

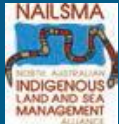


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# Reef 2050 Project: Plan Feedback





## **Session 2 Breakout Questions:**

**What ongoing actions (including additions or changes) do TOs want to see on the Reef?**

**Which of these actions listed are your priorities (Top 2)?**



# Ecosystem Health

**EHA1.** Recognise the rights of TOs through statutory arrangements and ensure formal engagement to build TO empowerment in existing and new policy and plans.

**EHA2.** Recognise TO sea and land country plans and support their implementation including by incorporating them into existing and new ecosystem policy/programs.

**EHA3.** Support TO caring for sea and land country activities that contribute to reef health and resilience.

**EHA4.** Develop, implement and resource agreements with TO's that empower TO management of ecosystems within their traditional estates.

**EHA5.** Adapt and implement TO protocols and knowledge of ecosystem health through recording, storing and sharing (where appropriate) activities.

**EHA27.** Implement on-ground activities to reduce the volume of debris generated in or entering the GBRWHA and undertake education and awareness raising.



## Biodiversity

**Most important is BA3.** Improve TO engagement to strengthen participation in decision making at all levels relating to the conversation and cultural use of biodiversity



## Heritage

- Cultural heritage to reflect Cultural Heritage Body/Act
- Cultural advisors to advise on their lands and seas.
- **HA1: Impact Assessment – Strengthen and build capacity.**
- **HA6: Facilitate heritage values in planning – Strengthen.**
- Strengthen land/sea agencies on country.



## Water Quality

- Access to data collected on country is empowering.
- Involve TOs actively in data collection and enable to do their own.
- Stronger programs to protect water quality from development.
- Need to bring our culture back into water quality monitoring
- Water is culture: what about a cultural offset for damaging water?
- Need an active TO (and capacity) led restoration program.
- Strengthening compliance for water quality.
- Focus on marine debris, plastic and micro-plastics
- Resources for TOs to use indicators for health of shellfish.
- Need to know where dredge spoil goes and what it does.



## Community Benefit

- **CBA1. Review current mechanisms and processes to improve benefits to TO's in sea country management – Seeking significant involvement in review.**
- **CBA2. Best practice in agreement making - All agreements and draw on International agreements, conventions and declarations.**
- **CBA3. Develop collaborative working agreements - Needs to be Joint and include sharing resources, sharing decision-making and processes and planning.**
- **Need to 'build joint capacity' and respect.**
- **Benefits must return from engagement.**
- **TOs as the first on the list for engagement in plans**



## Economic Benefit

- Create businesses or products that commercialize COTS?
- Growing education/Eco/Cultural/International tourism.
- Drawing economic benefits from permits.
- Build aquaculture opportunities for intervention actions.
- Involvement in reef, coral and mangrove restoration.
- Fee for service ranger groups.
- Growing investment for building business skill/readiness.
- Creating networks of mentors and partnerships.
- Strategies for attracting corporate sponsorship.



A photograph of two belugas swimming in deep blue water. The belugas are positioned diagonally, with one slightly above and to the right of the other. They are surrounded by several small, yellowish fish. The background is a solid, deep blue color.

**Questions and  
discussion**