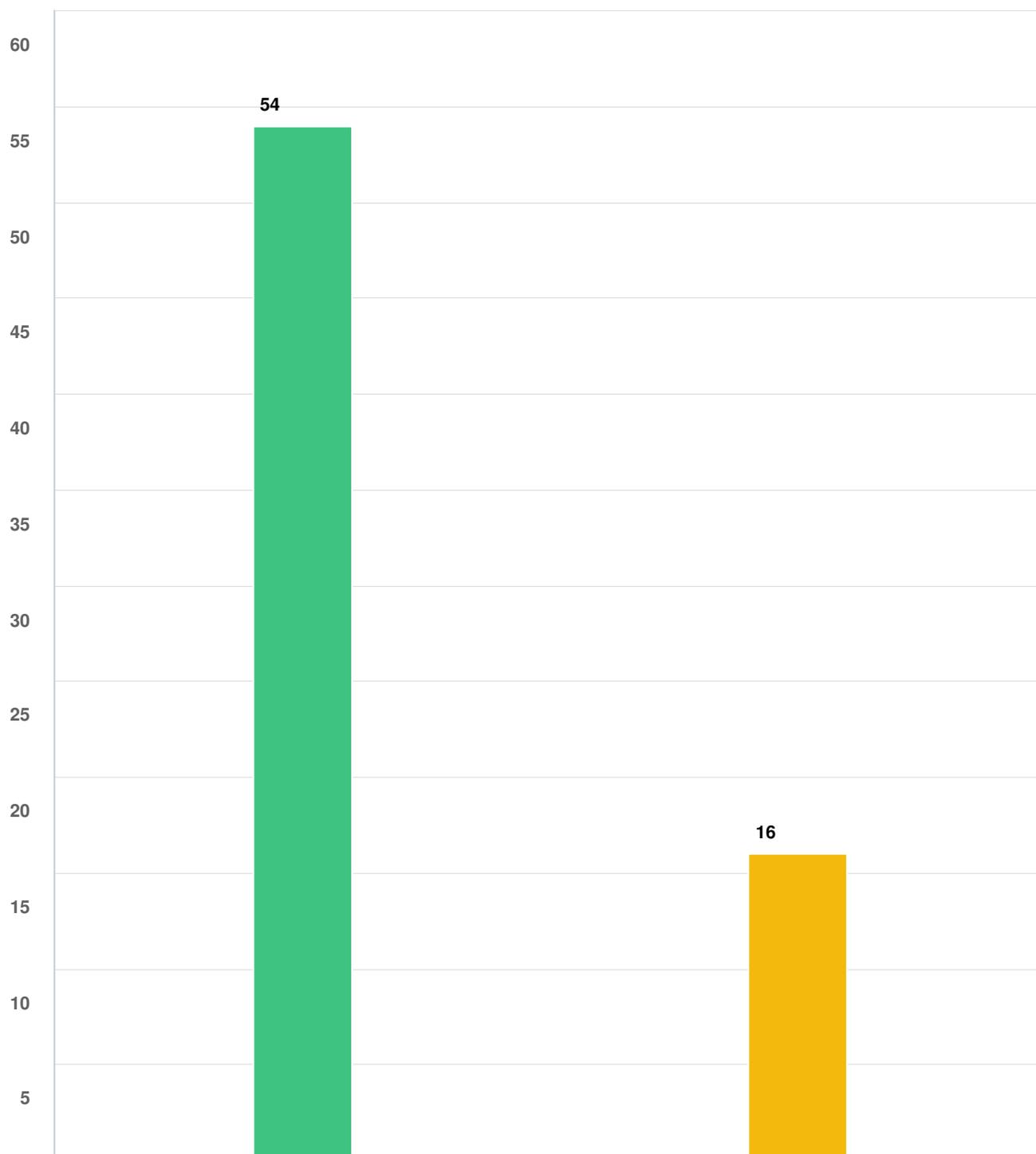


**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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**Q16** Do you agree that achieving the three (3) management objectives in Section 2.2 of the draft management plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the Cultural Heritage values of the Abrolhos Reserve?



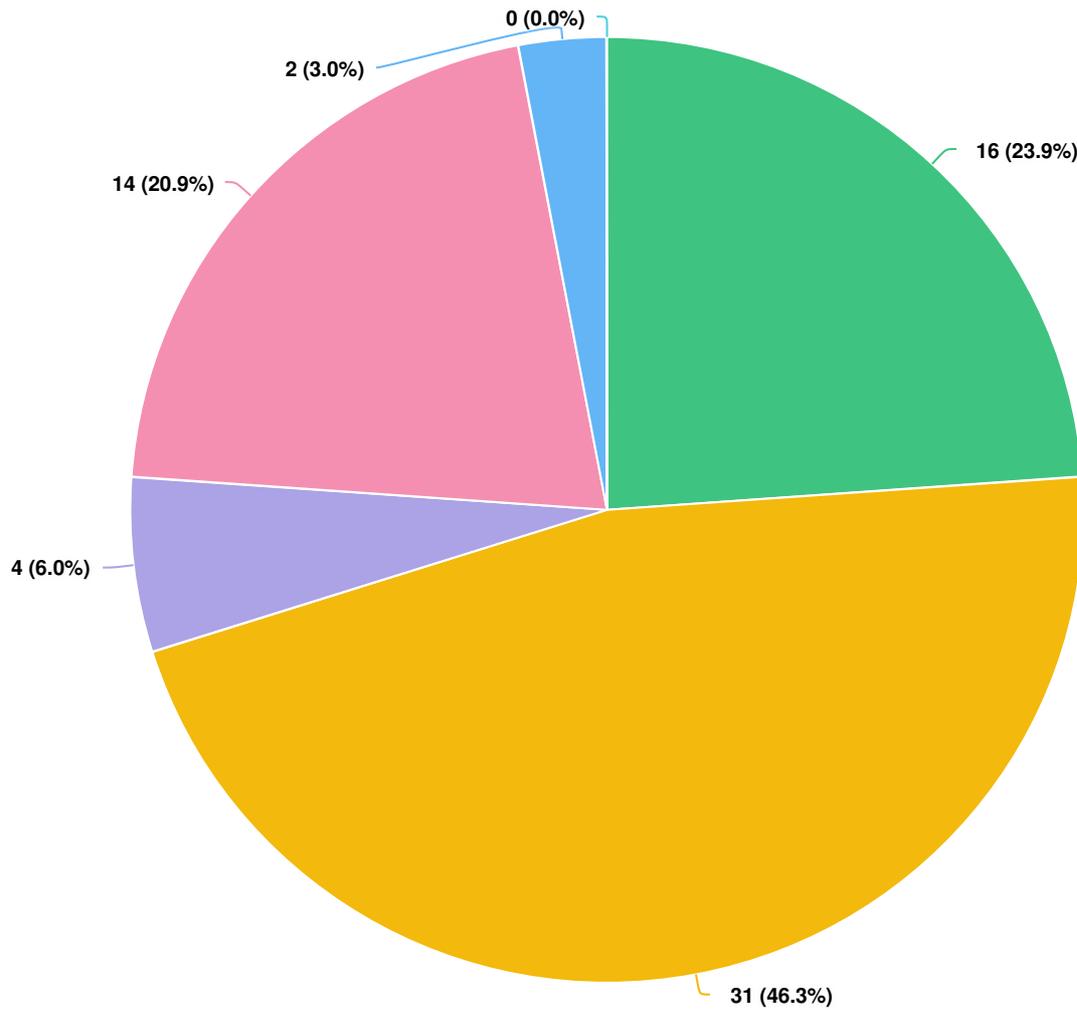
**Question options**

● Yes ● No

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Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q17** | There are seven (7) proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objectives for Cultural Heritage Protection on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?

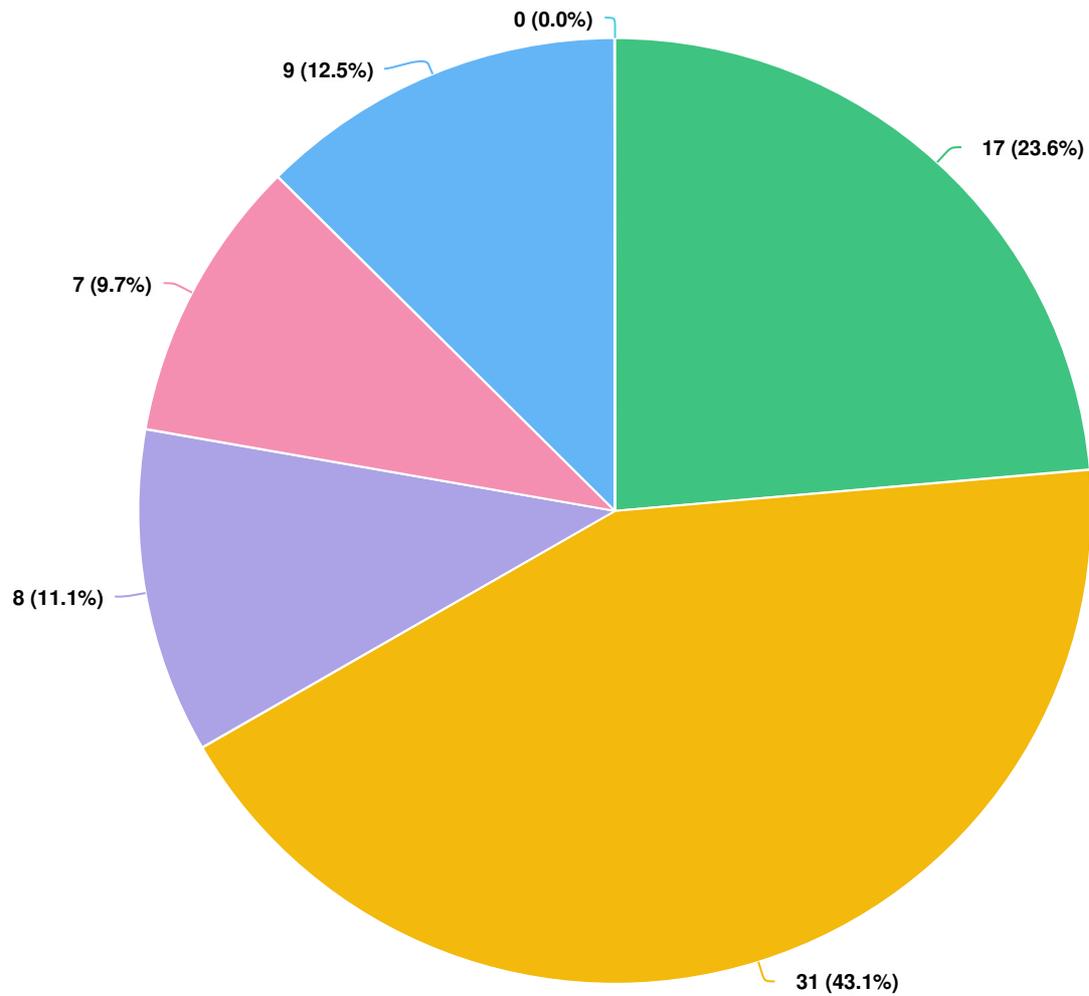


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- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

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**Q18** To what extent do you agree with the proposed guiding principles for sustainable tourism development outlined in Section 2.3 of the draft management plan (refer pg. 40)?

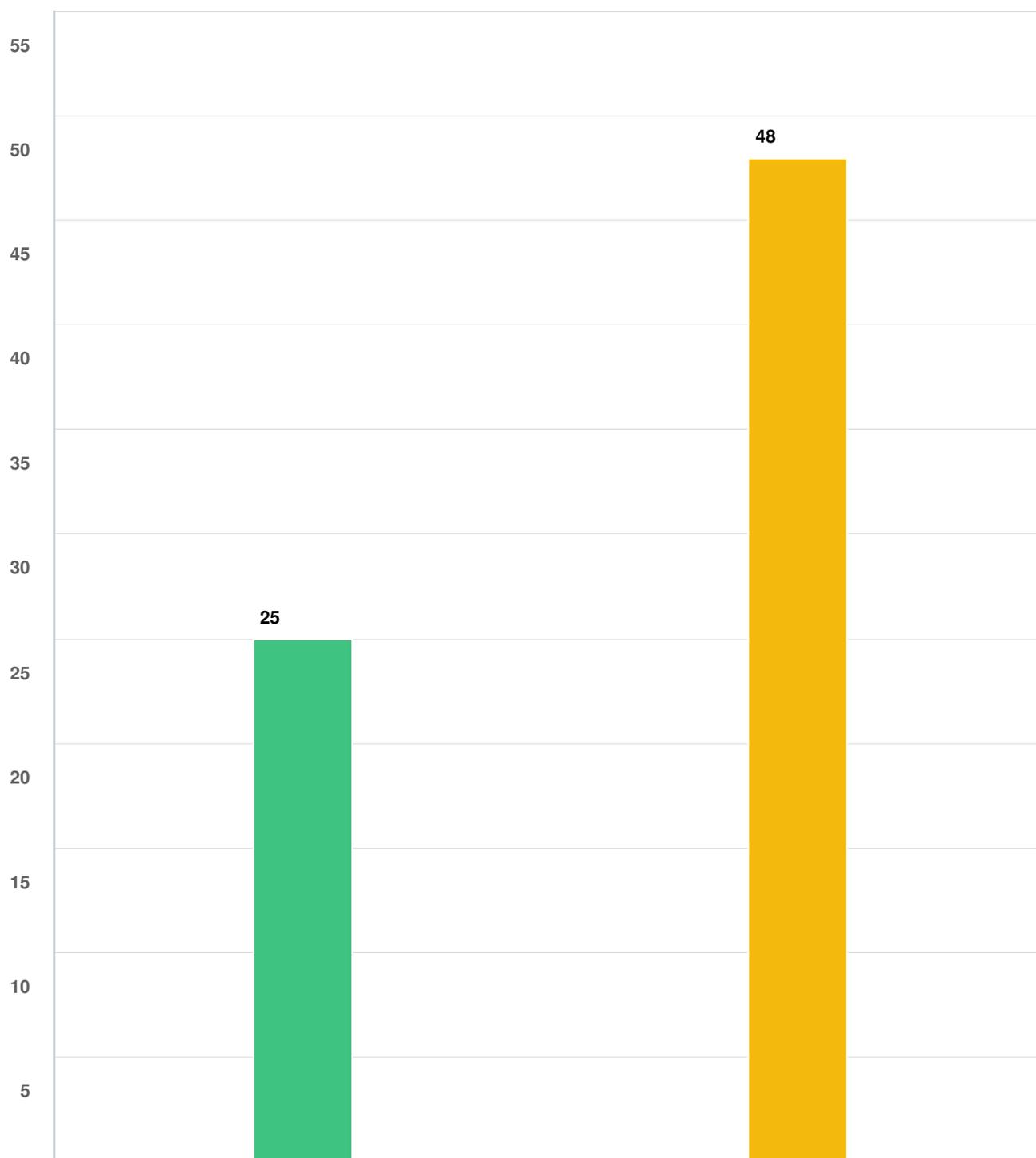


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

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**Q19 | Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for new built commercial tourist accommodation on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 41)?**



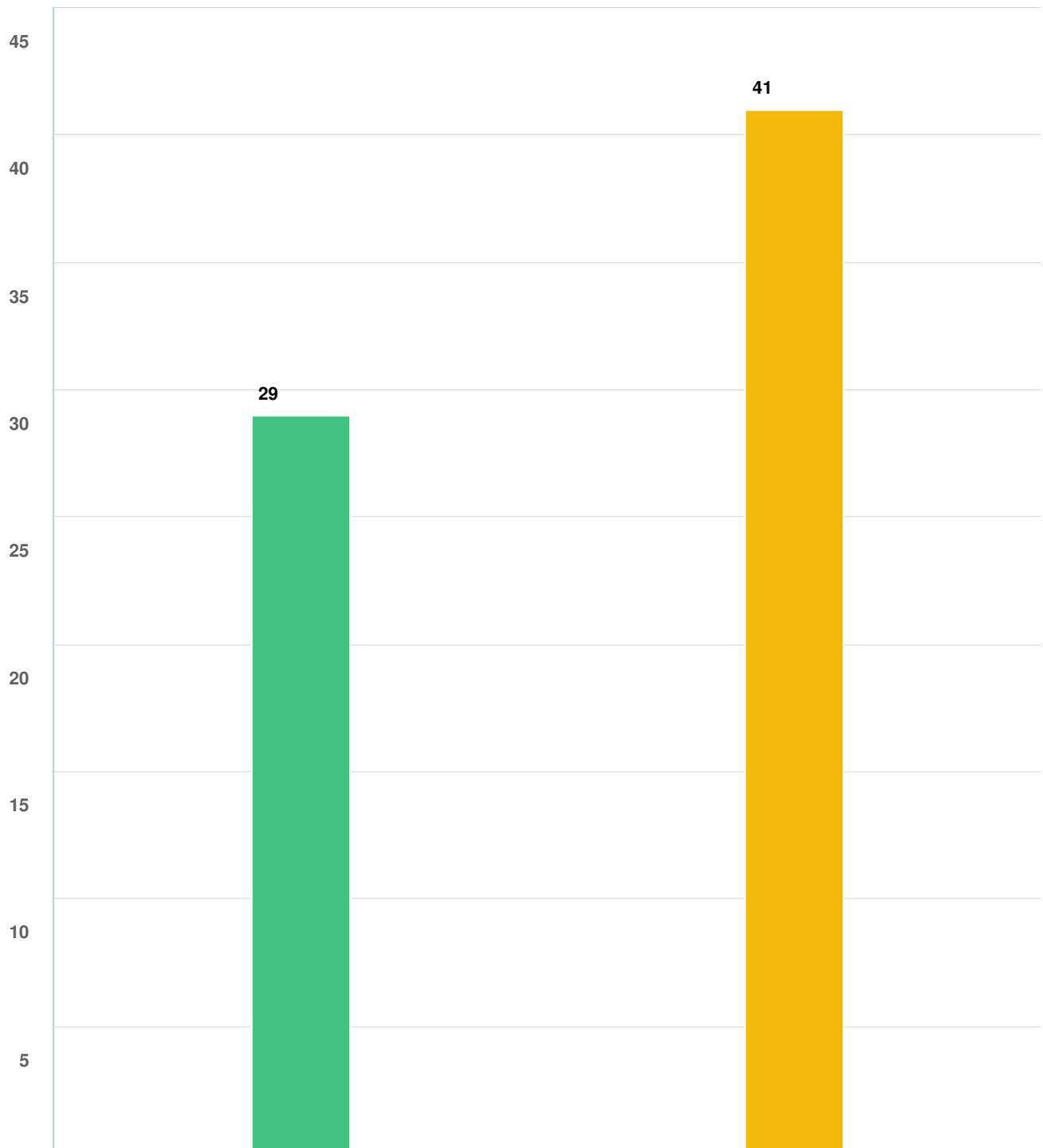
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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**Q20** Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for hosted fishing camp tourist accommodation on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 42)?



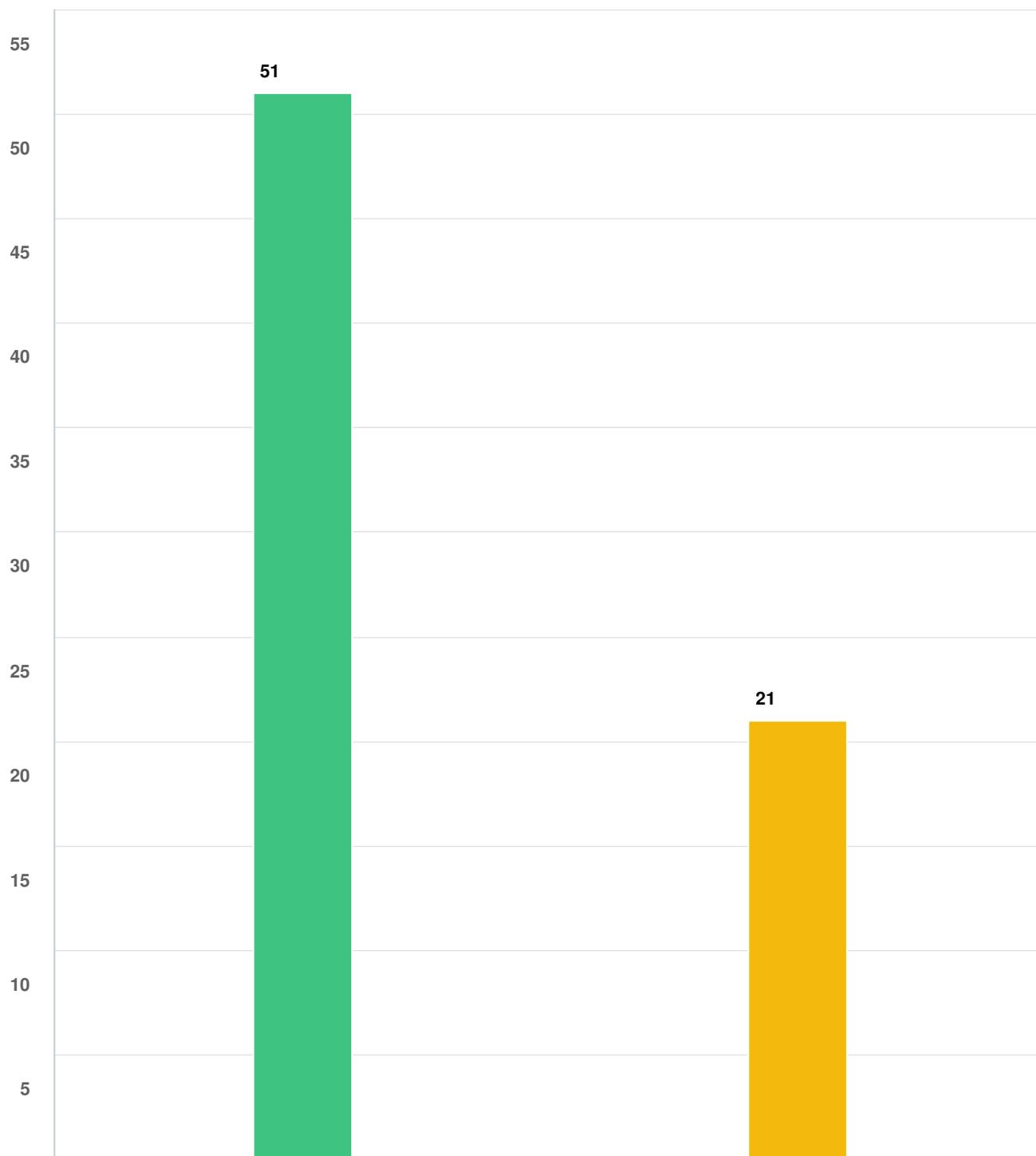
**Question options**

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**Q21 | Do you agree with the proposal to prohibit recreational camping on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 42)?**



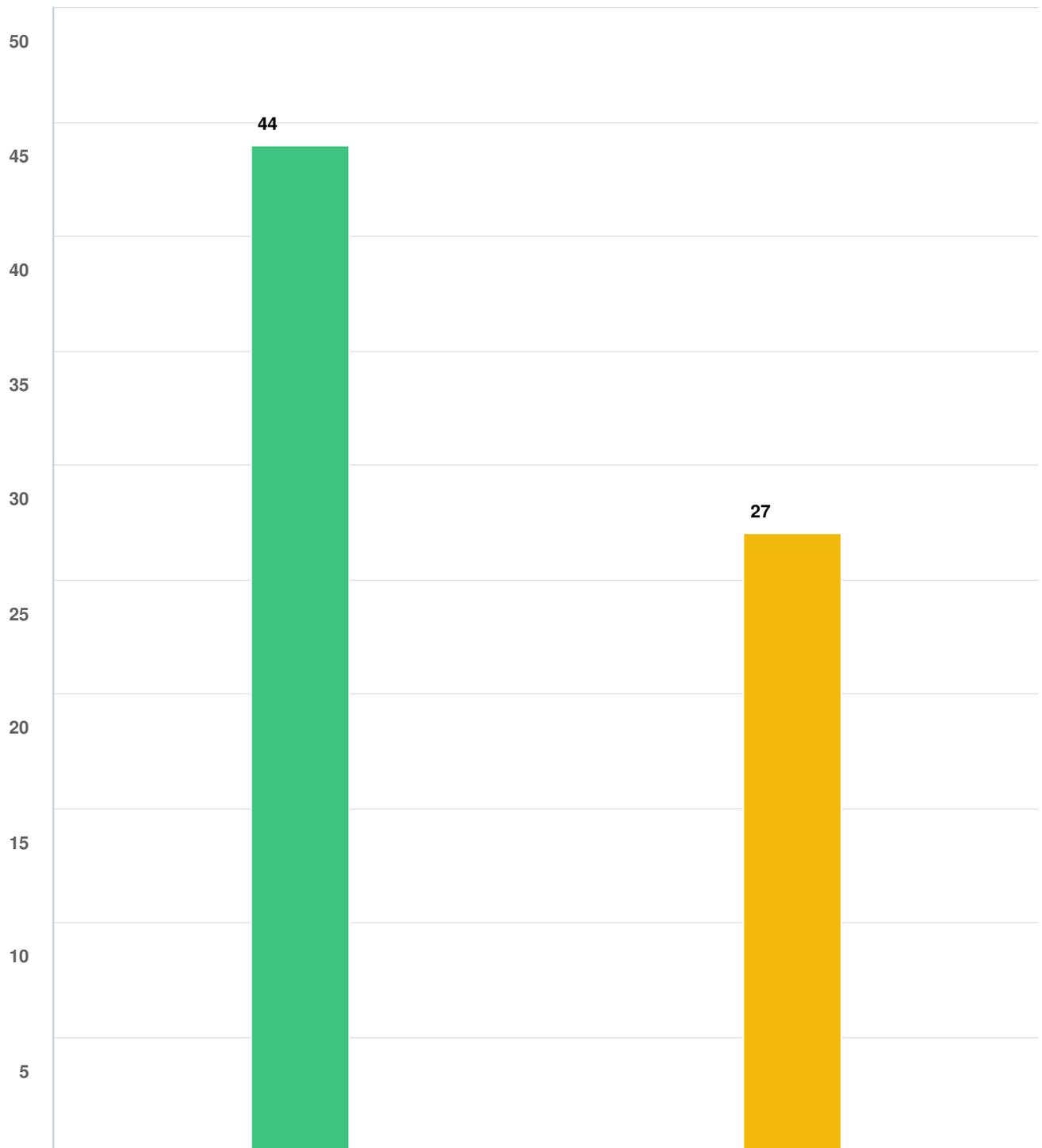
**Question options**

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**Q22** Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for guided day tours on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 42)?

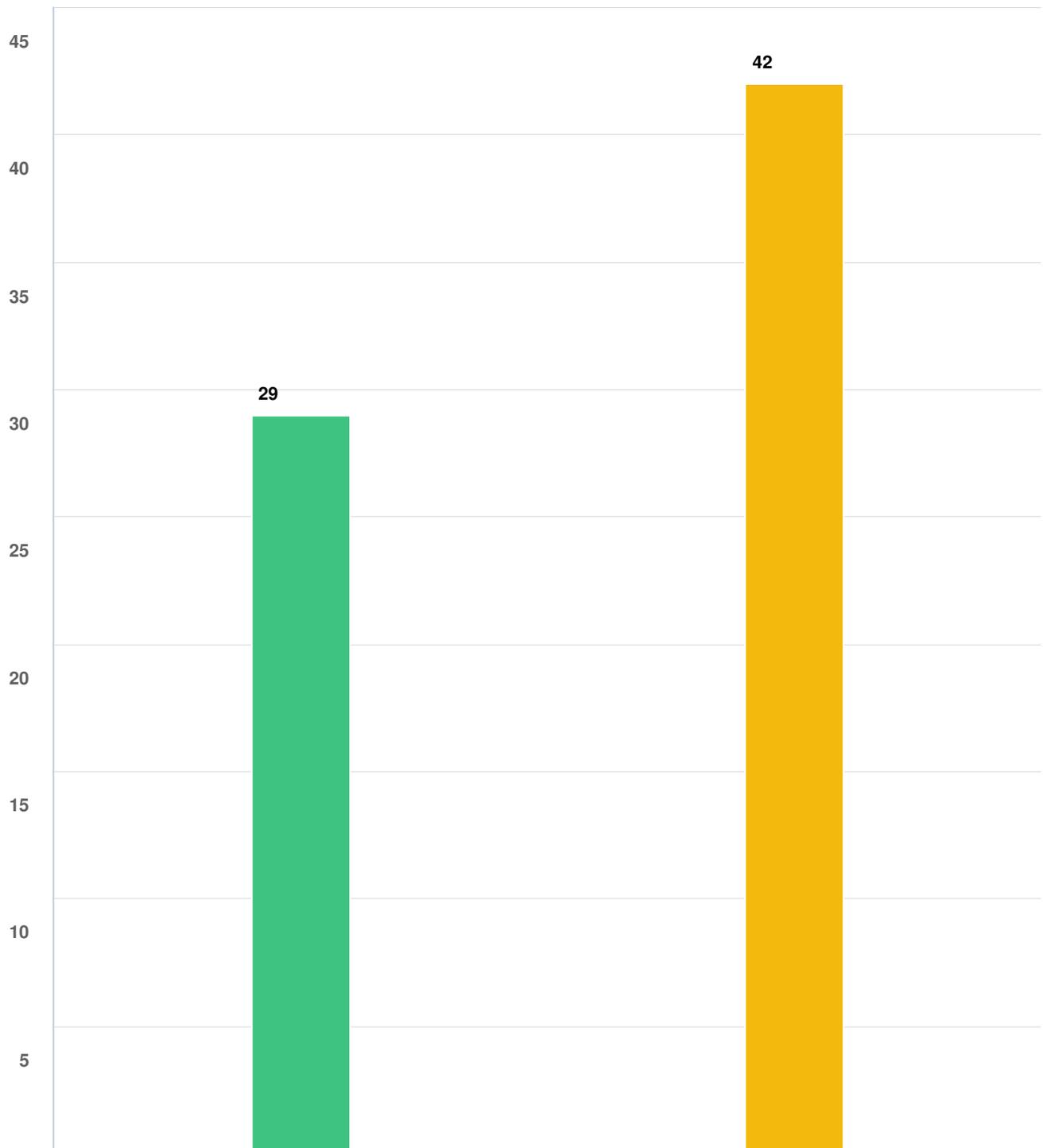


**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q23** Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for retail, food and beverage outlets on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 43)?



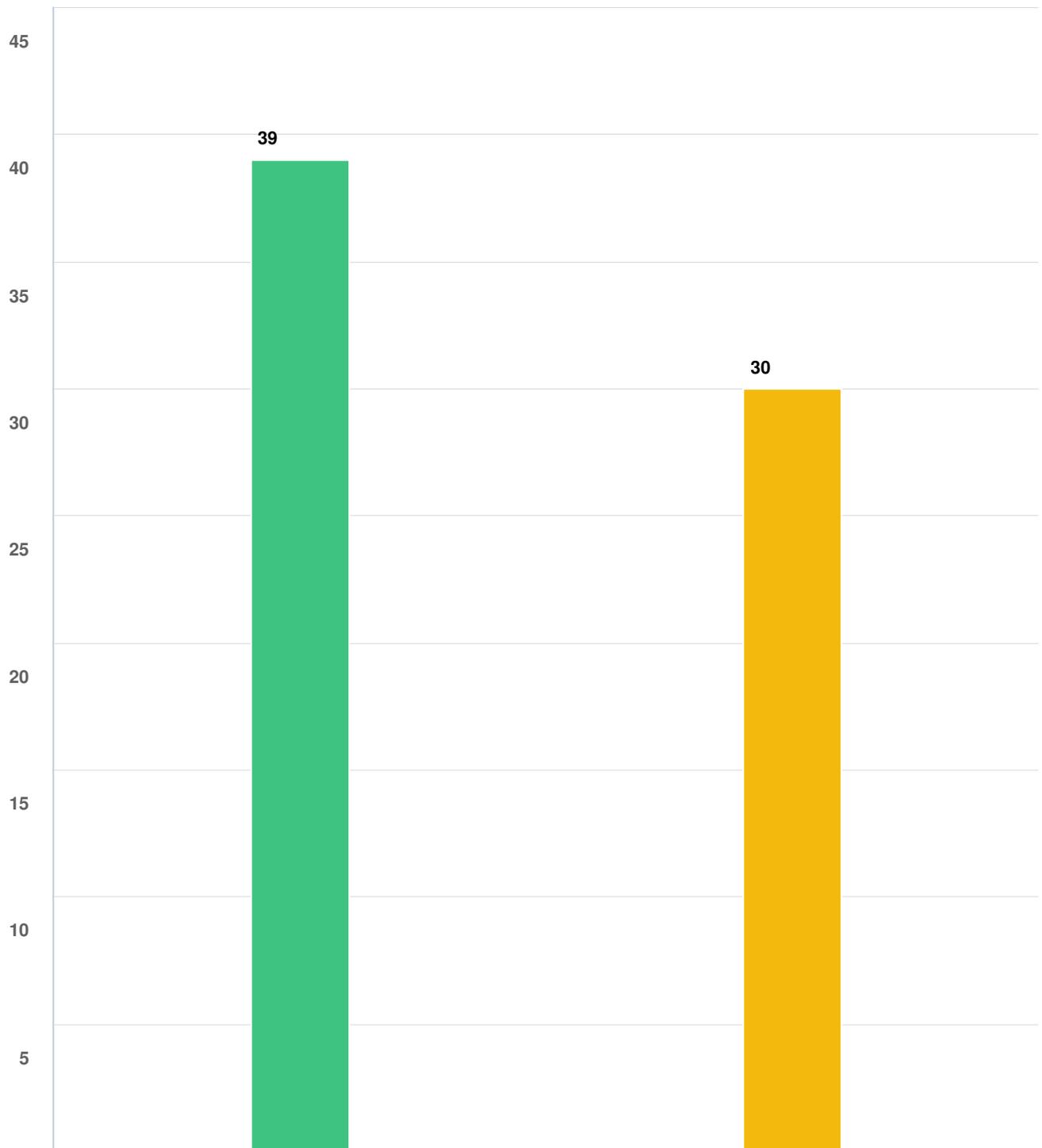
**Question options**

- Yes  No

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*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q24** Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for commercial events and functions on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 43)?

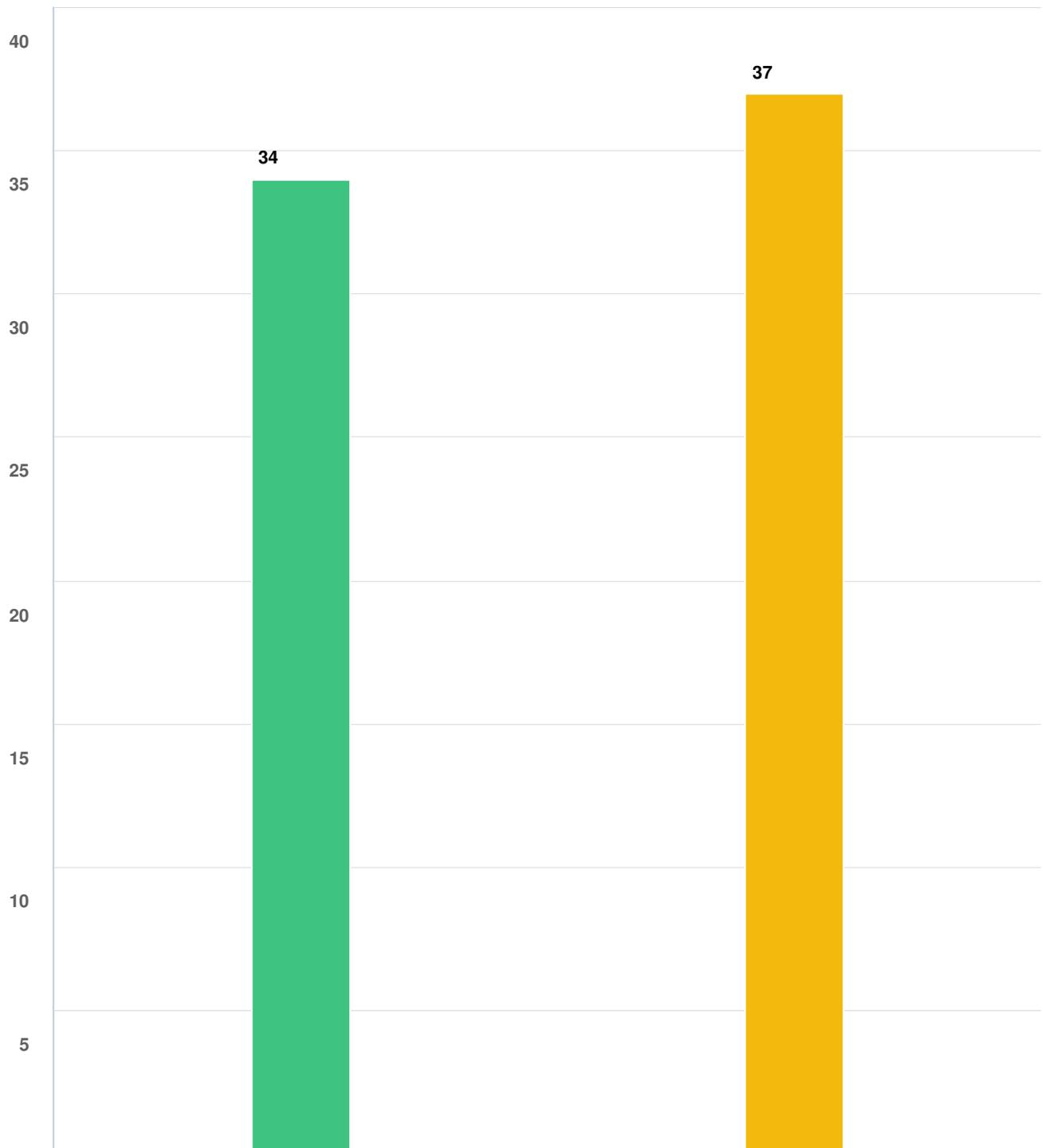


**Question options**

- Yes
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*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q25** Do you agree with the proposed management arrangements for a tourism operations base on the Abrolhos Reserve (refer pg. 44)?



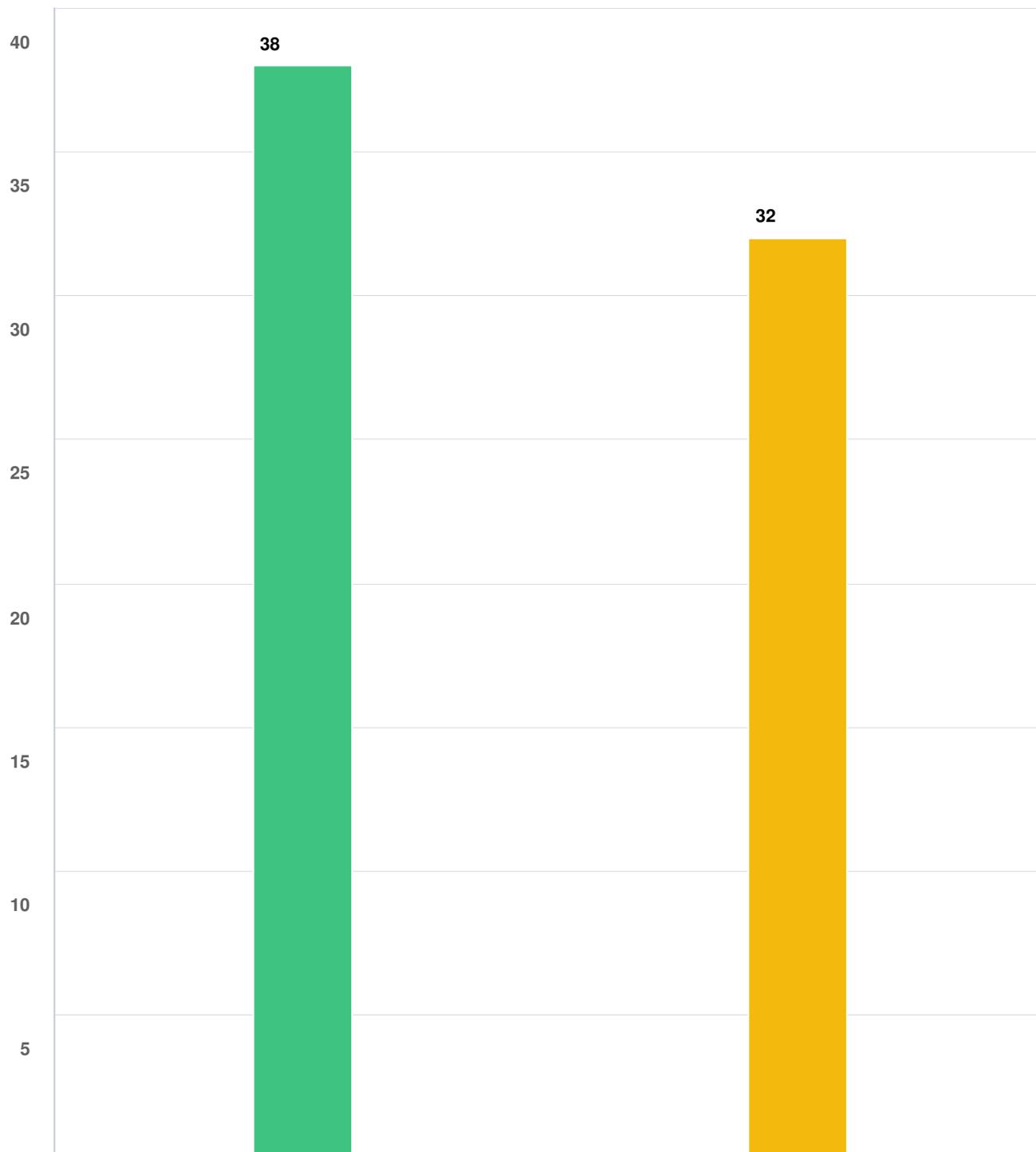
**Question options**

- Yes  No

*Optional question (70 response(s), 4 skipped)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q26** Do you agree that achieving the four (4) management objectives in Section 2.3 of the draft management plan will result in appropriate outcomes for Tourism on the Abrolhos Reserve?



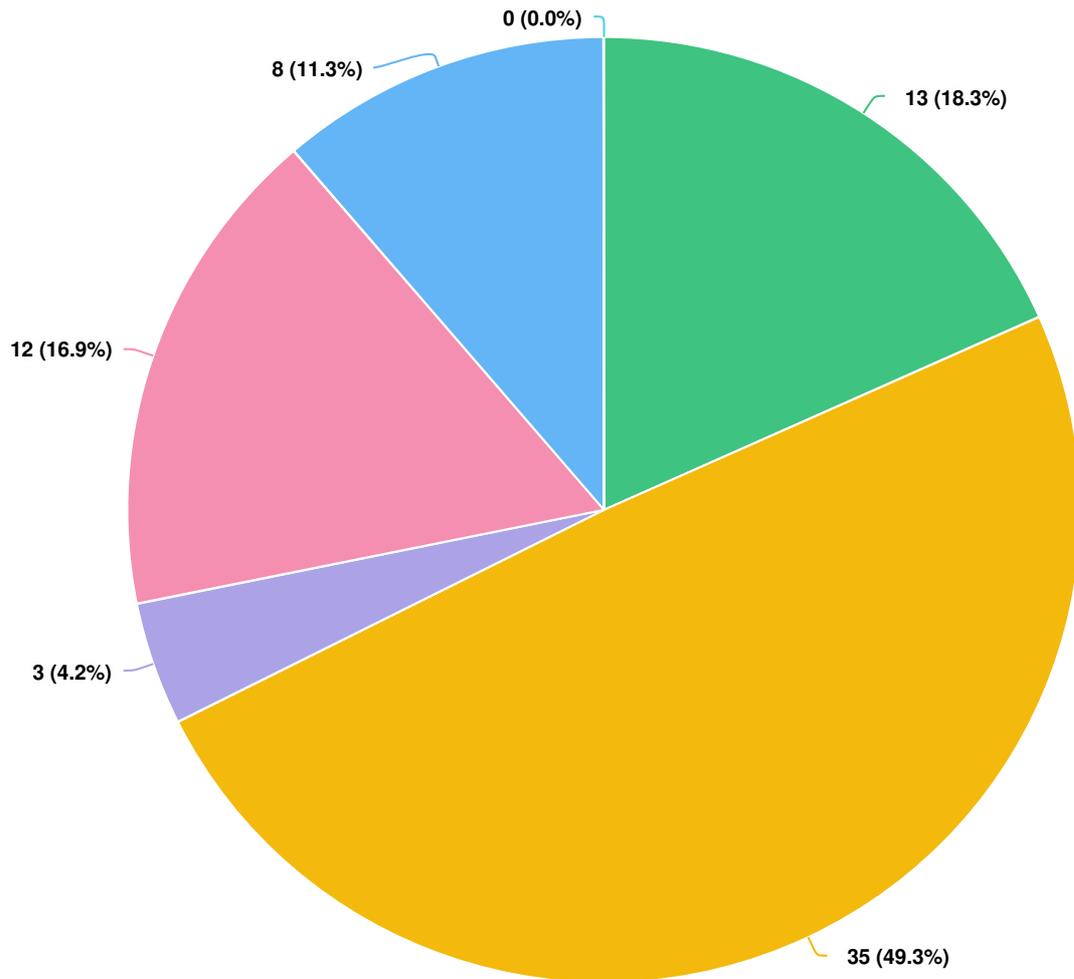
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

Optional question (69 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q27** | There are 17 proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objectives for Tourism on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?

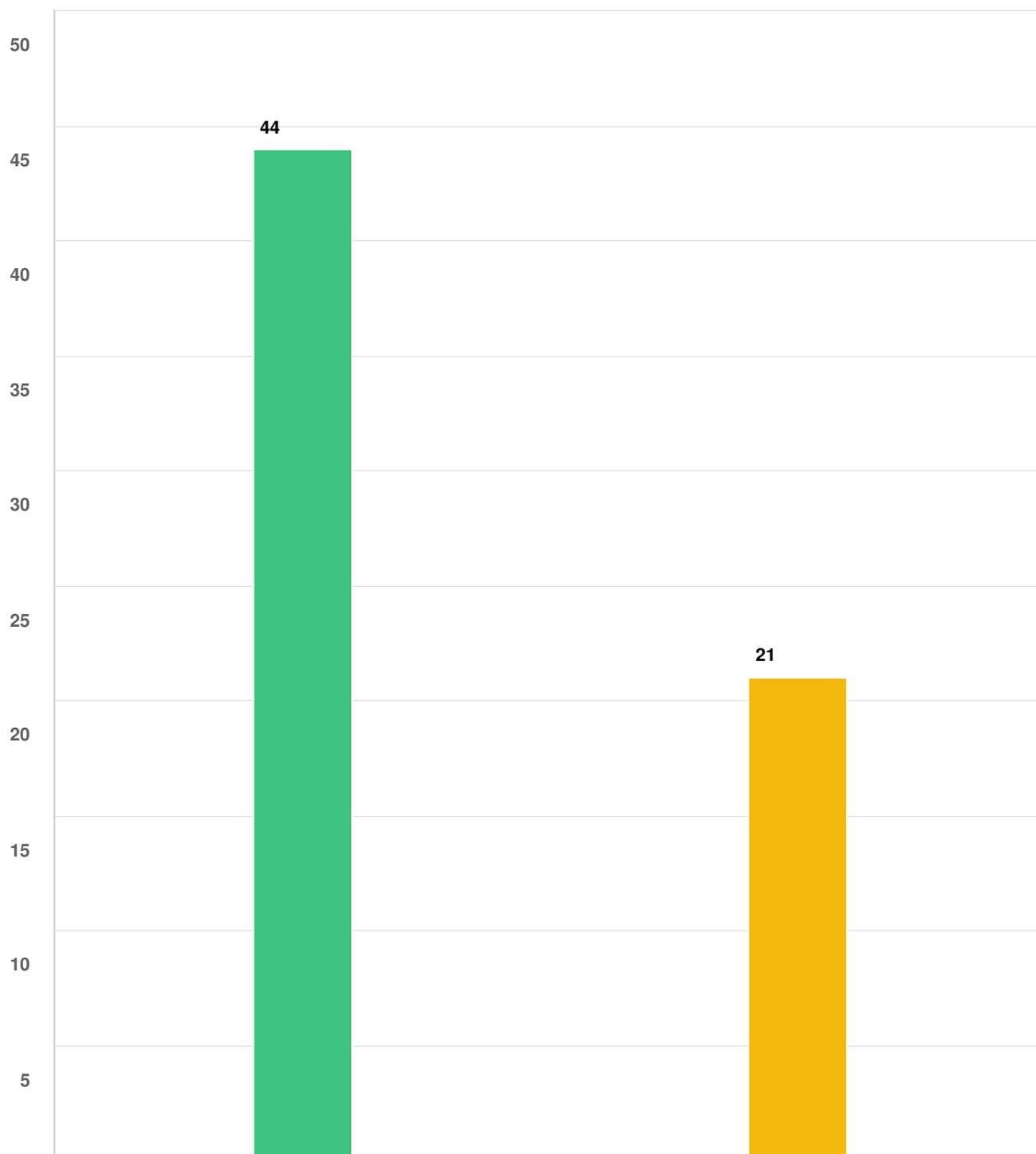


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (70 response(s), 4 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q28** Do you agree that achieving the management objective in Section 2.4 of the draft management plan will support the Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture values of the Abrolhos Reserve?

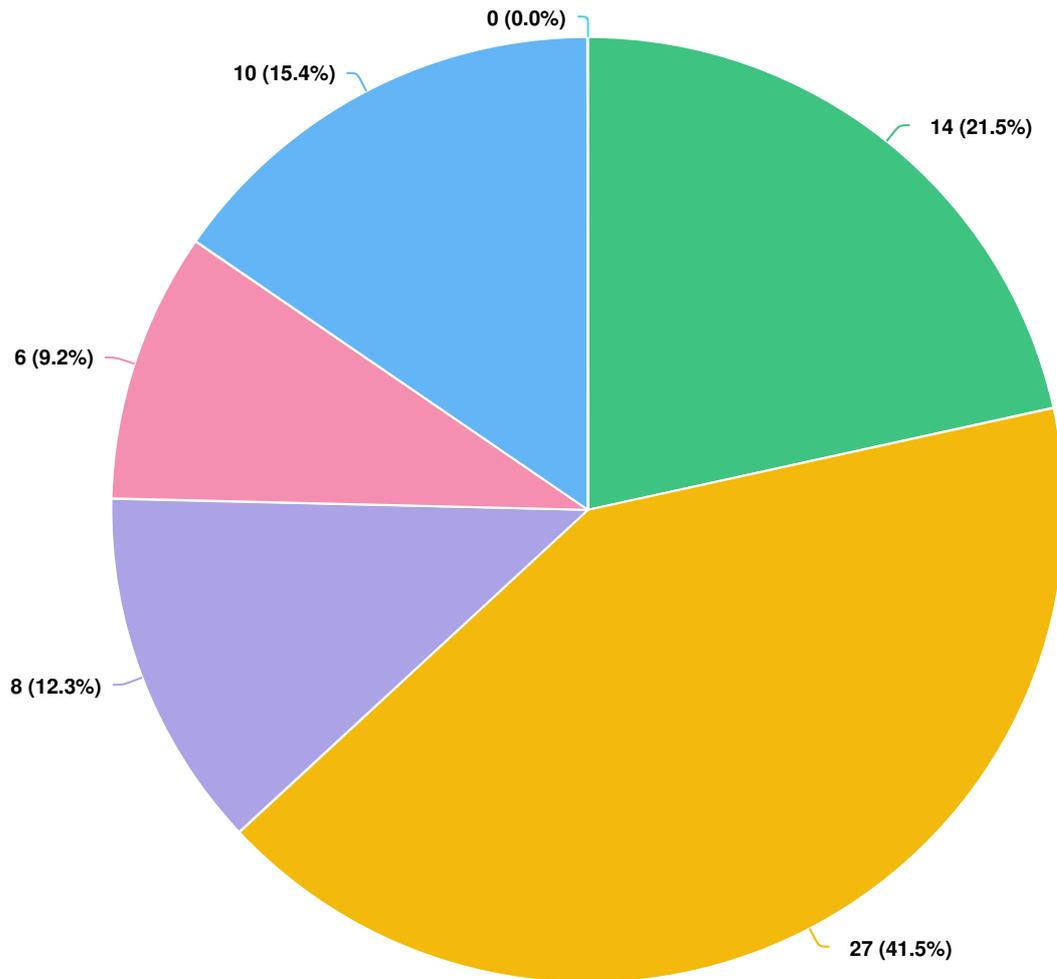


**Question options**

- Yes
- No

Optional question (64 response(s), 10 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q29** | There are six (6) proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objective for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?

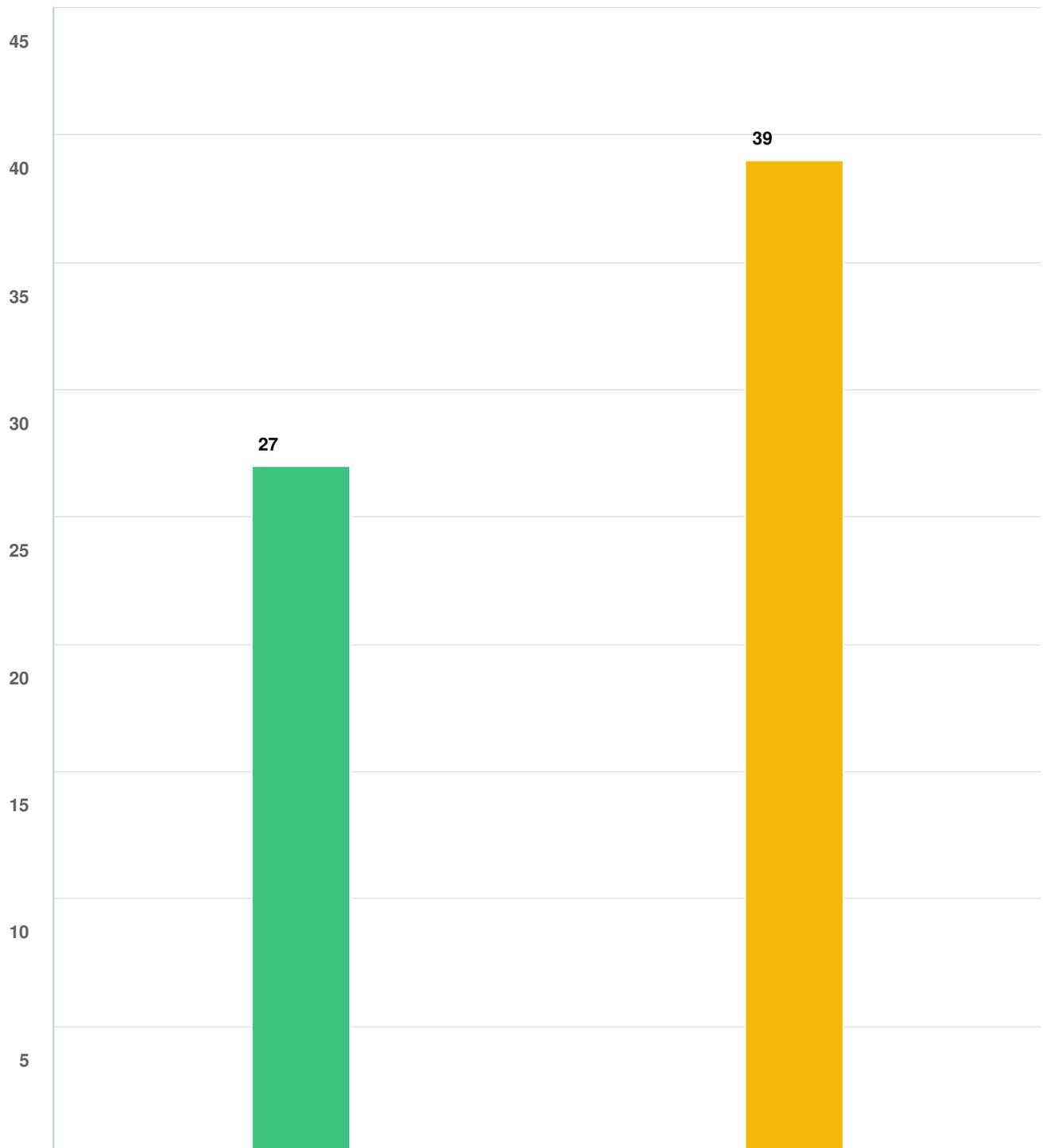


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (65 response(s), 9 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q30** Do you agree that a permitted land use table is an appropriate and effective management tool to guide future land use and development on the Abrolhos Reserve?



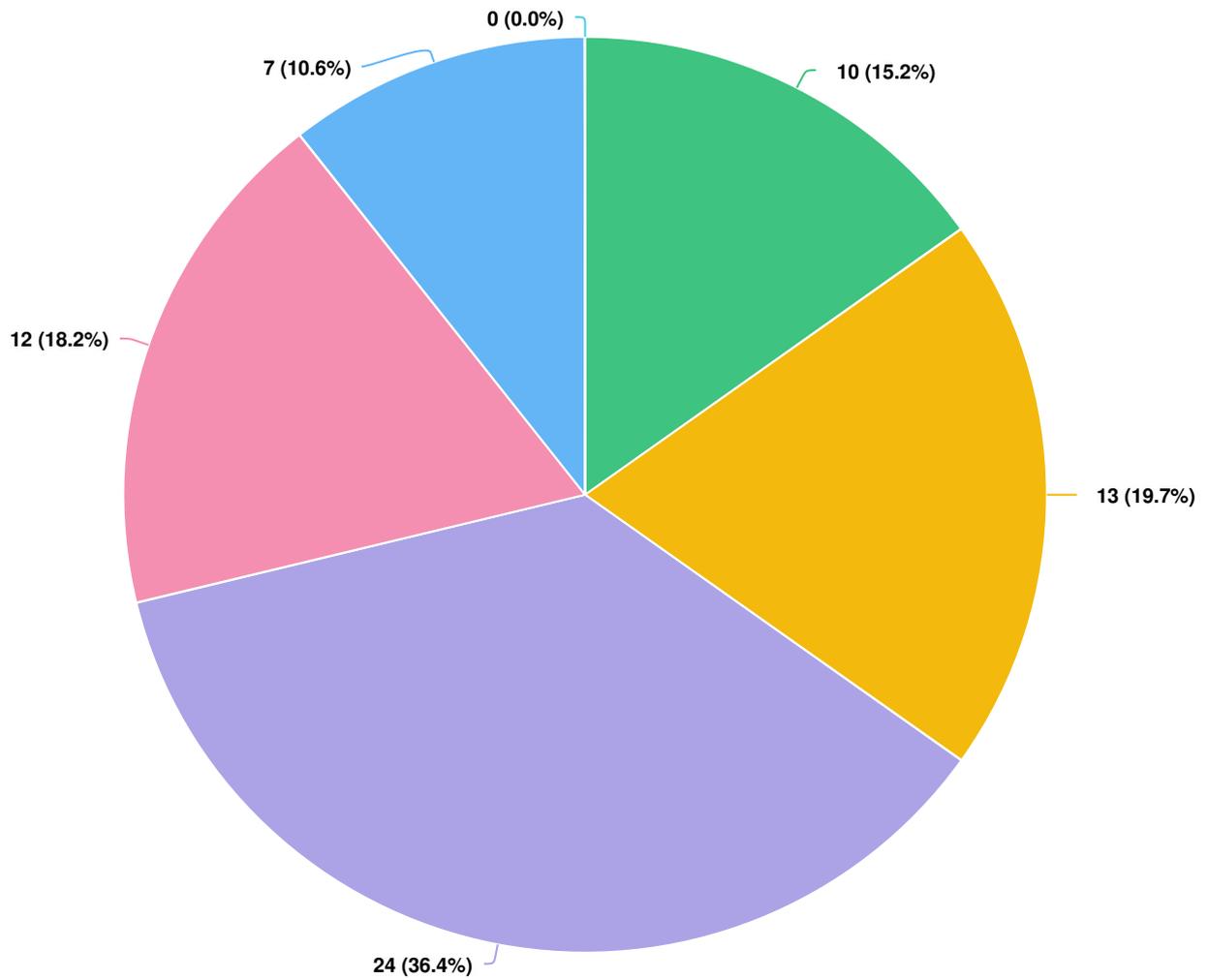
**Question options**

- Yes  No

*Optional question (65 response(s), 9 skipped)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q31 | To what extent do you agree with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for North Island outlined in Table 2?**

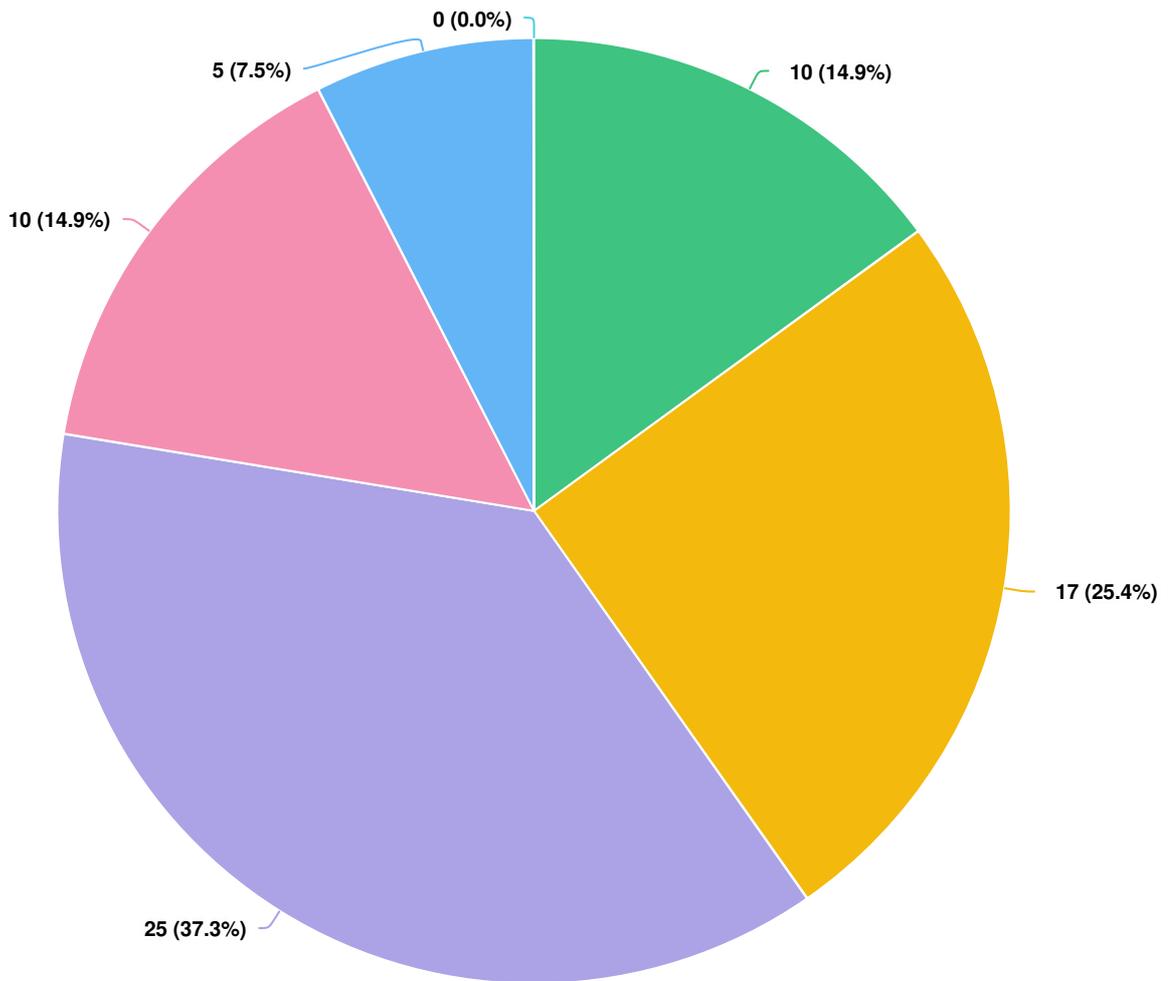


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (66 response(s), 8 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q32** To what extent do you agree with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Wallabi Group Islands outlined in Table 2?

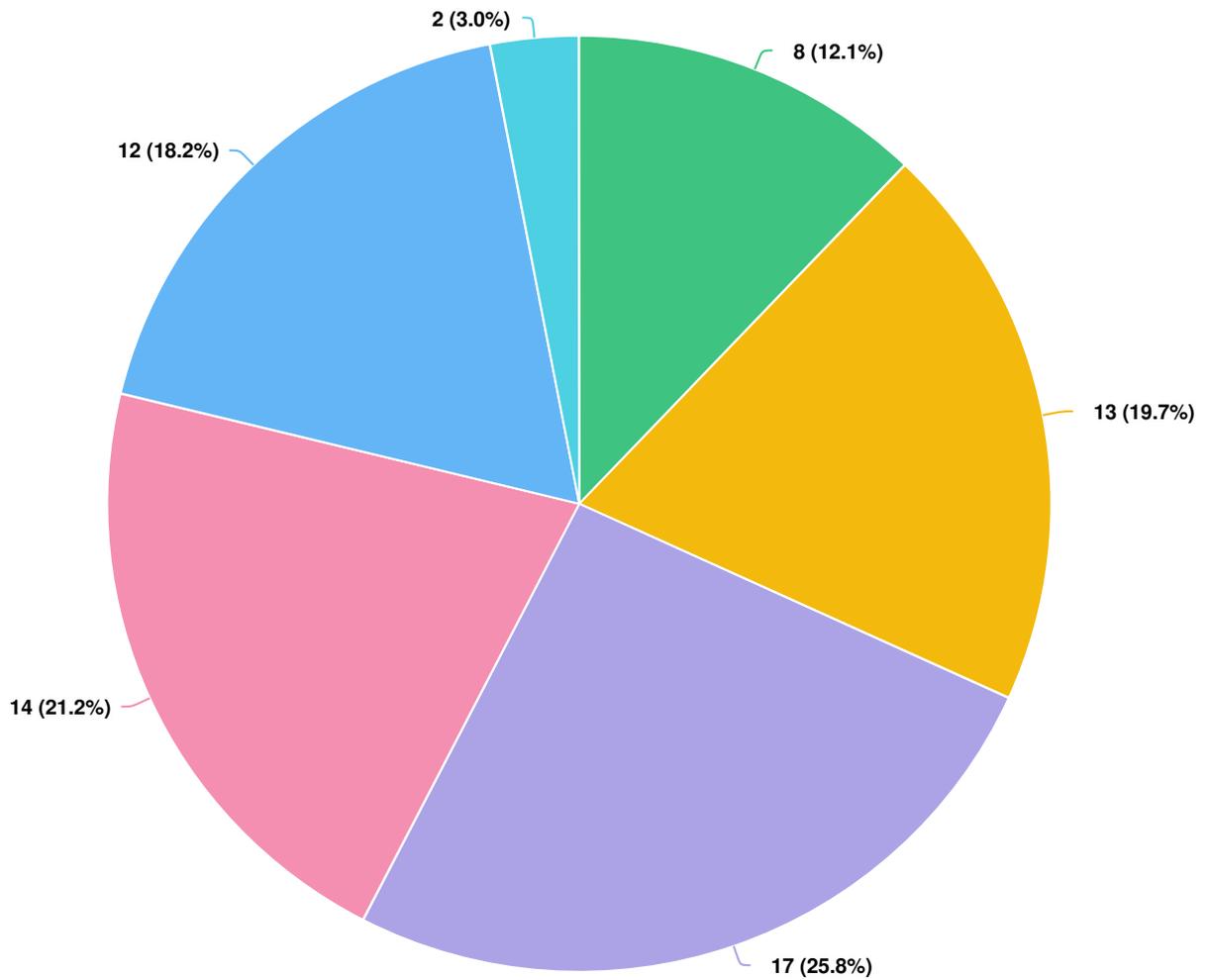


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (67 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q33** To what extent do you agree with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Easter Group Islands outlined in Table 2?

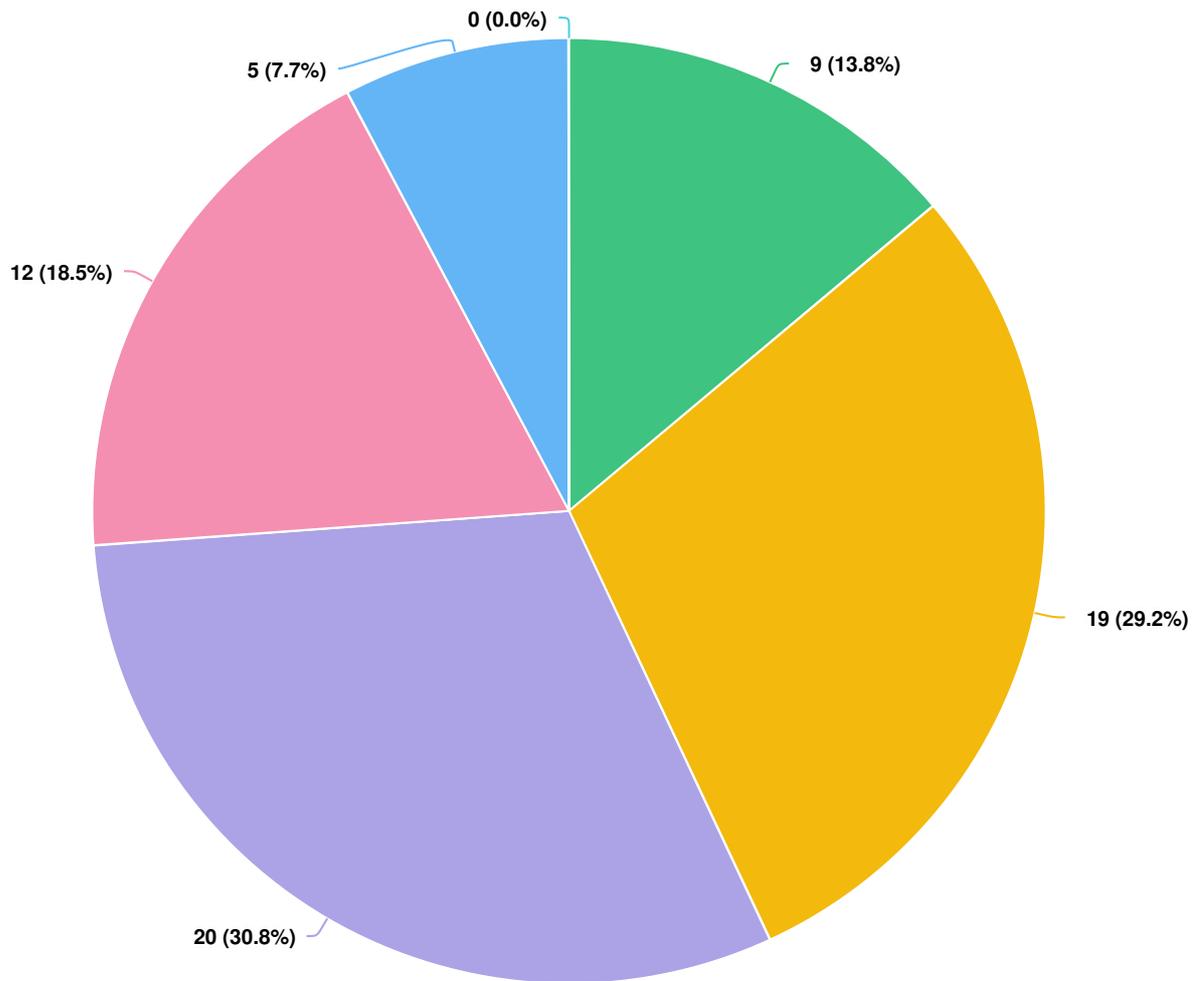


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (66 response(s), 8 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q34** To what extent do you agree with the proposed future land use and development opportunities for the Pelsaert Group Islands outlined in Table 2?

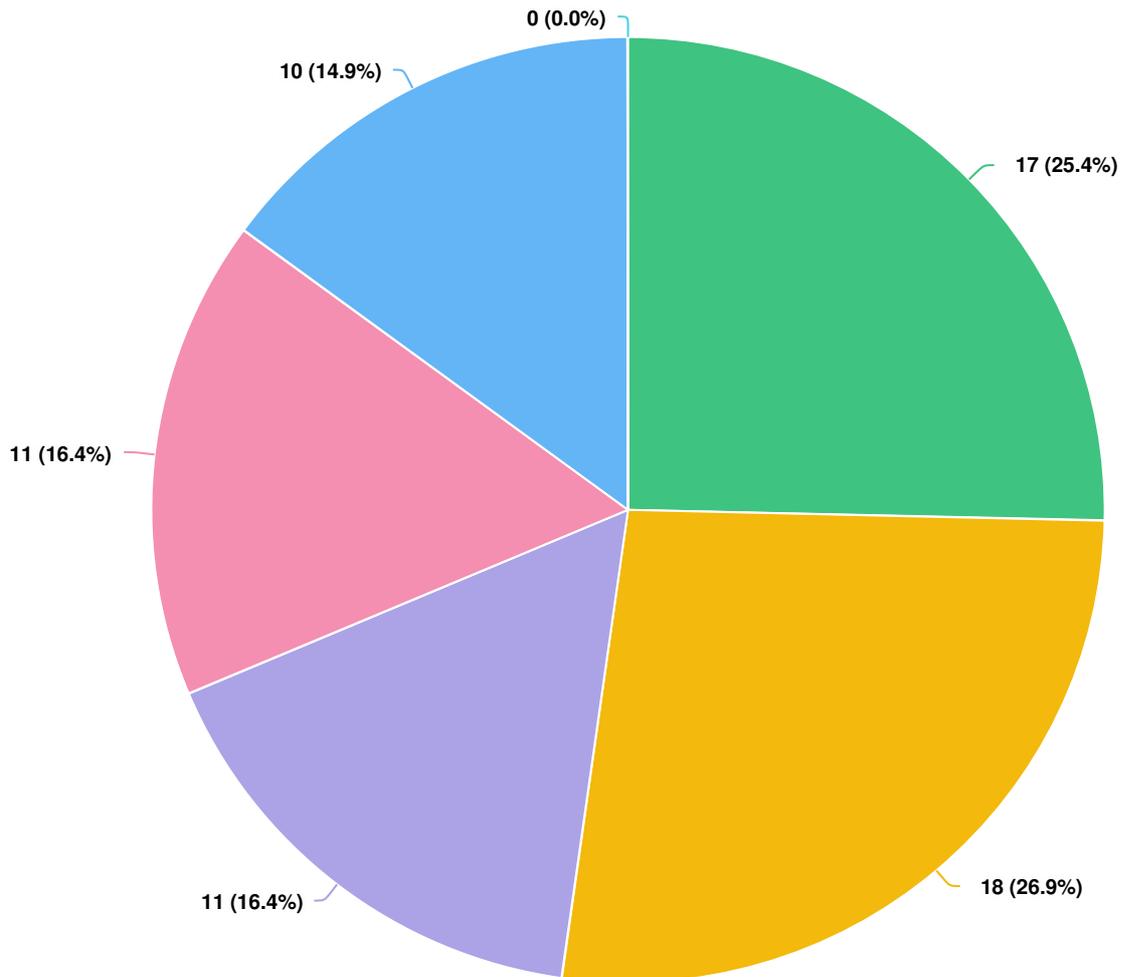


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (65 response(s), 9 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q35** To what extent do you agree with the outcomes that Government is seeking in relation to future management of fishing camps outlined in the Abrolhos Reserve draft management plan (refer pg. 59)?

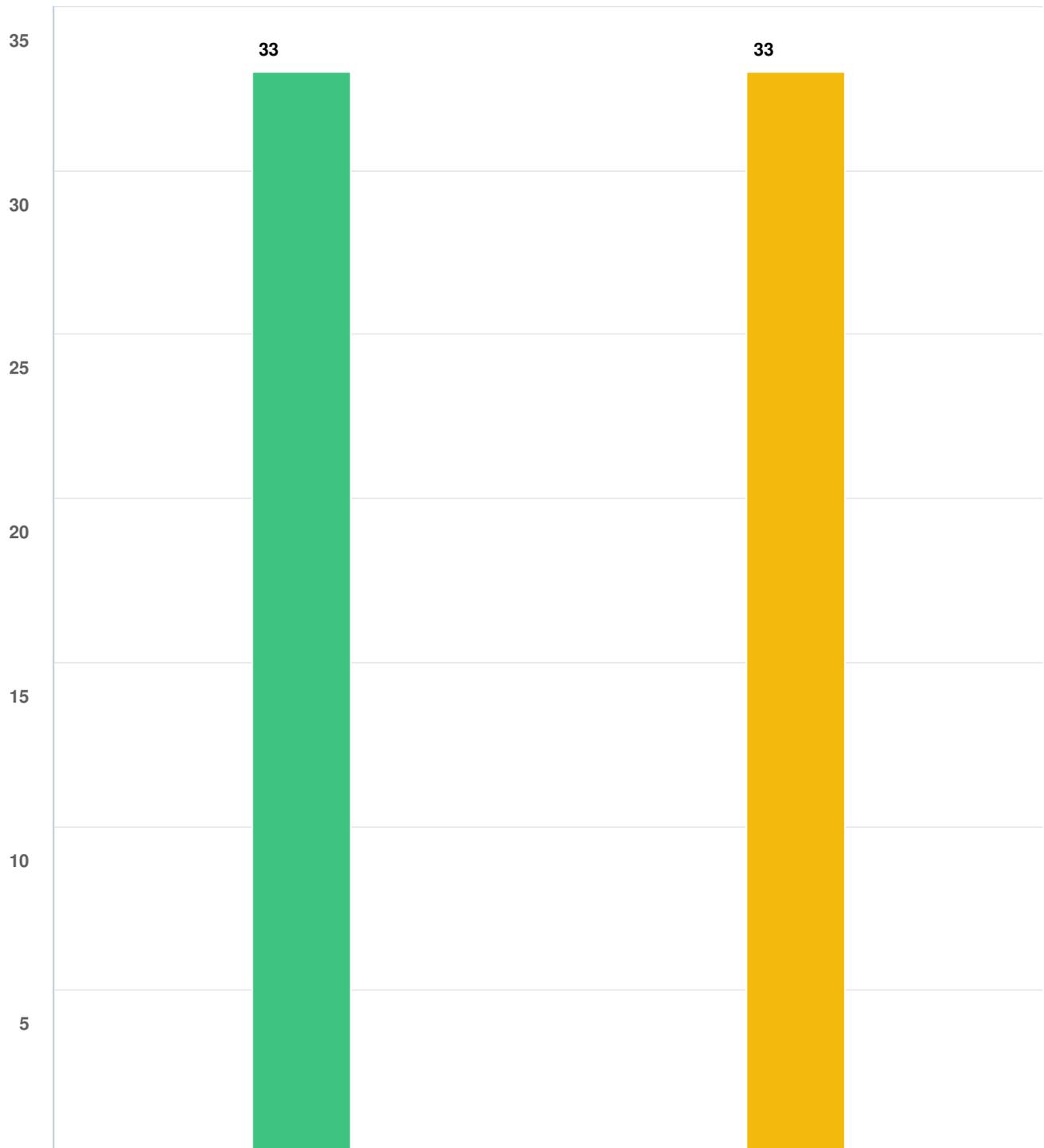


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (67 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q36** Do you agree that achieving the six (6) management objectives in Section 2.5 of the draft management plan will result in appropriate outcomes for the Community values of the Abrolhos Reserve?



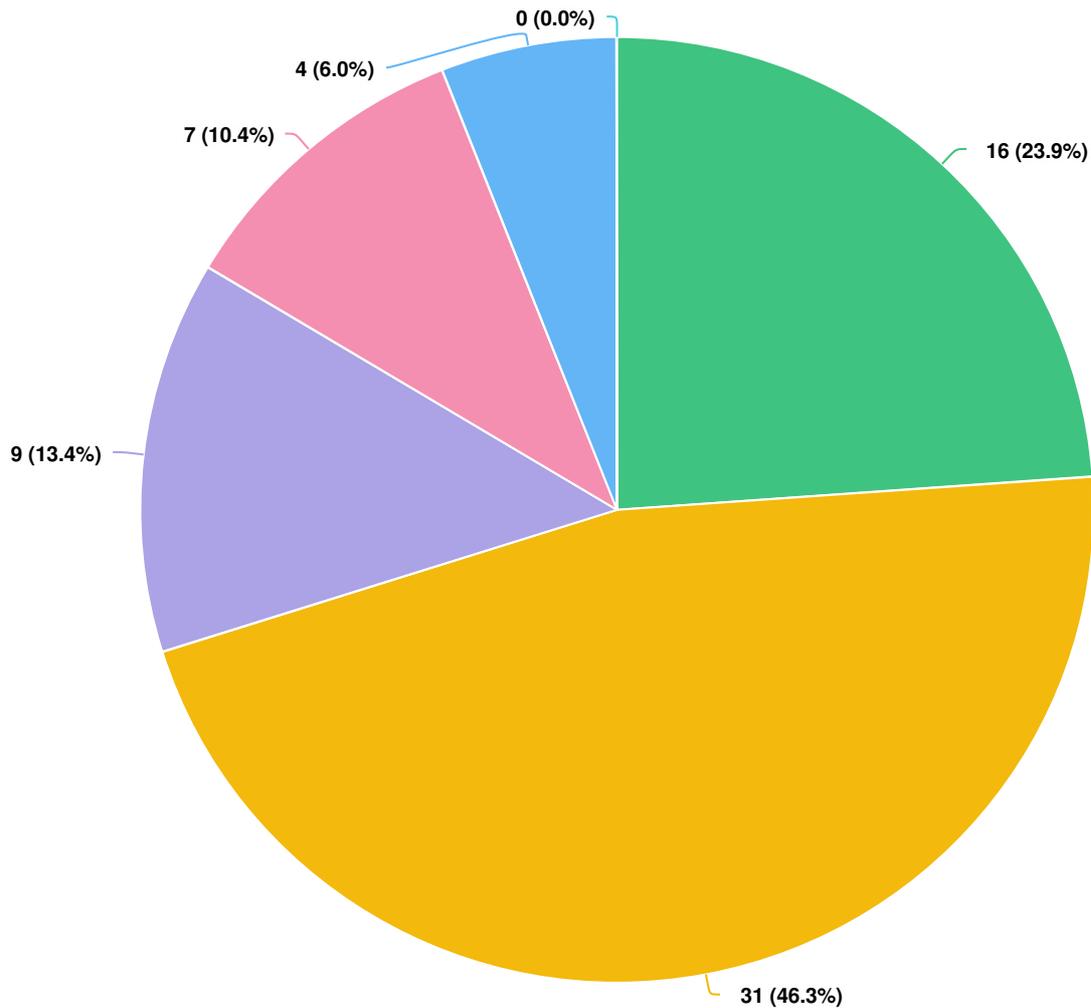
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (66 response(s), 8 skipped)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q37** | There are 12 proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objectives for Abrolhos Community on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?

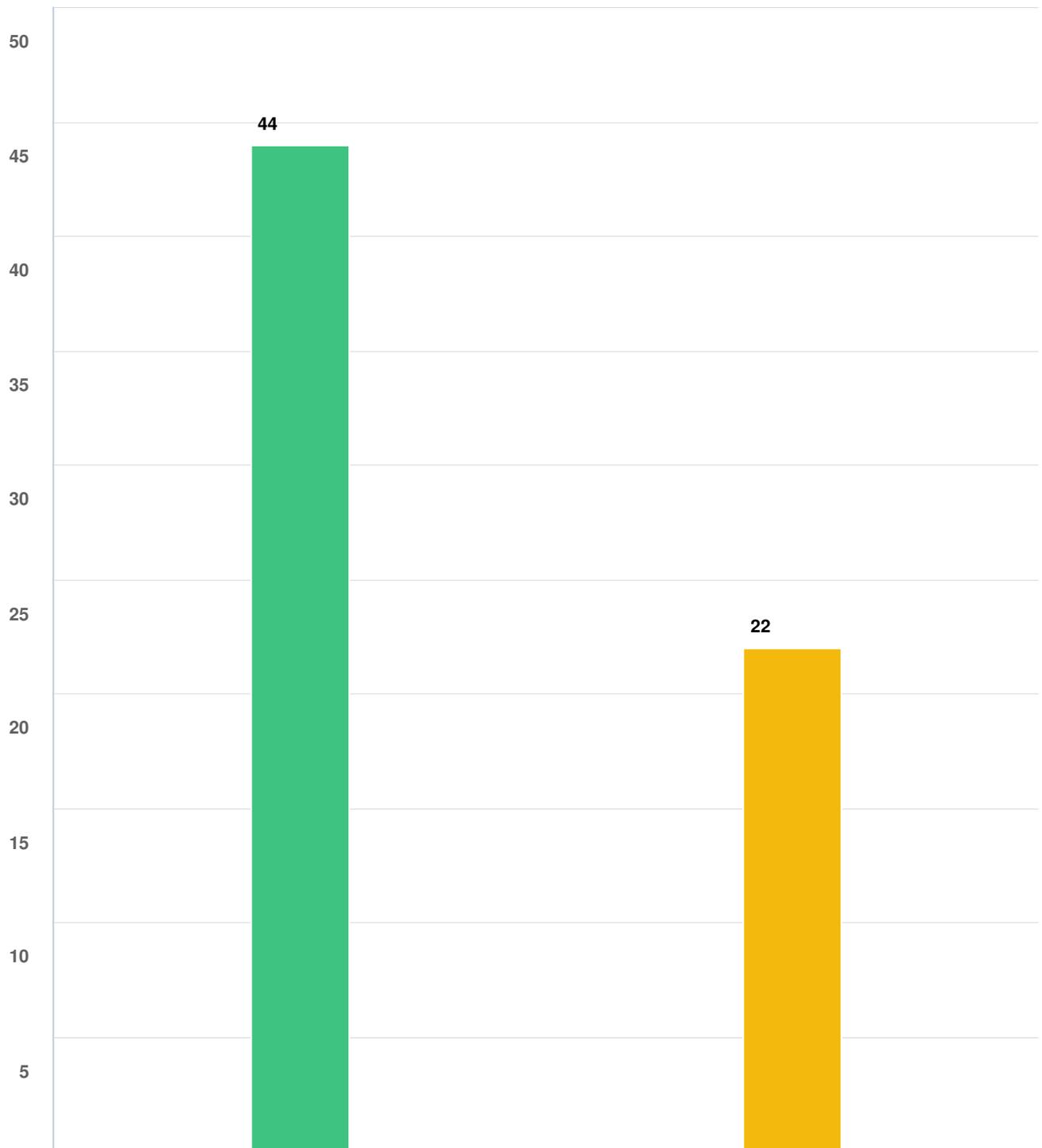


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (67 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q38** Do you agree that achieving the five (5) proposed management objectives in Section 2.6 of the draft management plan will improve Governance of the Abrolhos Reserve?

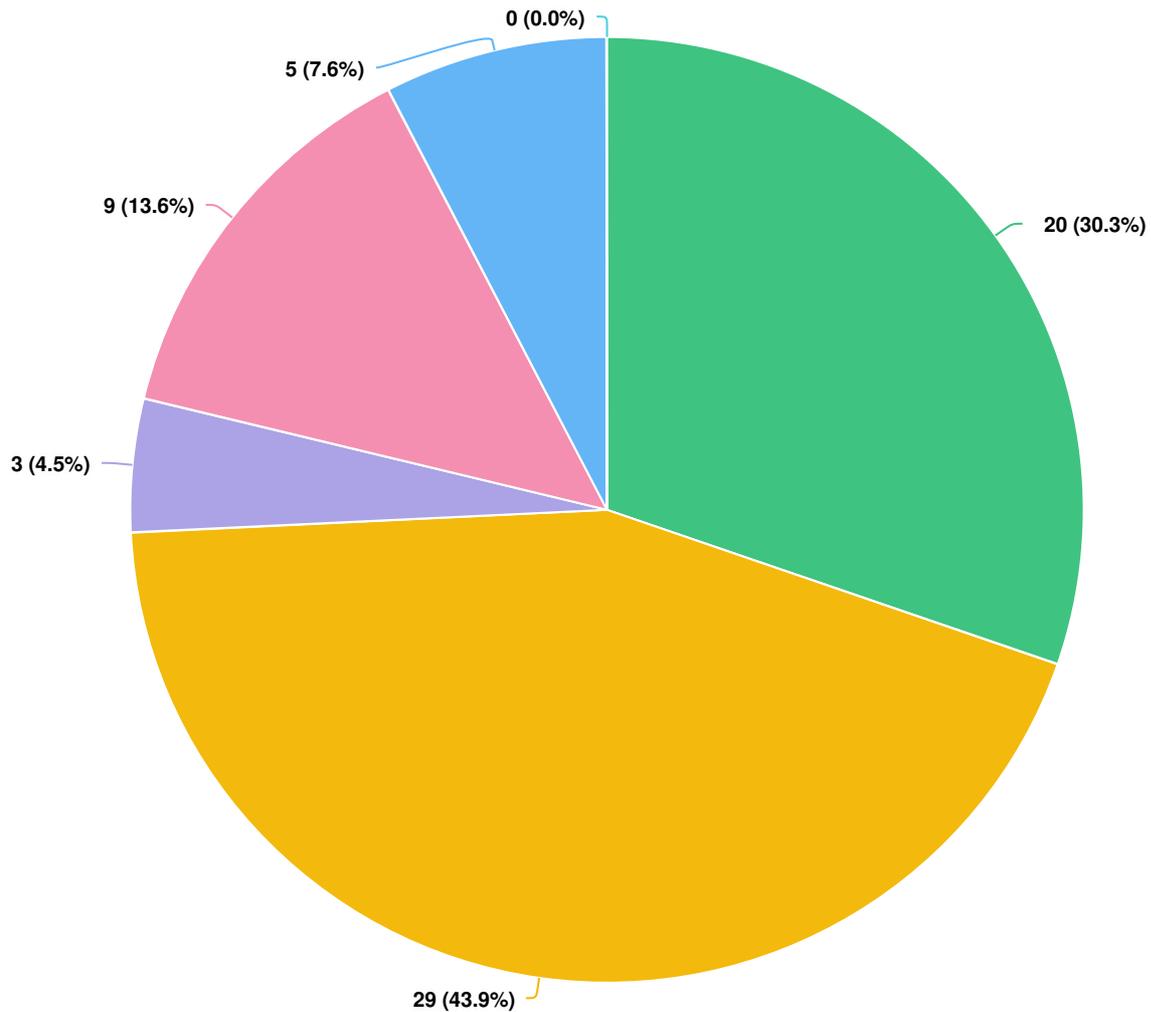


**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (66 response(s), 8 skipped)*  
*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q39** | There are 10 proposed management actions aimed at achieving the management objectives for Governance on the Abrolhos Reserve. To what extent do you agree with the proposed actions?



**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure / undecided

Optional question (66 response(s), 8 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question