


People, Policy, Place A New Environmental Stewardship Indicator and Framework

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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a tan jacket and white boots, sits on a large, weathered tree stump. She is looking out over a sandy beach and the ocean. The background features a line of trees and a cloudy sky.

How strong is your *Local Environmental Stewardship?*

Choose a
favourite place

*Score yourself
between 0 and 7*

A scuba diver in a black wetsuit and mask is underwater, holding a clipboard and a yellow measuring tape. The diver is surrounded by a dense kelp forest. The text "What is stewardship? Can it be measured, categorised and predicted?" is overlaid on the image.

**What is stewardship?
Can it be measured, categorised
and predicted?**

Defining Environmental Stewardship

Maintaining wellbeing

Active earth-keeping

Being vigilant

Caring for

Respect for nature

Responsible management

For future generations (of life)

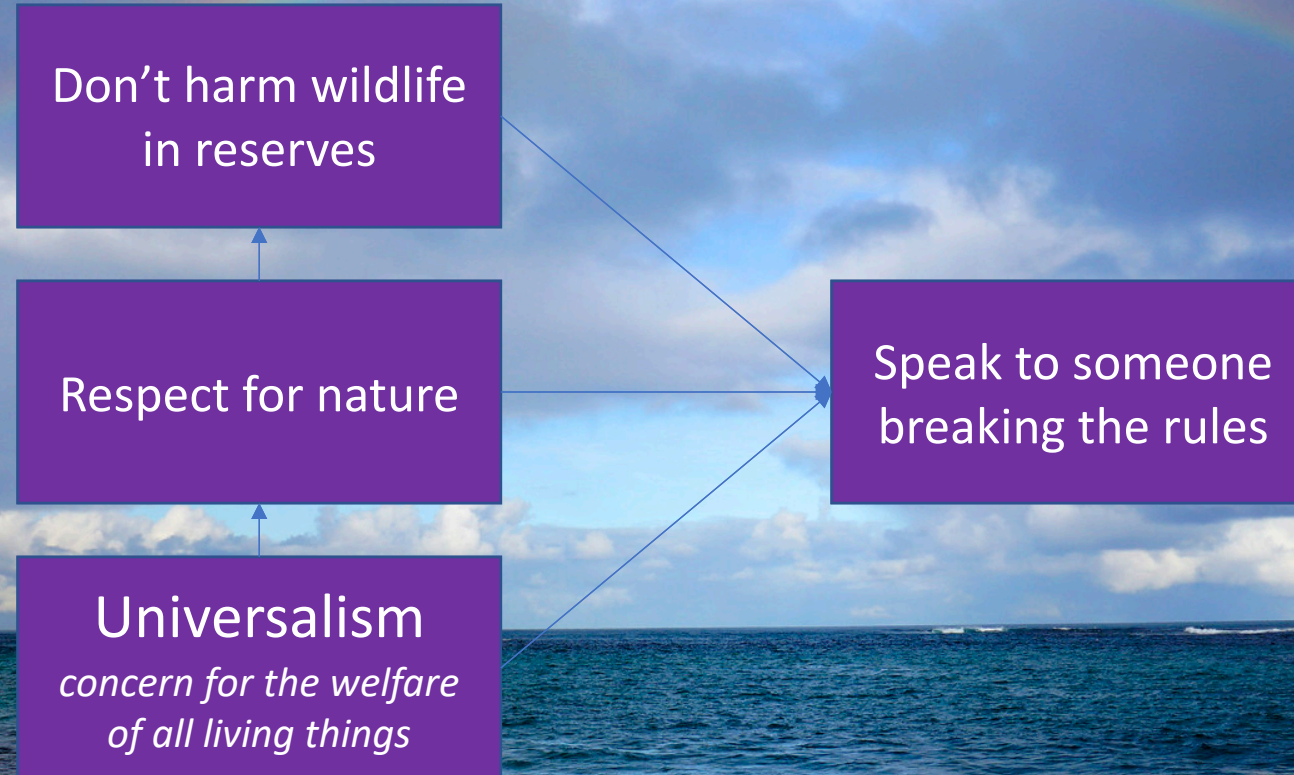
Social interaction on behalf of the environment

Lerner 1993, Wolf 2011, Welchman 2012

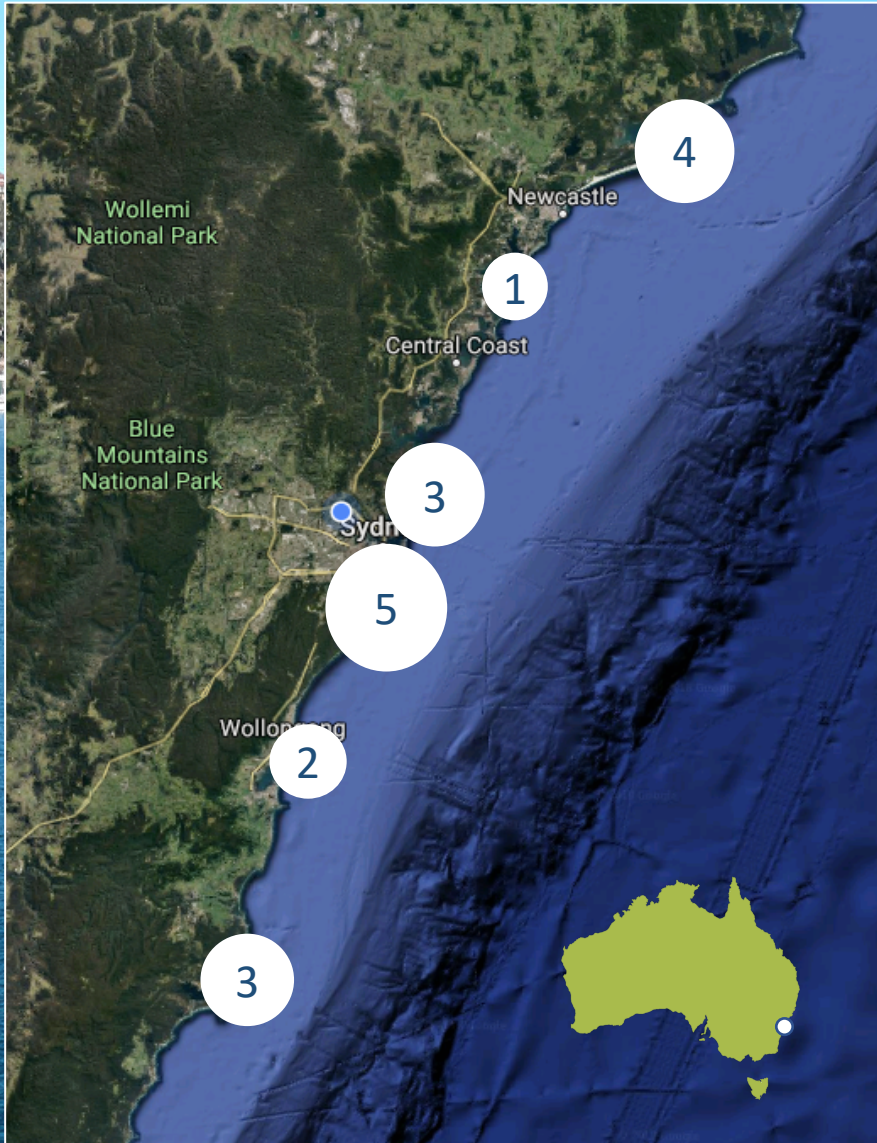
Actively caring for the environment on behalf of others



Motivators of Behaviour



Our study



Coastal context

Pilot study, 25 interviews

Full study, 111 interviews over 18 sites

No, partial and full (sanctuary) protection

Mixed methods

Uni- and multi-variate

PARKER POINT

SANCTUARY ZONE



People, policy, place

Stewardship Indicator

(Actions / behaviours
With PCA weightings)

Sustainable use
0.286

Monitoring
0.328

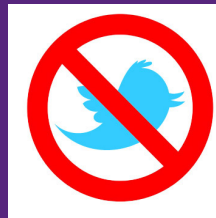
Preservation
0.377

Education
0.384

Restoration
0.437

Advocacy
0.344

Enforcement
0.460

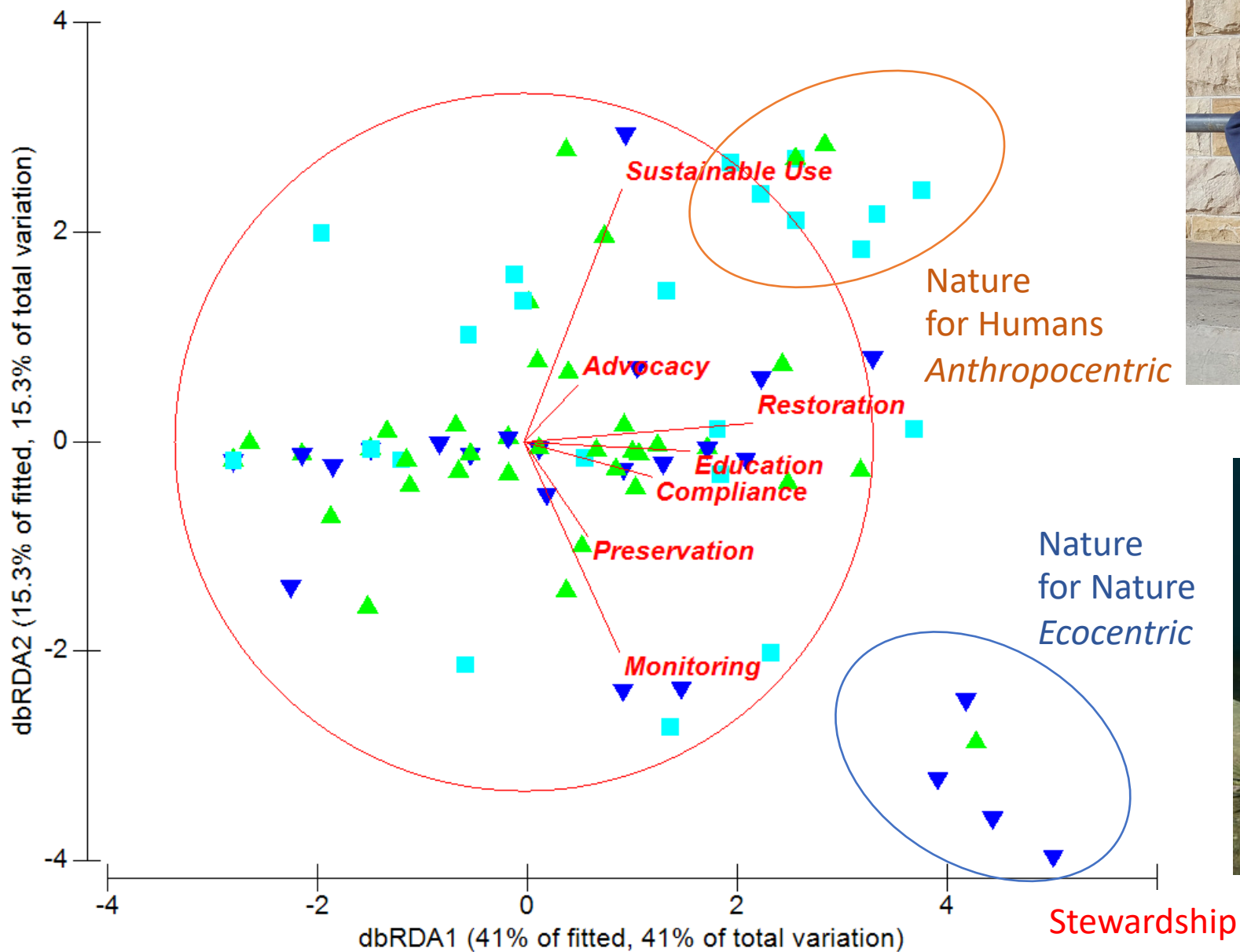


Categories of steward(ship)

Stewardship Behaviour

Distance based redundancy analysis

Resemblance: D1 Euclidean distance



Nature for Humans Uber-Steward

TPB / Cognitive
Hierarchy



Worldview: Anthropocentric

Motivating factors:

Beauty / aesthetics,
recreation,

reducing human impact,
preservation,

socialising,
amenity and
wildlife

Expectancy
Theory

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/northern-beaches/plan-for-no-take-sanctuary-at-long-reef-wins-support-from-warringah-council-and-brad-hazzard/news-story/2444ee457d6586a0a08092dcbf049c43> accessed 26/6/19

Nature for Nature Uber-Steward

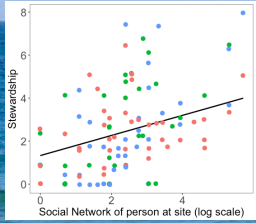


Worldview: Ecocentric

Motivating factors:

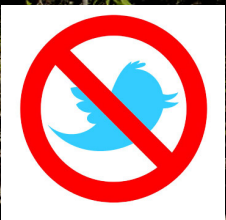
Ecosystem integrity,
wildlife,
protection (reserve),
uniqueness / rarity,
recreation,
amenity,
loss avoidance



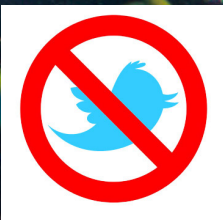
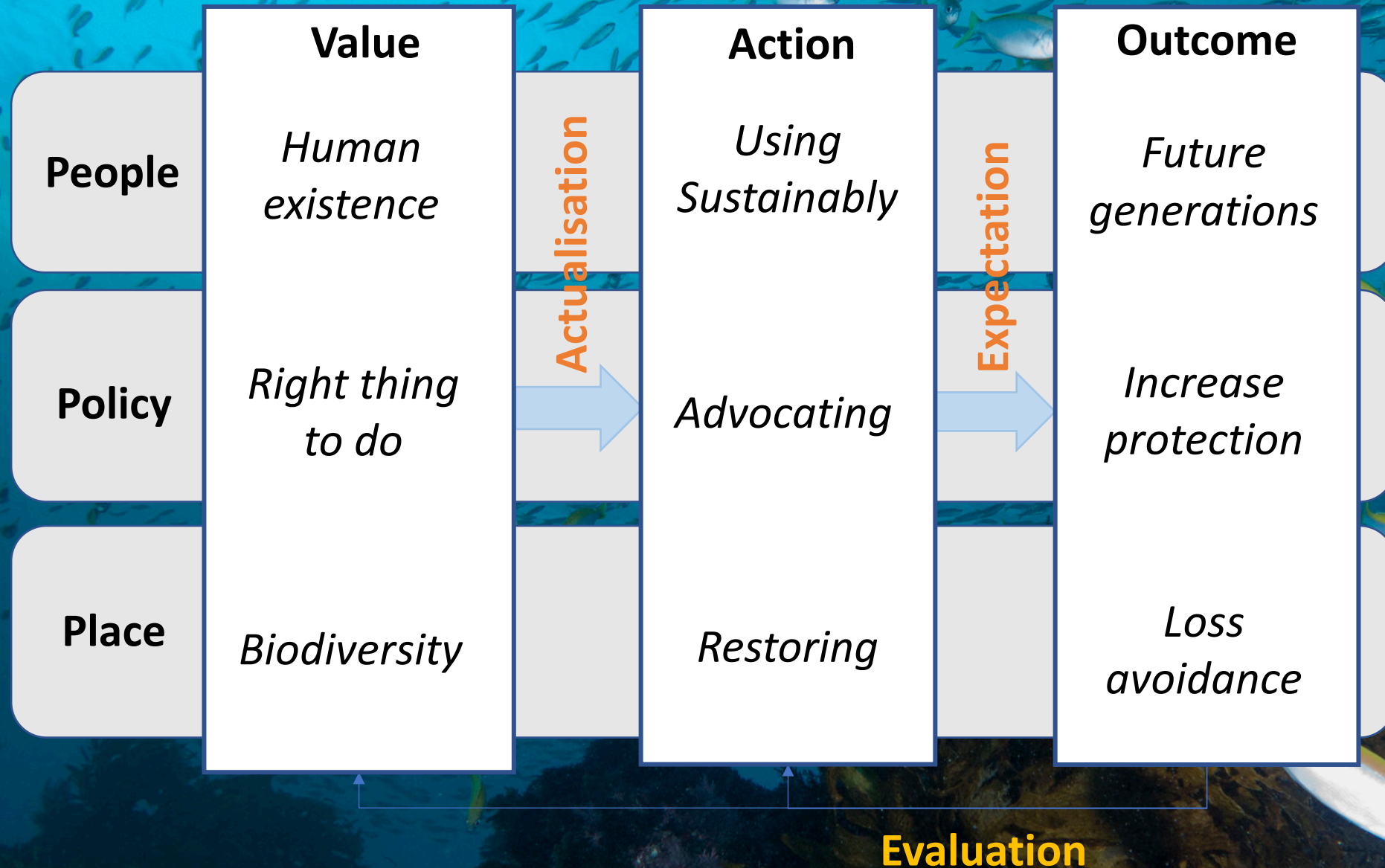


Stewardship Predictors

Marine life attraction
Local identification
Social network at location
Enforcement norm



Local Environmental Stewardship Framework



Recommendations to increase stewardship

1. Highlight “What lives here”
2. Develop local identity & ownership
3. Facilitate direct experiences with nature
4. Enable extended social networks
5. Connect values, actions and outcomes
6. Segment messaging to target anthropo- and eco- audiences

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