Supplement

The discussion themes used to guide the semi-structured interviews used in this study. Section 4 contains the interview questions that directly relate to this manuscript.

1) The importance of marine migratory taxa and their place in the legislative and management processes. For example,

• Why you think it is important to conserve marine migratory taxa, such as marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds?

• What you understand as the process of using marine migratory taxa, such as marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds, to trigger the EPBC Act or state legislation?

• How do you choose which MNES (or Matter of State Environmental Significance) to use to trigger legislation?
  o Is there a hierarchy (i.e. any MNES, migratory species, specific species?)
  o How might delisting humpback whales at a national level change their use as a trigger for the EPBC Act?

2) The role and motivation of your specific group or organization (and others) in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa. For example,

• What is the role of your organization in the policy and management of marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds (i.e. funding/implementation/lobbying/etc.)?

• How did your role develop?

• How has the role of your organization changed over time?

• Do you see this role changing in light of the apparent government crackdown on people getting tax deductions for funds spent on environmental lobbying?

• Why is your group/organization influential in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa?

• When is (has) your group (been) active in the political and management processes regarding marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds?

• What has been your historic involvement in these processes?

• What motivates your group or organization’s participation in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa, such as turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds (Why do you do what you do)?
  o Do you have different motivations for various taxa?

• What role do Indigenous groups play in the policy and management of marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds?
  o What roles do you think indigenous groups should play?
How can their roles be improved?

• What role does the media play in influencing the policy and management of marine migratory taxa?

• What role does social media play in influencing the policy and management of marine migratory taxa?

• What role do online advocacy groups (such as GetUp) play in influencing the policy and management of marine migratory taxa? Do you think their influence will increase?

• What types of media do your organization use to obtain knowledge on migratory species? To lobby?

3) Identifying policy influencers and understanding networks in policy and management of marine migratory taxa.

• Who influences the policy and management development process that affects marine migratory taxa in Australia?

• How do they influence policy and management (What do they do that drives policy and/or management in a specific direction?)?

• What groups and organizations do you work with (aka Who is involved in your different networks?) Short-term/Long-term?

• Do these networks change over time?

• How do these networks change with changes in government?

• Are there any groups or organizations that you feel you cannot work with for a particular reason?

• Who do you lobby? How do you do this?

• From where does your group or organization operate from (i.e. metropolis/regional/coastal etc.)?

• Whose (or what) interests are missing from the political and management processes for marine migratory taxa?

• Whose (or what) interests are favoured?

4) Barriers and opportunities to involving stakeholders (particularly non-government groups) in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa, such as marine turtles, dugongs, humpback whales, and migratory shorebirds

• What are some of the barriers to involving different levels of stakeholders (particularly non-government groups) in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa?

• What are some of the opportunities or potential solutions to the barriers you mentioned (more specific during the interview) that would lead to more involvement of different types of stakeholders in the policy and management of marine migratory taxa?