

South-east Cape York

REEF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

June 2023 Update

Acknowledgment of Country

The Cape York and adjoining regions are home to many languages, clan estates and tribal groups. Cape York NRM and South Cape York Catchments would like to respectfully acknowledge the region’s Traditional Owners and Elders both past and present. We acknowledge their deep and lasting connection to land, sea and waters, and recognise the important role of Traditional Owners in natural resource management. We also recognise those whose ongoing effort to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future Elders and leaders.

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Executive summary

Cape York Peninsula is one of six Queensland regions that has developed a Reef Community Action Plan for the community to take part in meaningful local action to benefit the Reef and local environment. This Community Action Plan (CAP) was developed through a review of existing plans combined with the contributions of Traditional Owners, youth and community members at seven workshops from October 2020 to January 2021.

Across the workshops, **13 priority strategies were put forward, which fall into four themes:**

- Reducing visitor impacts and restoring country
- Engaging youth to care for the Reef, coasts and catchments
- Restoring customary care of turtle and dugong populations
- Strengthening heritage protections and management practices

The 13 suggested strategies will deliver substantial benefits to local catchments, rivers, beaches, important species and the Great Barrier Reef. The strategies also extend opportunities for partnerships between Traditional Owners, ranger groups, councils, management authorities, community organisations, NRM groups, landholders, scientists and young community members. Through these strategies, this CAP provides a shared vision for benefitting the local environment in the south-east Cape York region.

2023 Review

In June 2023, Cape York NRM reviewed and updated the CAP to document progress to date and reflect shifts in community values and pressures. Community surveys showed an increasing concern for the impacts of climate change on the local environment. Progress delivering the plan has been positive, with seven of the 13 CAP strategies funded for implementation, and five strategies with action underway and one strategy that has been completed.



Community beach clean-up on Cooktown's North Shore

Introduction

Cape York Peninsula is an important and iconic place. Cape York's eastern catchments flow directly to the top third of the world heritage Great Barrier Reef (GBR), including ten of the Reef's 30 unique bioregions¹. The Cape York region has exceptional, intact wilderness areas and a rich cultural landscape, with Traditional Custodians maintaining strong connections to country.

Yet there are also growing pressures on the region. Visitors bring litter and waste and damage cultural and natural areas. Roads and other disturbances cause erosion that washes sediment into waterways. Land managers continue to tackle the spread of weeds and feral animals. Severe cyclones and extreme weather, driven by climate change, threaten the health of corals and coastal vegetation. There is a need to address these pressures and take meaningful local action to preserve the values of the region.

Cape York Peninsula is one of six Reef regions with a CAP, with a main focus in the south-east (Endeavour, Jeannie and Normanby catchments). The purpose of this CAP was to build on previous plans and combine the voices of Traditional Owners, community members and youth to identify

priorities for practical, on-ground activities that will benefit the local marine and coastal environment.

This Community Action Plan (CAP) aims to:

1. Establish shared goals for community Reef protection
2. Identify critical projects to strengthen and accelerate community Reef protection

To build the CAP, Cape York NRM and South Cape York Catchments held seven workshops from October 2020 to January 2021. At the workshops, participants shared strategies for community action, prioritised these strategies and collaboratively developed 'roadmaps' to map out how their priority strategies will work.

This CAP documents the community's proposed priority strategies to benefit the local marine and coastal environment, as well as the key values and pressures relevant for local action. We provide a prospectus of community projects developed during the workshops in Appendix 4.



Lizard Island and surrounding reef



Planning context

About the Region

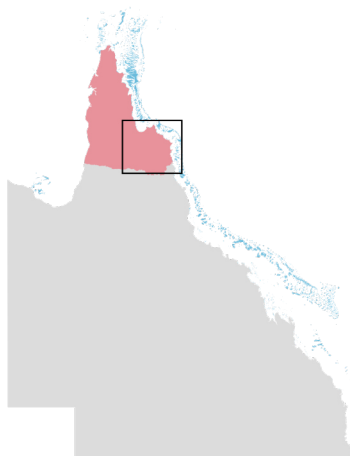
Cape York Peninsula is the northernmost region of Queensland, Australia, extending north from the Mitchell River catchment to 'The Tip'. The region's three south-east catchments (Endeavour, Jeannie and Normanby) are the main focus of this plan.

The region has outstanding natural heritage values: globally significant savannas and dune systems, stunning wetlands and rivers, extensive tropical rainforests and a rich diversity of fauna and flora². Cape York Peninsula has over 40% of the coral reef area for the GBR and over 30% of seagrass area³, some of the highest densities of dugongs in Australia⁴, and many critical nesting sites for sea turtles⁵. The region's remoteness, small population (<20,000)⁶ and limited development pressure has helped keep these values intact.

Most people in south-east Cape York live in Cooktown and nearby communities including Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Rossville, Lakeland and Laura. The major land uses in the region are nature and culture conservation (mostly jointly managed National Park (CYPAL) and Aboriginal freehold) and grazing. Other land uses include horticulture in Lakeland and silica mining at Cape Flattery.

Cape York Peninsula's emerging tourism industry relies on the Reef and natural areas. Over 100,000 visitors travel to the region each year⁷, mainly for camping, four-wheel driving, boating, fishing and other recreational activities. These activities can bring detrimental impacts, including erosion of tracks, litter and waste, damage to sensitive sites, spread of weeds and illegal fishing. Without careful management, these impacts may worsen as road access improves and services expand in the region.

There are also strong commercial and recreational fishing industries in the region. As the closest town to the GBR, Cooktown and its surrounds are renowned for reef fishing. Traditional Owners in the area maintain a strong connection to both land and sea, and traditional harvest of species such as turtle and dugong is common. The close proximity of the Reef (<10 km) also results in high connectivity with the Endeavour, McIvor and Annan catchments, exposing fringing reefs, in-shore reefs and seagrass meadows to land-based runoff⁸ from flood plumes.



Building on existing plans

We designed this CAP through a review of existing plans combined with community input from the workshops. Some of the regional plans and resources reviewed include:

- Eastern Cape York Water Quality Improvement Plan
- Cape York Living NRM Plan
- Cape York Regional Investment Strategy 2018–2023
- Endeavour, Jeanie and Normanby Catchment Stories
- Local Healthy Country plans and IPA plans

The CAP is also aligned with the Reef 2050 plan, Australia’s overarching long-term strategy for protecting and managing the Reef, and contributes to its vision and outcome of ‘Healthy Reef, Healthy People’. Several strategies developed through the CAP are strongly linked to the goals and strategic objectives of the Reef 2050 Plan, including strengthening Traditional Owner management of sea country, improved practices in shoreline ecosystems, and enhanced protection of coastal and catchment ecosystems.

Community engagement

The CAP was primarily designed through seven CAP workshops:

- Two community workshops in Wujal Wujal and Cooktown (October 2020)
- Three small group workshops for stakeholders in Hope Vale (January 2021)
- Two youth workshops at Endeavour Christian College and a community hall (October and December 2020)

In the workshops, participants refined the priority strategies for community action in the region and built ‘roadmaps’—visual diagrams that show the steps involved in implementing these strategies. We provide a full list of attendees in Appendix 1.

We also administered three rounds of a community survey among Traditional Owners, youth and a wide range of community members (totalling 82 participants). Further consultation with CAP workshop participants and other key community members informed the 2023 update to the CAP.



Roadmapping: SCYC’s Jason Carroll and Yuku Baja Muliku Ranger Joallan Seagren

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Vision

Cape York Peninsula's Reef, marine and coastal environment is protected, appreciated, sustainably used and enjoyed, for the benefit of Traditional Owners, local community and visitors.

Scope

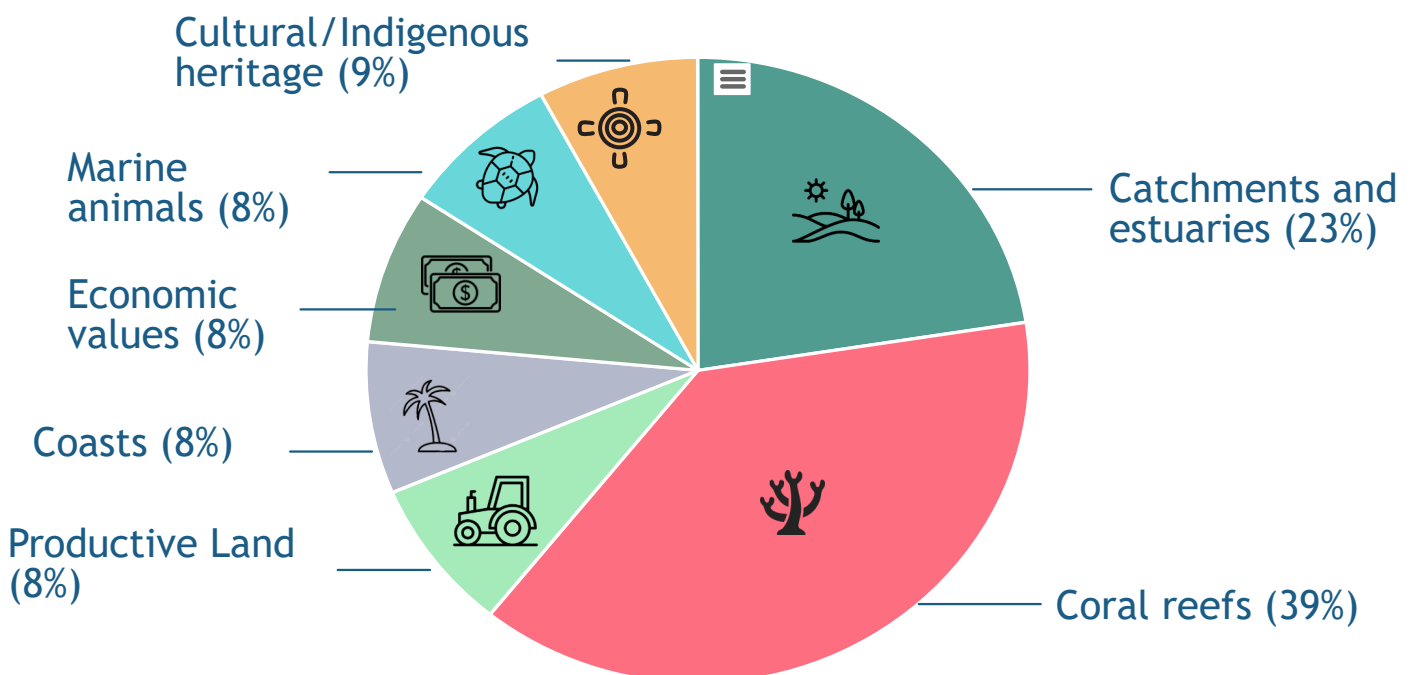
This plan identifies community-based actions to benefit Cape York Peninsula's Reef, marine and coastal environment.

This plan focuses primarily on the south-east (Endeavour, Jeannie and Normanby catchments). There are, however, several projects that could be implemented across the entire Cape York NRM region, with an outlook to extend the CAP process into the central and northern sections of Cape York Peninsula.

Community values

South-east Cape York communities have a strong connection with the region's environment. Traditional Owners in Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale expressed the importance of cultural sites, landscapes and story places, Traditional ecological knowledge, waterways and wetlands, and marine species such as turtle and dugong. Cooktown workshop participants emphasised the value of natural, unspoilt areas—beaches and coastal ecosystems, spectacular reefs and remote camping areas. Young people placed particular value on coral reefs and the animals that inhabit them. In the 2022 survey a key priority identified by the community was Climate Change. In November 2022 Cape York NRM ran multiple climate workshops with community members and 3 project plans were created. The roadmaps for these projects are in Appendix 3. Survey responses from 2023 regarding values for the CAP are shown below.

Priority Reef-related values for community action



Pressures

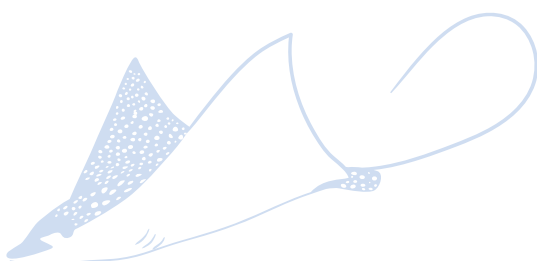
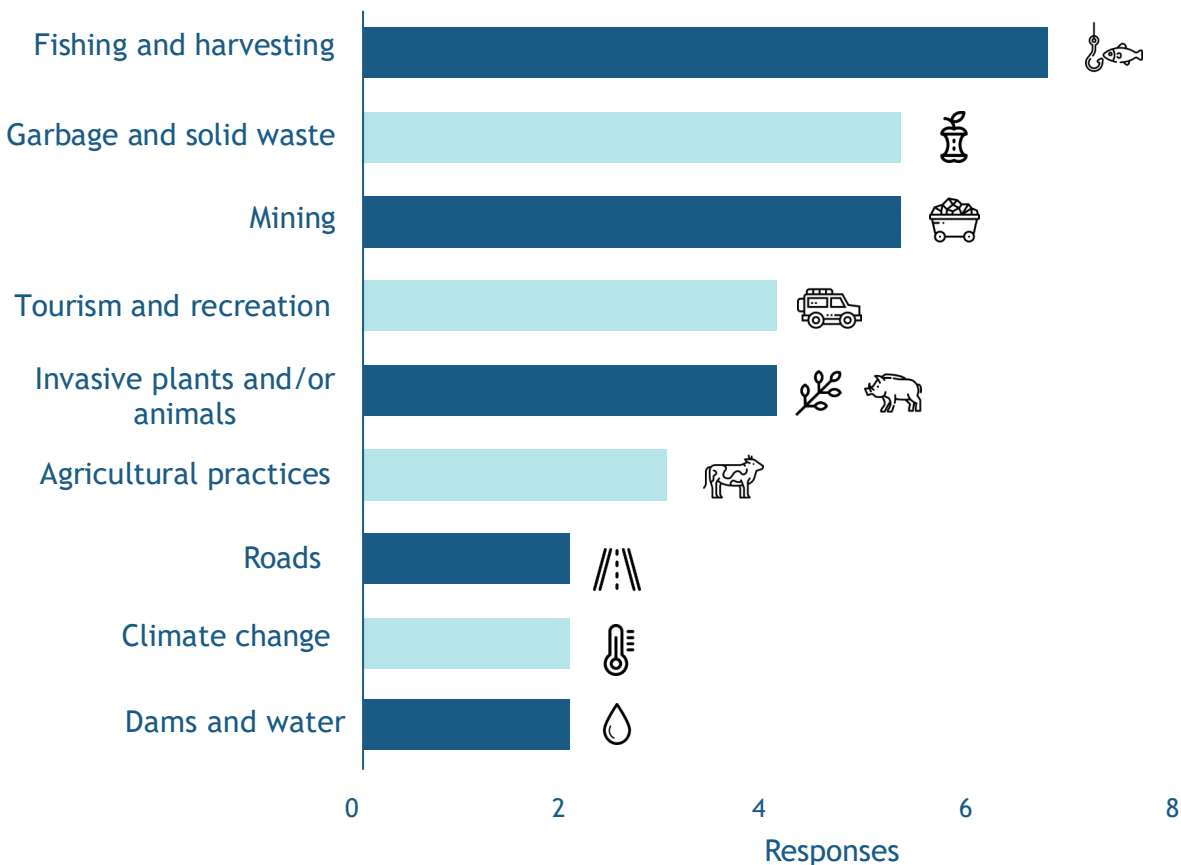
Community members are concerned about a range of pressures. When asked which pressures most needed to be addressed by the community, the top three 2023 survey responses were:

1. Fishing and harvesting
2. Garbage and solid waste
3. Mining

Participants at all workshops shared considerable concern for the detrimental impact of poor tourism practices on camping areas, roads, and sensitive areas such as beaches, waterways and cultural sites. The prevalence of litter was a related issue, including plastics washed onto beaches from overseas. Similarly, weed spread, especially on roadsides, was a common pressure discussed.





Traditional Owners in Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale shared about the prevalence of wrong sea harvesting, and particularly, too many turtles being taken by Indigenous people. Some Hope Vale Traditional Owners also raised concerns about the impacts of proposed mining developments in the area. Young people were concerned about a range of pressures on the Reef, including climate change, boating and shipping, household waste and sewage, and crown-of-thorns starfish.

Priority pressures for community action



Strategies

Participants suggested a wide range of strategies for community action. We prioritised strategies first through participant surveys and then at the workshops through a group voting process. Participants considered several factors in prioritising strategies, including:

 <p>Passion</p> <p>What do you really care about and want to see improved in the region relating to the Reef environment?</p>	 <p>Impact</p> <p>How well will this strategy address the pressure and deliver benefits to the Reef environment and community?</p>	 <p>Fit</p> <p>How well does the strategy align with regional plans and/or build on work that has already been done in the region?</p>	 <p>Delivery</p> <p>Will the strategy be achievable, considering the cost, existing capacity, scale of actions and timeline?</p>
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Over the seven workshops, participants put forward 13 strategies as priorities for action. We grouped these strategies into **four themes**, which are summarised below. The roadmaps and Project Prospectus provide more detail on these strategies (see Appendices).

Theme 1: Reducing visitor impacts and restoring Country

These strategies focus on improving catchment and coastal ecosystem condition by reducing recreational and tourism impacts (including litter, waste and 4WD damage) and by controlling weeds and feral animals.

<p>Visitor infrastructure upgrades at Emmagen Creek, Woobadda Creek and Kaway</p>	<p>This project will install toilets and signs at three culturally significant, high-visitation areas on the Bloomfield Track to stop people from damaging the area.</p>
<p>Jajikal Ranger beach protection on Jalunji-Warra Country</p>	<p>This project will protect culturally significant Jalunji-Warra beaches by reducing feral species, revegetating dune areas, closing inappropriate tracks, and installing signage and facilities.</p>
<p>Cape York sustainable tourism</p>	<p>This project will implement a sustainable tourism strategy, reducing impacts to visitor areas through a regional workforce trained to undertake compliance and upgrade infrastructure.</p>
<p>Coastal visitor management in Yuku Baja Muliku Country</p>	<p>This project will reduce the impacts of recreational activities on the coastal environment of Archer Point through clean-ups, revegetation, installing infrastructure and other activities.</p>
<p>Hymenachne control in Cape Melville National Park</p>	<p>This project will tackle infestations of highly invasive hymenachne through fly-in wet season control.</p>



Theme 2: Engaging youth to care for the Reef, coasts and catchments

These strategies focus on youth-based on-ground actions, including monitoring and protecting the Reef, cleaning up beaches and tackling weeds across to improve catchment condition.

Community and youth coral monitoring

This project will empower young people to monitor coral reefs off Cooktown to support GBR-wide monitoring programs.

Crown-of-thorns education, monitoring and control

This project will create a crown-of-thorns starfish monitoring and control program in the Cooktown Reef Community.

Youth-led beach clean-up program

This project will support youth-led beach clean-ups in the Cooktown area to reduce marine debris.

Pilot weed team program

This project will build a team of young people to support land managers in strategically managing weed infestations.

Theme 3: Restoring customary care of turtle and dugong populations

These strategies focus on caring for turtle and dugong populations through permits, compliance programs, education and monitoring to reduce illegal and unsustainable take.

Sustainable turtle management in Jalunji-Warra Country

This project will implement a permit and compliance program to minimise illegal turtle and dugong take and make legal take sustainable.

Sustainable turtle and marine management in Hope Vale

This project will resource an Indigenous Ranger program for marine and coastal areas, with a special focus on restoring sustainable sea turtle and dugong harvesting in the area.

Theme 4: Strengthening heritage protections and management practices

These strategies focus on reducing human impacts through stronger legislative protection and guidelines. This includes protecting cultural sites through National Heritage listing, and reducing erosion and weed spread through road best management practices.

National heritage listing for culturally significant areas

This project will strengthen protection and recognition of Binthi Country and surrounding Hope Vale areas through attaining National Heritage Listing.

Road BMPs for Cape York

This project involves designing and implementing best management practices (BMPs) for roads and roadsides across eastern Cape York to reduce erosion and weed spread.



June 2023 Update

Progress on delivering the CAP

Currently, **seven of the 13 priority CAP strategies have been funded for implementation**, and four of these strategies have already commenced action. Cape York NRM is providing mentoring and support for groups implementing CAP projects. Below is a summary of how each strategy is progressing. The roadmaps in Appendix 3 have also been updated.

Visitor infrastructure upgrades at Emmagen Creek, Woobadda Creek and Kaway

Progress status: **More action needed**

Summary: This strategy has not yet progressed past the CAP planning stage.

Jajikal Ranger beach protection on Jalunji-Warra Country

Progress status: **Action completed**

Summary: Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation secured GBRF CAP funding to undertake beach clean ups, rehabilitate coastal areas and close off inappropriate tracks. Beach clean ups, weed and feral animal control, coastal rehabilitation and access restriction activities have been completed successfully through collaborations with traditional owners and community members.

Cape York sustainable tourism

Progress status: **Some progress**

Summary: Cape York NRM met with Cook Shire Council in February 2022 to discuss the development of an Integrated Cape York Waste and Human Impact Management Strategy. More planning and consultation is needed to design and secure resourcing for the project.



Balabay (Weary Bay) Beach Clean Up with Tangaroa Blue, Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation

Coastal visitor management in Yuku Baja Muliku Country

Progress status: **More action needed**

Summary: This strategy has not yet progressed past the CAP planning stage.

Hymenachne control in Cape Melville National Park

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: This strategy has been funded by Cape York NRM's Catchments to Coral Program through the Australian Government's Reef Trust. Cape Melville, Flinders & Howick Islands Aboriginal Corporation and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service are working in partnership to treat hymenachne across Cape Melville and Wakooka areas. Surveys were followed by aerial and ground spraying treatments post wet season in 2022, and follow up surveys have also been completed in 2023 in preparation for the second year of treatment. Surveys and treatments have also been conducted in the neighbouring Rinyirru National Park as well as a drone spraying trial that showed promising results.

Community and youth coral monitoring

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: South Cape York Catchments secured GBRF funding to run the 'Cape York Young Reef Leaders' project. In 2023, 10 local Cape York students will engage with mentors from local organisations and groups and participate in catchment and marine field trips. In June, the team worked with Rangers, Traditional Owners, QPWS, Cook Shire Council, and the Cape York Water Partnership across the Annan and Normanby Catchments. In September, the team will head to Lizard Island with scientists from James Cook University.

Crown-of-thorns education, monitoring and control

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: South Cape York Catchments secured GBRF funding to run the 'Cape York Young Reef Leaders' project. In 2023 local Cape York students will participate in several Reef-related activities, including a multi-day Reef field trip during September, in which mentors will educate students on crown-of-thorns starfish (COTS) control and students will have opportunities to assess COTS abundance at local reefs. This project may be a launchpad for a regular youth COTS monitoring and control program.

Youth-led beach clean-up program

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: South Cape York Catchments secured GBRF funding to run the 'Cape York Young Reef Leaders' project. In 2023 local Cape York students will participate in several Reef-related activities, including a youth beach clean up at a priority location where the team will share their new knowledge with younger students. This project will complement regular beach clean ups undertaken in the Cooktown area.





Community tree planting day at Wallaby Creek

Pilot weed team program

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: There are two weed taskforces funded by Cape York NRM's Catchments to Coral Program through the Australian Government's Reef Trust. A multi-agency taskforce has conducted two intensive control programs to treat Gamba Grass throughout the Annan/Endeavour catchment and adjoining sections of the Jeannie and Normanby catchments

The coordinated Rubber Vine program is continuing to support and work with approximately 20 landholders in the Laura River catchment to reduce rubber vine calotrope in the area.

Sustainable turtle management in Jalunji-Warra Country

Progress status: **Some progress**

Summary: Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation secured funding from GBRF's Traditional Owner grants to develop a Country Plan and Cultural Heritage & Traditional Knowledge Protection Plan, which are now complete. There is also a Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (TUMRA) for the area, and the next step is to develop and implement a traditional use permit system for Dabu Jajikal Country. Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation met with neighbouring sea country managers in June 2022 to learn about their management arrangements within their TUMRA area.

Sustainable turtle and marine management in Hope Vale

Progress status: **More action needed**

Summary: This strategy has not yet progressed past the CAP planning stage.



National heritage listing for culturally significant areas

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation (BLHGAC) secured GBRF CAP funding to adopt a country and cultural heritage management system (CHMS) for Binthi Country, and submitted an application for the Binthi Warra Indigenous Places for National Heritage listing. A National Heritage nomination was submitted in February 2022 and BLHGAC reached the milestone for the 2022 - 2023 Finalised Priority Assessment List (FPAL). BLHGAC developed a Healthy Country Plan, and are working with Environmental Systems Solutions to develop the CHMS to protect and manage Binthi heritage areas.

Road BMPs for Cape York

Progress status: **Action underway**

Summary: South Cape York Catchments in partnership with Cook Shire Council is delivering a project that is part of the Eastern Cape York Water Quality Program, funded by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. SCYC and CSC are developing and implementing gravel road Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce soil erosion from roads in the Annan Catchment.

Community engagement

In our CAP leader role, Cape York NRM are continuing to engage with the local community and provide opportunities for people to be involved in protecting the Reef and local catchments. We have held several community events including a tree planting day at Wallaby Creek and two water quality field days at Isabella Falls with local students.



Water quality field day at Isabella Falls with students from Cooktown State School



What's next?

Cape York NRM will continue to work with CAP project leaders to assist them with implementing their CAP projects, and will be taking action over the next 12 months to progress CAP projects that require further action as identified in the summary above. Cape York NRM will also continue to engage the local community to determine their priorities for Reef action and to identify opportunities for implementation.

One priority identified through review was the need for community-led action on climate change. Climate change was one of the major pressures identified by the community in the 2022 CAP Review survey, and limiting the impacts of climate change is one of five work areas in the Reef 2050 Plan. Cape York NRM will be working with GBRF to design potential climate action projects that would align with local community goals and priorities.

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We acknowledge all of the Traditional Owners, youth and community members involved in workshopping and developing this plan, as well as Conservation Management for their planning and training support.

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Cooktown CAP workshop

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Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation attendees discuss their roadmap with SCYC's Jessie Price-Declerck



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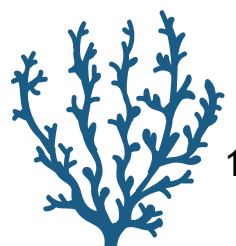
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Appendix 3: Project Roadmaps



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Front cover photograph: Fringing Reef at Archer Point (Jessie Price-Decle)

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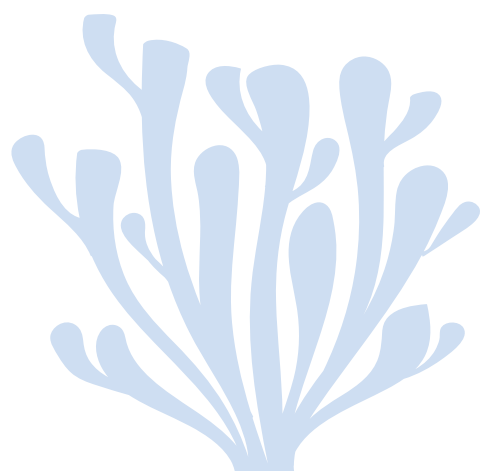


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Appendix 1: Workshop Attendees

Organisation or community	Representative	Workshop
Ayton/Bloomfield	Col Burns	Wujal Wujal
Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation	Ramona McIvor	Hope Vale
Cape Melville, Flinders & Howick Islands Aboriginal Corporation	Regan Hart	Hope Vale
Cape York NRM	David Preece	Hope Vale
Cape York NRM	Harry James	All
Cape York NRM	Helen Penrose	Cooktown
Cape York NRM	Joey Dix	Cooktown, Wujal Wujal
Cape York NRM	Natalie Mason	Hope Vale, Youth
Cape York NRM	Robyn May	Cooktown, Youth
Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Inc.	Trevor Meldrum	Cooktown
Cooktown	Jeff Shellberg	Cooktown
Cooktown	Lucas Giese	Youth
Cooktown	Sienna Thomason	Youth
Cooktown	Rocco Thomason	Youth
Cooktown	Mirindi Lane-Ritchie	Youth
Cooktown	Josie Dagge	Youth
Cook Shire Council	Darryn Higgins	Cooktown
Cook Shire Council	Jenni James	Cooktown
Cook Shire Council	Marilyn Morris	Cooktown
Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation	Barry Olbar	Wujal Wujal
Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Calvin Olbar	Wujal Wujal
Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation	Lizzie Olbar	Wujal Wujal
Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation	Marie Shipton	Wujal Wujal



Organisation or community	Representative	Workshop
Endeavour Christian College	Year 10 Marine Science students	Youth
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Doon McColl	Cooktown, Wujal Wujal
Gummi Junga Aboriginal Corporation	Eric Rosendale	Cooktown
Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Ivan Deemal	Hope Vale (meeting in Cooktown)
Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Willie Gordon	Hope Vale (meeting in Cooktown)
Normanby Land Management	Kelsey Harrigan	Cooktown
Normanby Land Management	Vince Harrigan	Cooktown
South Cape York Catchments	Jason Carroll	Cooktown
South Cape York Catchments	Jessie Price-Decle	All
South Cape York Catchments	Tracy Hales	Youth
Valley View	Judy Irwin	Cooktown
Wujal Wujal	Allan Baird	Wujal Wujal
Wujal Wujal	Gladys Friday	Wujal Wujal
Wujal Wujal	Kathleen Walker	Wujal Wujal
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Jayden Denman	Cooktown, Wujal Wujal
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Patrick Nandy	Cooktown, Wujal Wujal
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	William Harrigan	Wujal Wujal
Yuku Baja Muliku	Joallan Seagren	Cooktown
Yuku Baja Muliku	Lyall Naylor	Cooktown
Yuku Baja Muliku	Mick Hale	Cooktown



Appendix 2: Workshop Photos



Wujal Wujal: Marie Shipton, Barry Olbar and Lizzie Olbar (Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation) with Jessie Price-Declé (SCYC)



Wujal Wujal: Kathleen Walker (left) with Doon McColl (GBRMPA)

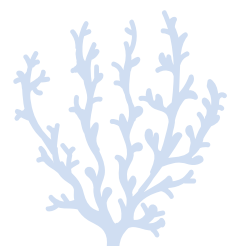




Wujal Wujal: workshop attendees



Wujal Wujal: from left—Lizzie Olbar, Marie Shipton and Calvin Olbar (Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation)





Cooktown: group voting—Patrick Nandy (Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council), Jessie Price-Decle (left; SCYC) and Jenni White (Cook Shire Council)



Cooktown: roadmapping, from left—Jason Carroll (SCYC), Joallan Seagren (Yuku Baja Muliku) and Lyall Naylor (Yuku Baja Muliku)





Cooktown: roadmapping



Cooktown: from left—Vince Harrigan (Normanby Land Management), Kelsey Harrigan (Normanby Land Management), Jeff Shellberg, and Darryn Higgins (Cook Shire Council)





Cooktown: Judy Irwin (left; Valley View) and Eric Rosendale (Gummi Junga Aboriginal Corporation)



Cooktown: from left—Jeff Shellberg, Darryn Higgins (Cook Shire Council), Vince Harrigan (Normanby Land Management), Kelsey Harrigan (Normanby Land Management) and Marilyn Morris (Cook Shire Council)

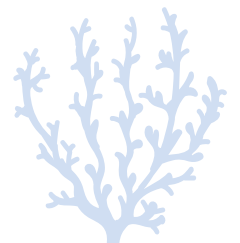




Hope Vale: from left—Jessie Price-Decle (SCYC), Ramona McIvor (Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation), Harry James (Cape York NRM)



Hope Vale: from left—Harry James (Cape York NRM), Regan Hart (Cape Melville, Flinders & Howick Islands Aboriginal Corporation) and David Preece (Cape York NRM)





Youth: Year 10 Marine Science students at Endeavour Christian College



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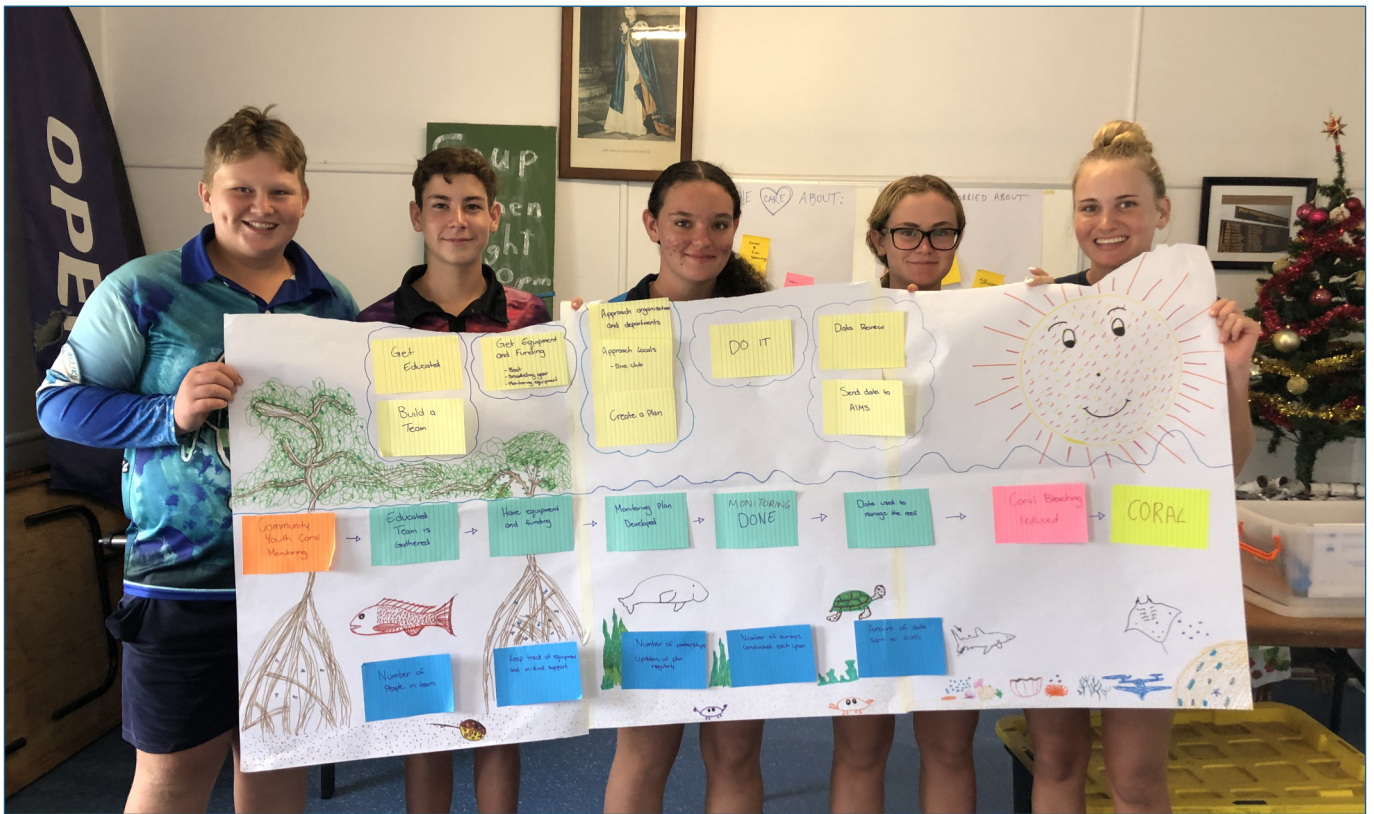


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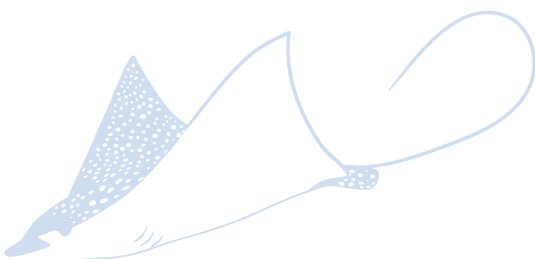




Youth: from left—Lucas Geise, Rocco Thomason, Mirindi Lane-Ritchie, Sienna Thomason and Josie Dagge



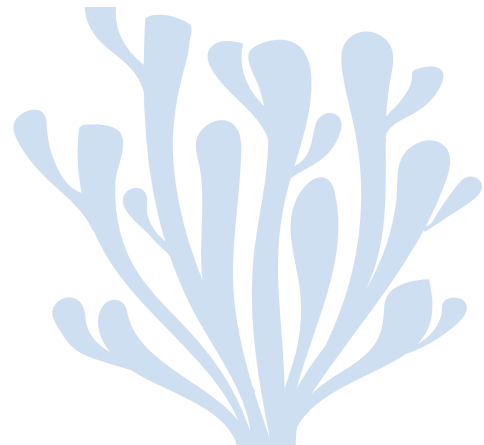
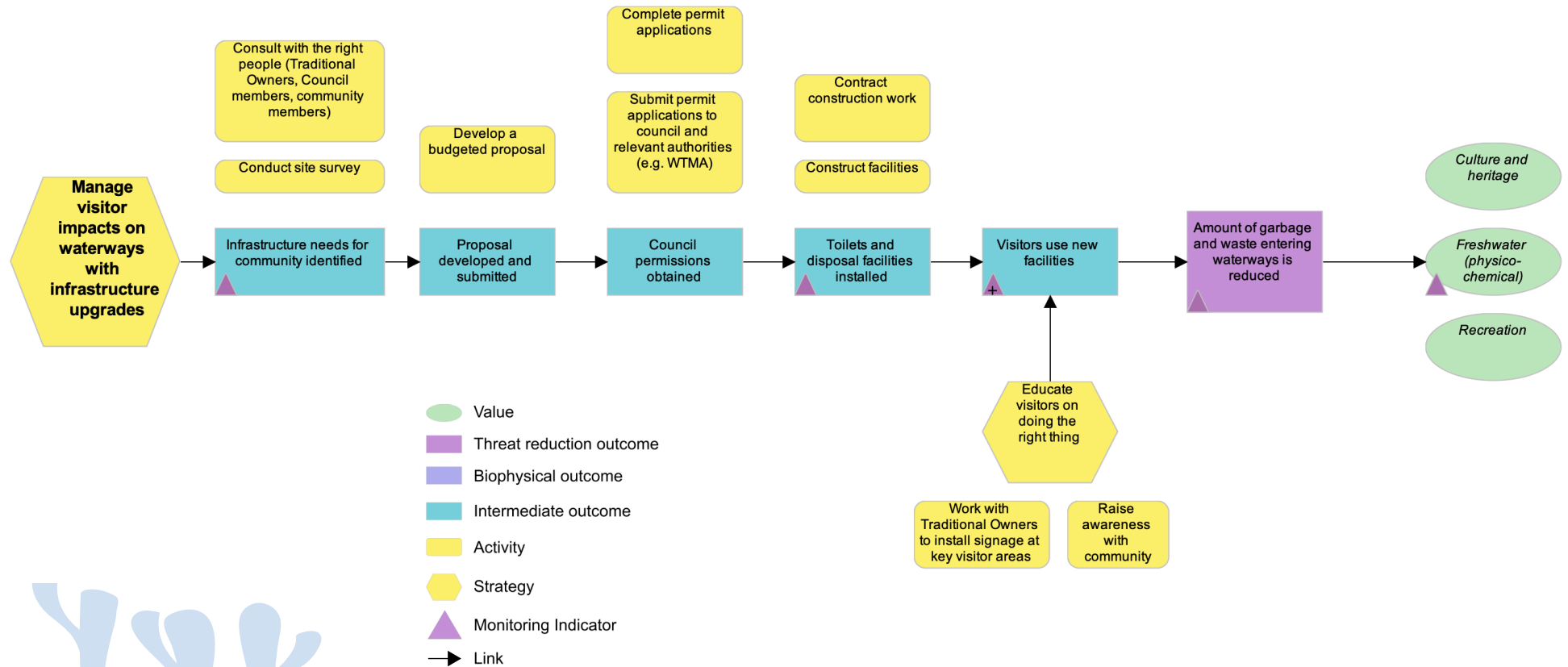
Youth: out on a an Endeavour riverboat cruise during the workshop



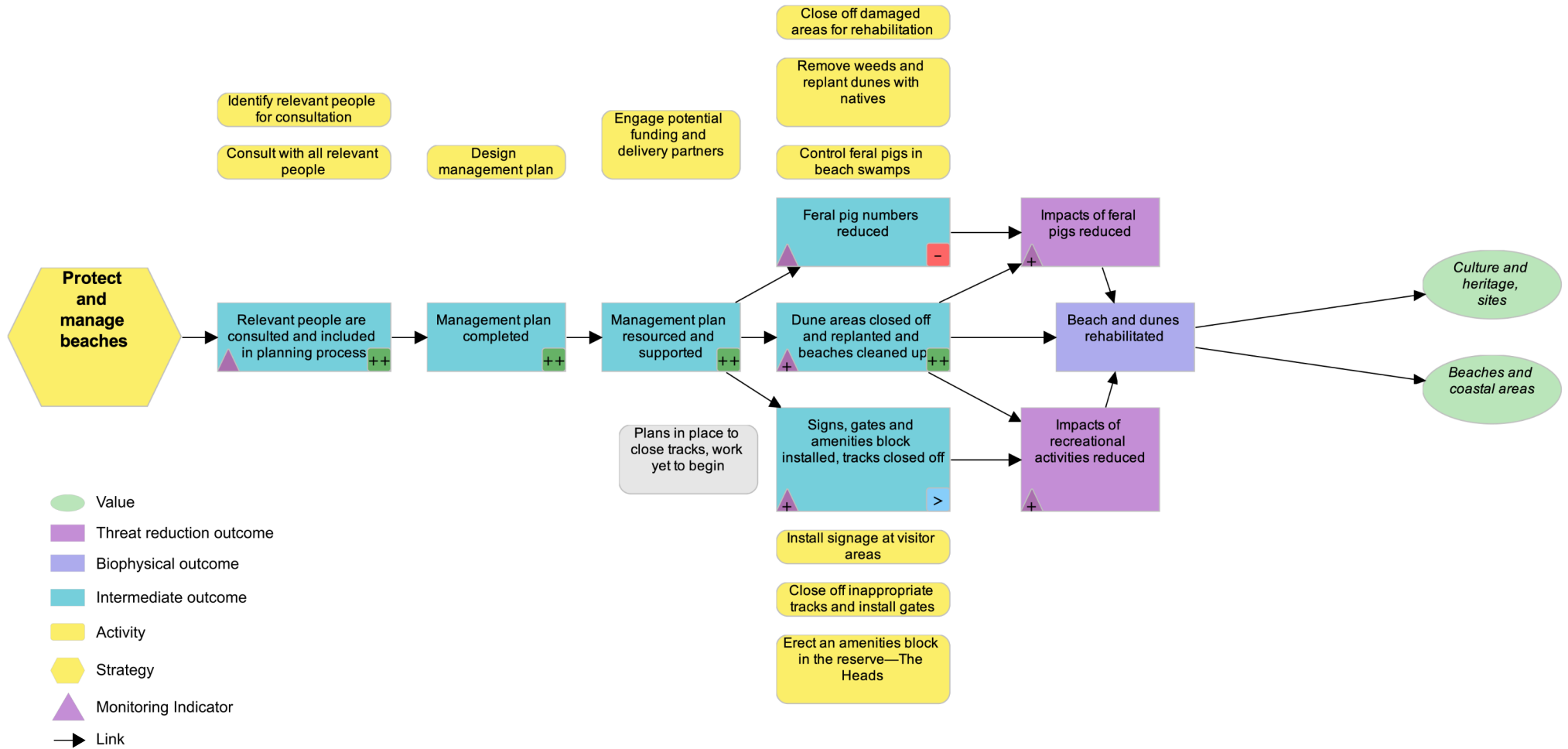
Appendix 3: Project roadmaps

Theme 1: Reducing visitor impacts and restoring Country

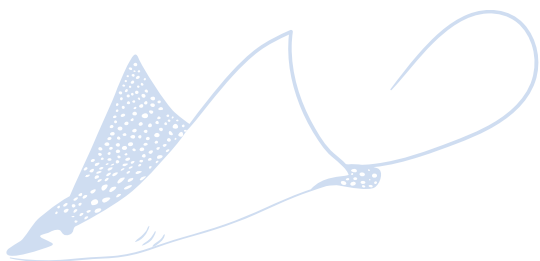
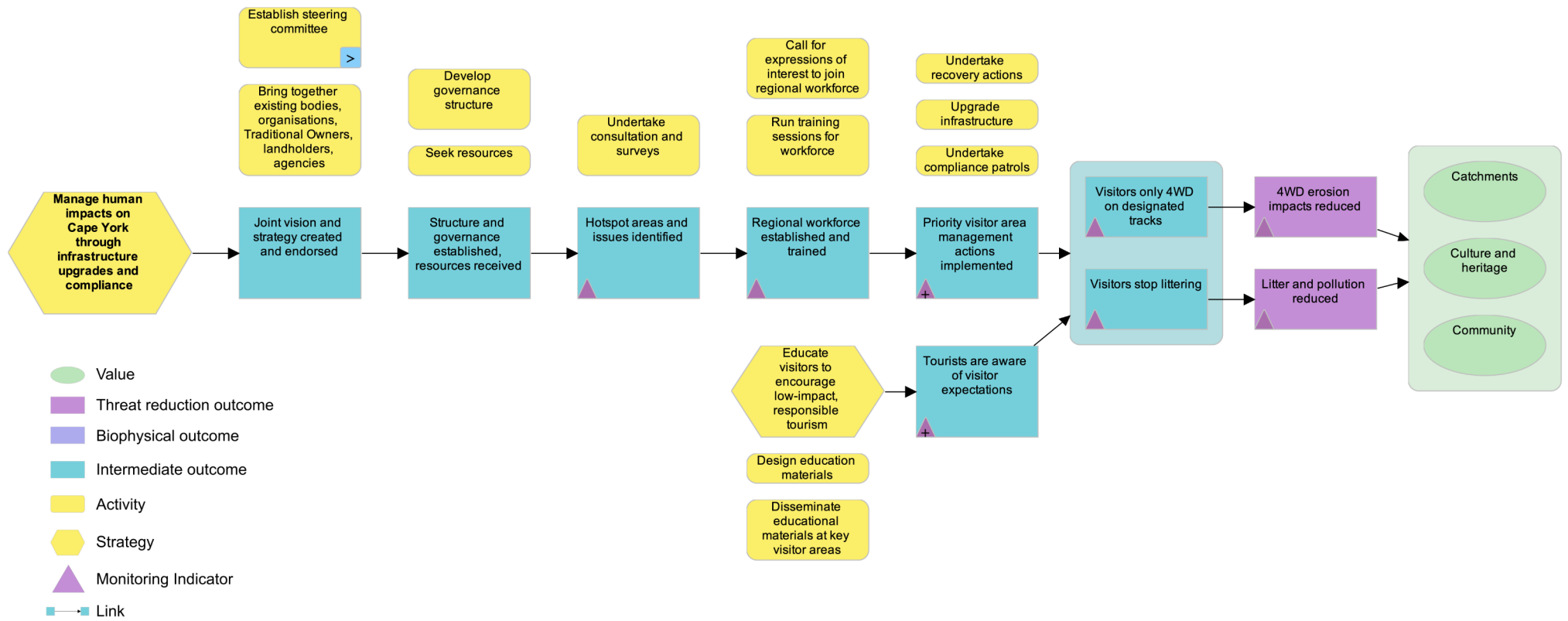
Visitor infrastructure upgrades at Emmagen Creek, Woobadda Creek and Kaway



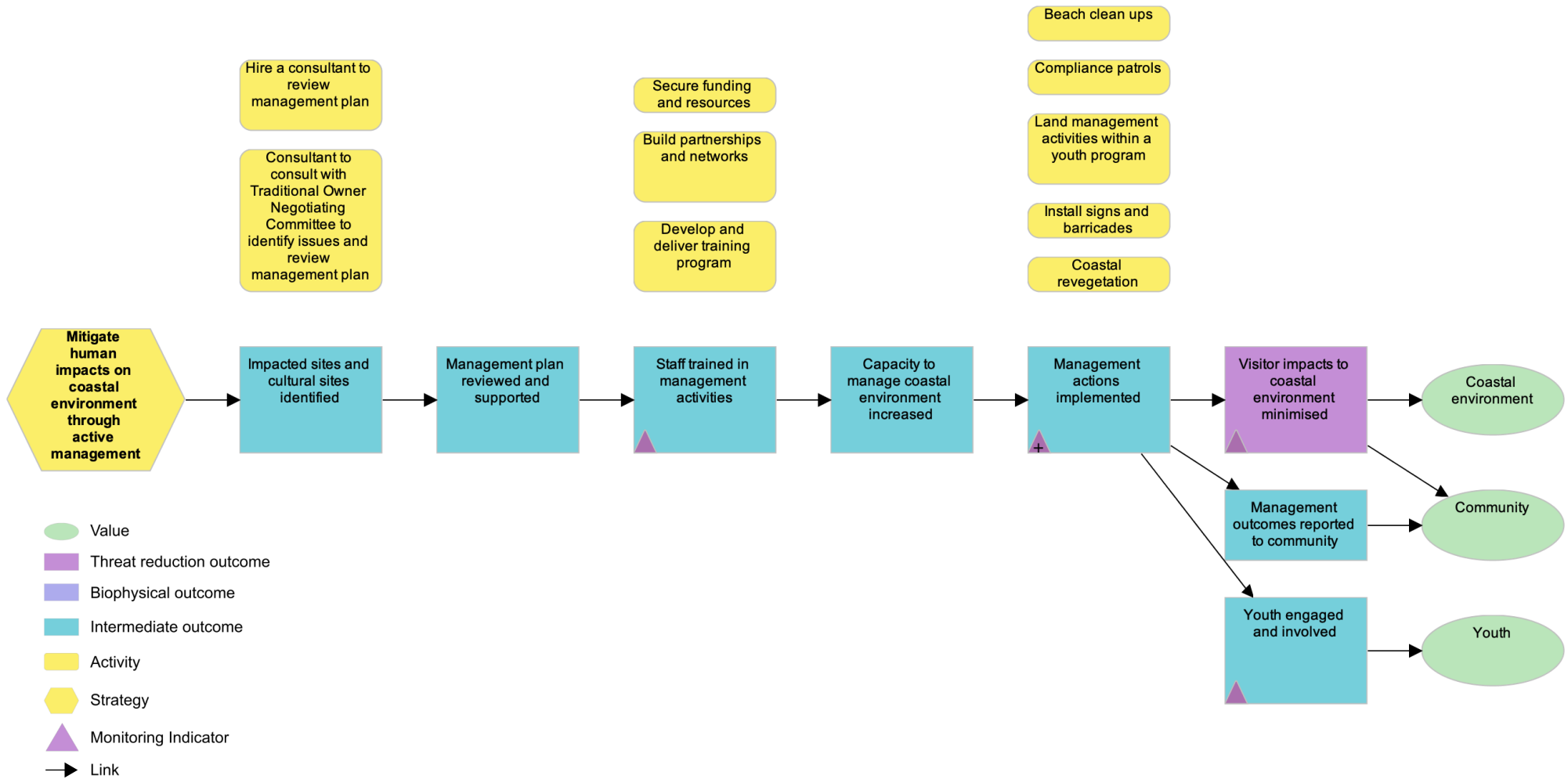
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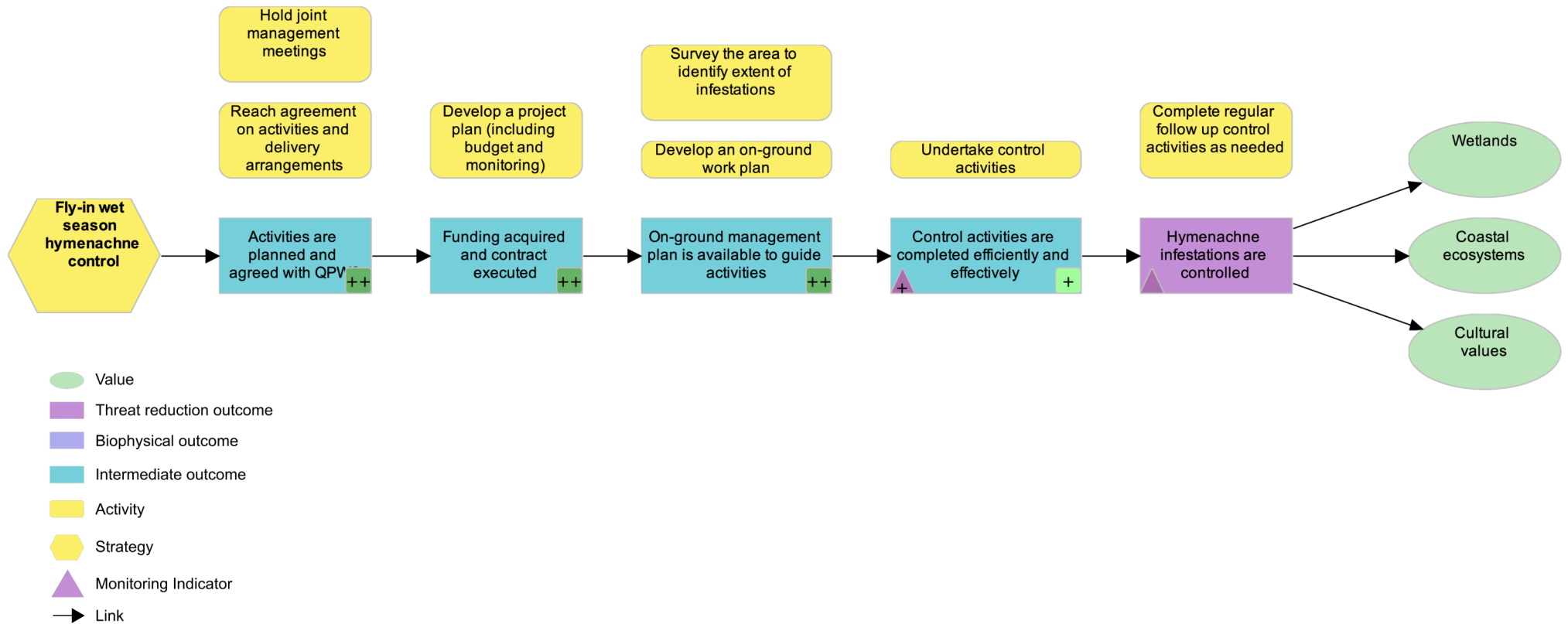
Cape York sustainable tourism



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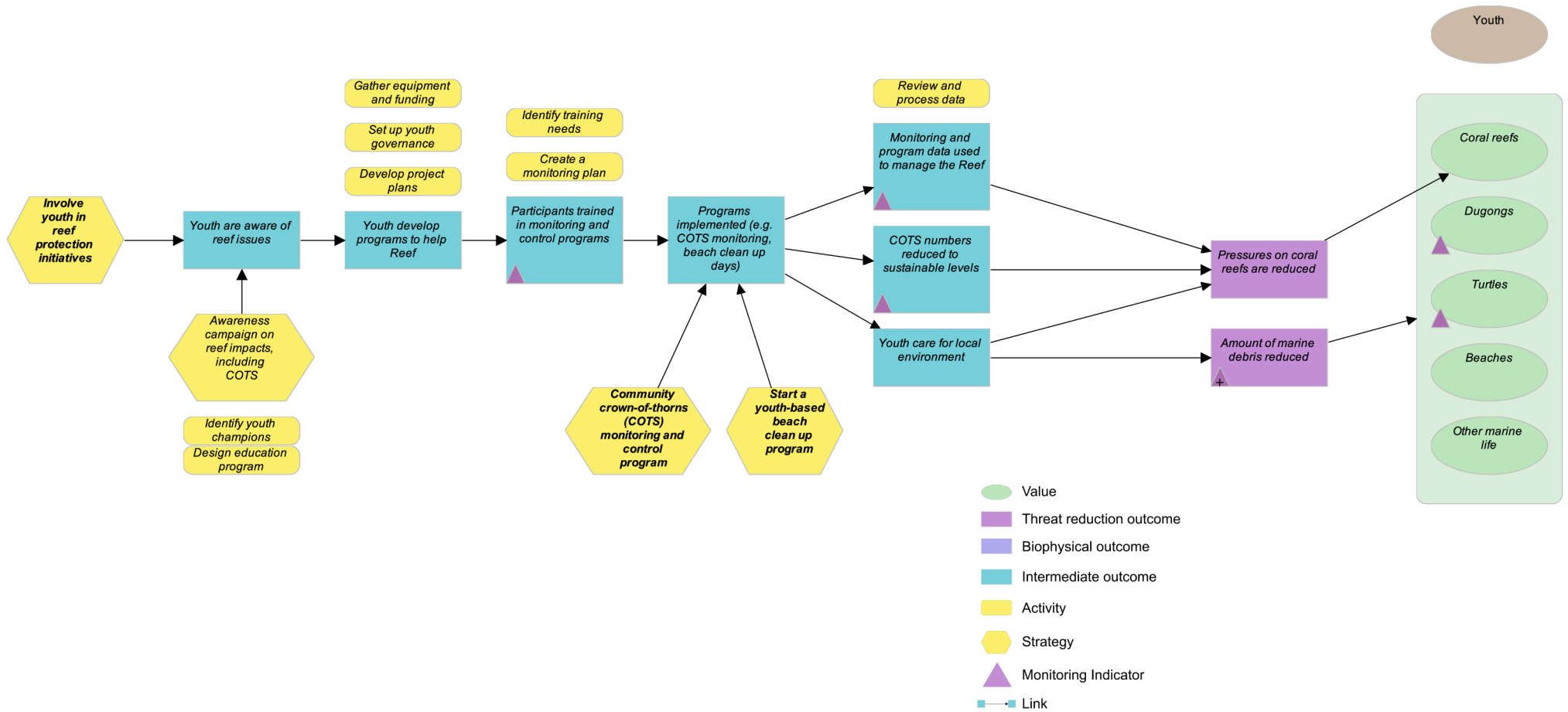


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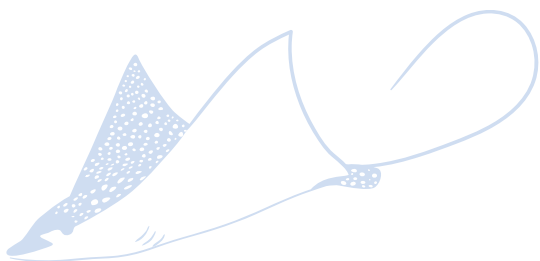
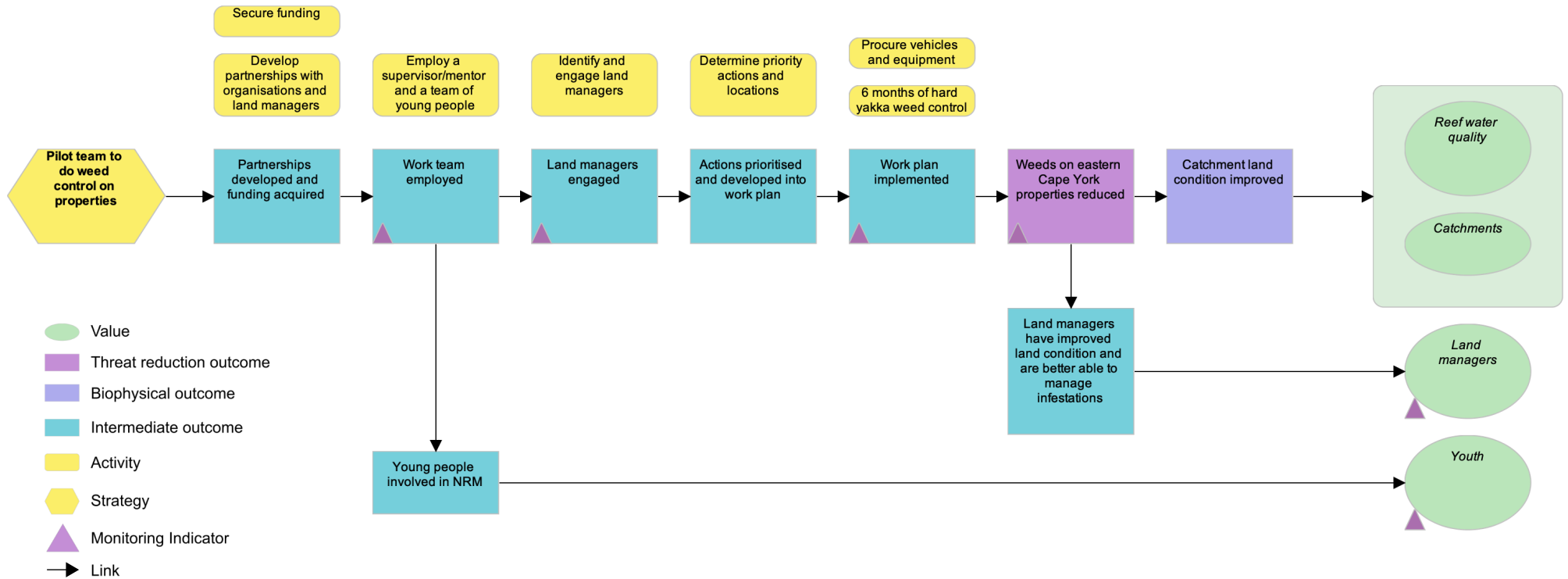


Theme 2: Engaging youth to care for the Reef, coasts and catchments

Cape York Young Reef Leaders

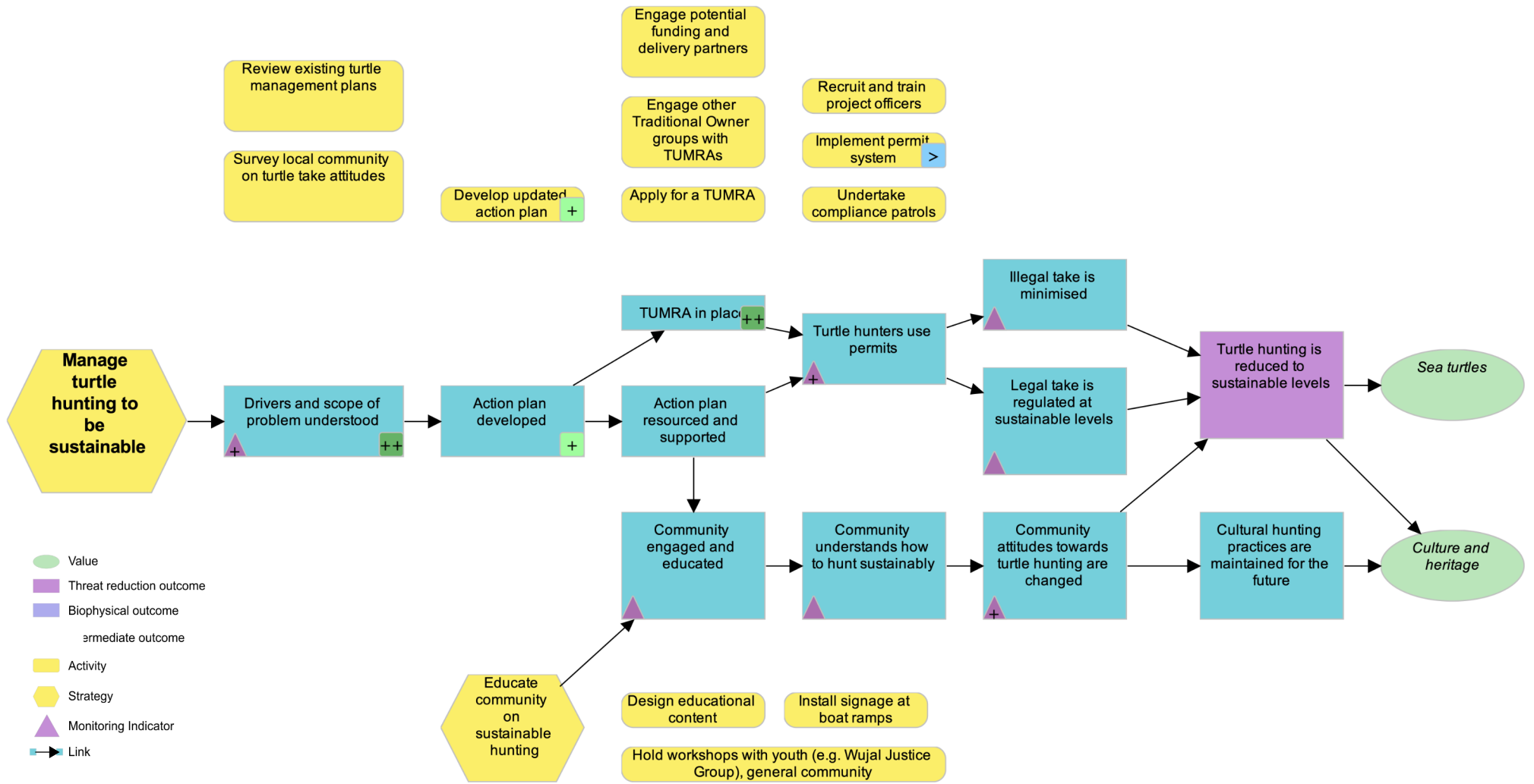


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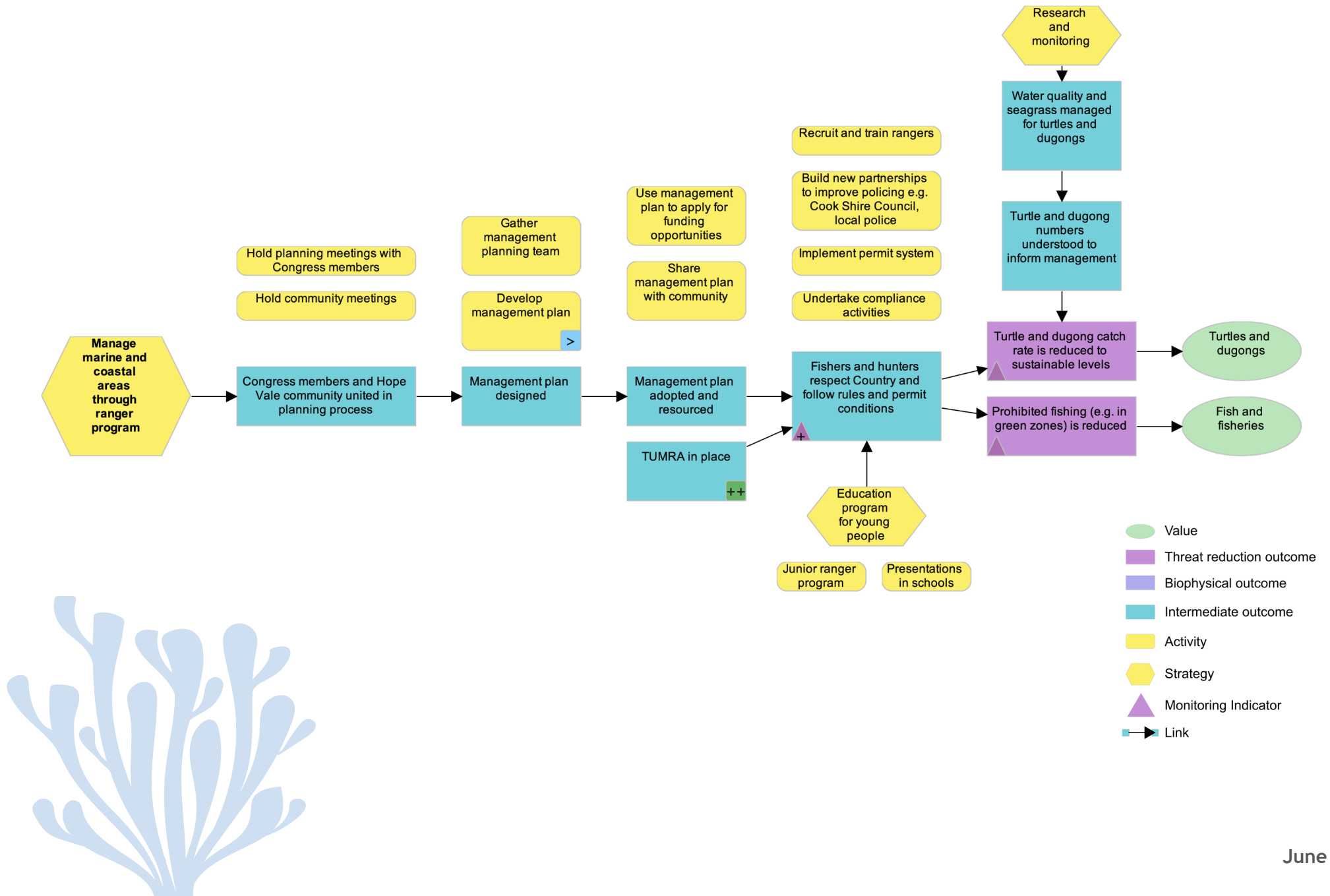


Theme 3: Restoring customary care of turtle and dugong populations

Sustainable turtle hunting in Jalunji-Warra Country

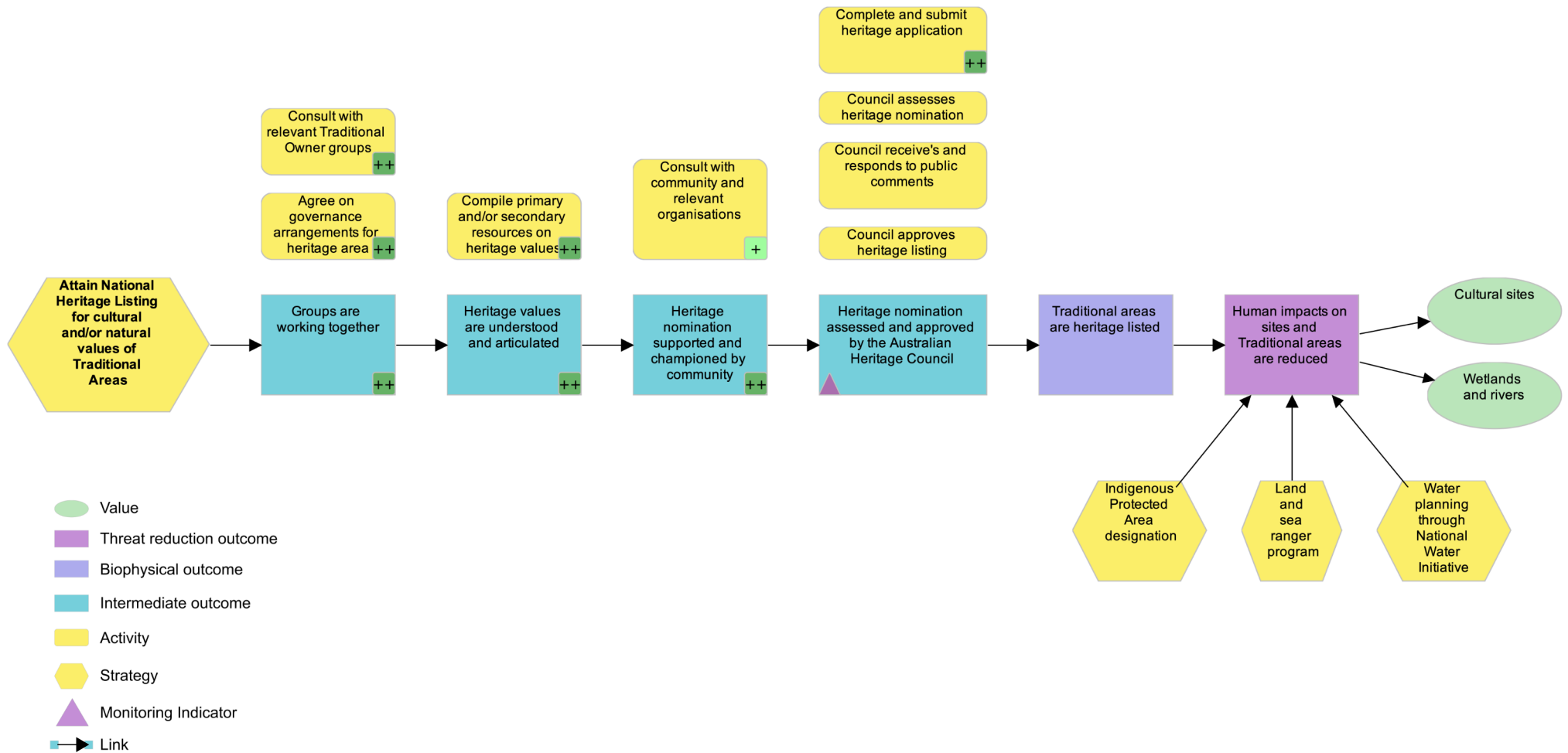


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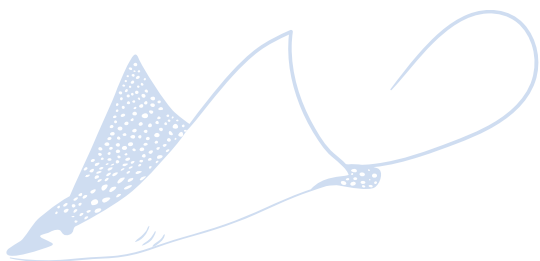
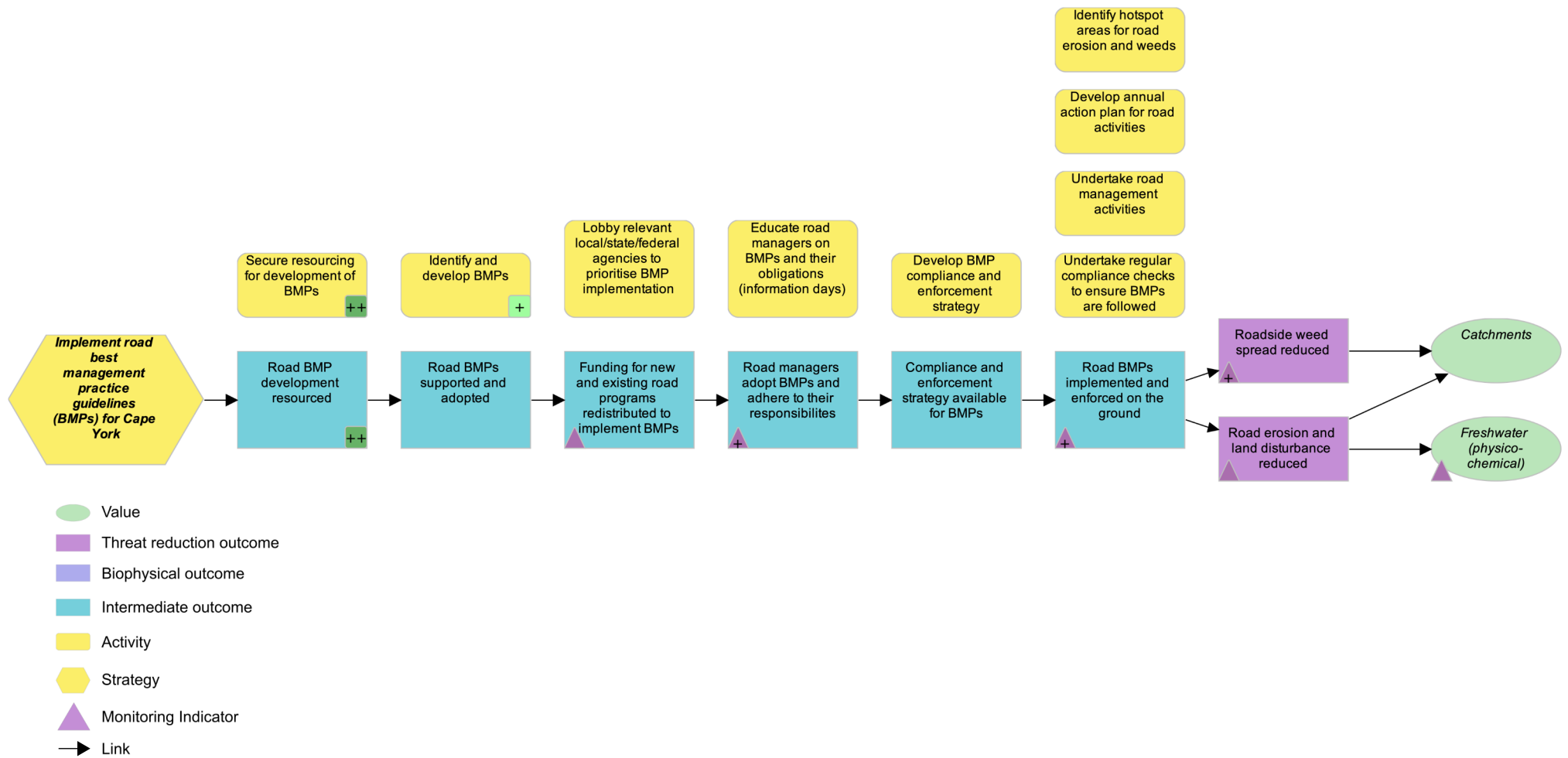


Theme 4: Strengthening heritage protections and management practices

National heritage listing for culturally significant areas

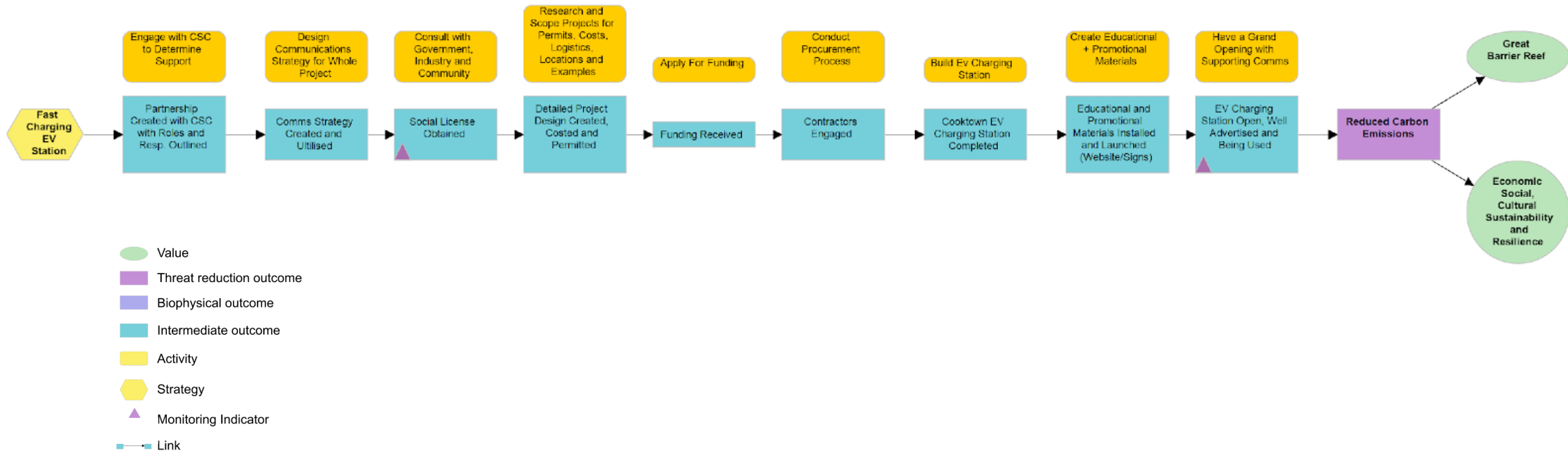


Road best management practices for Cape York

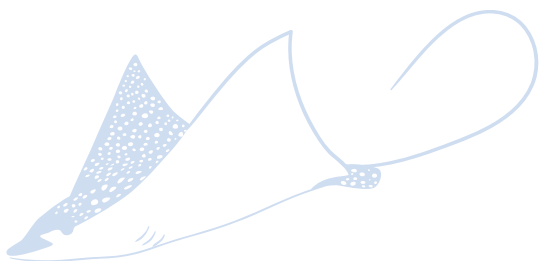
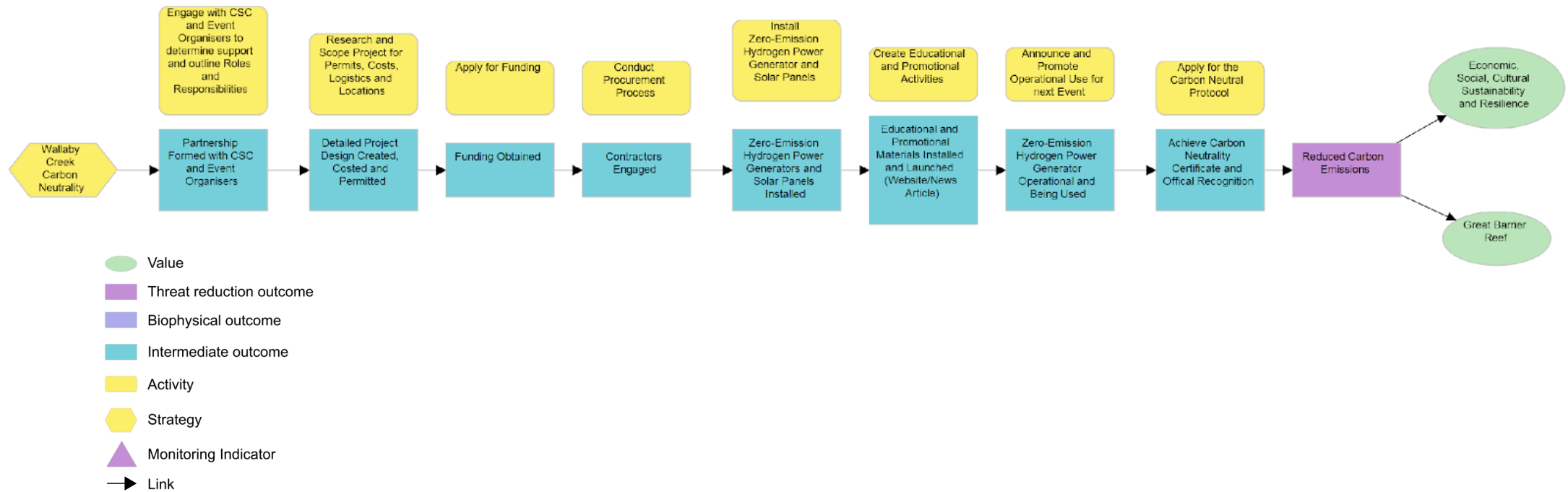


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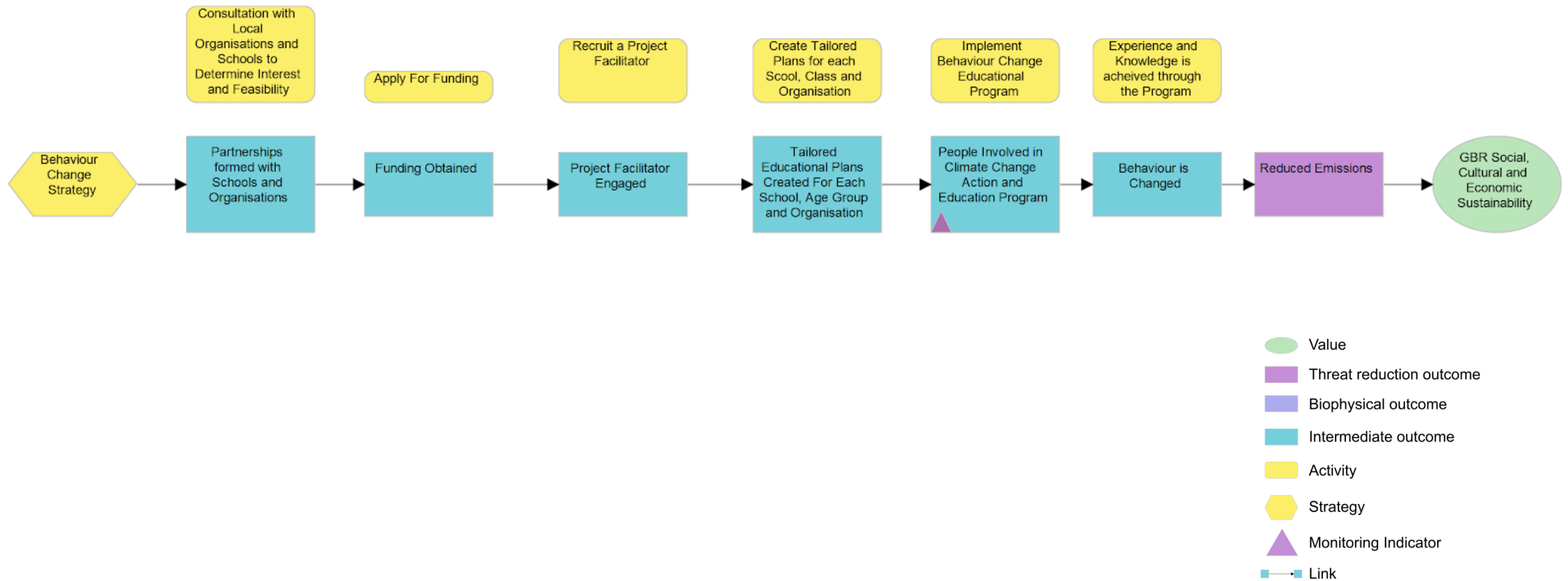
Fast Charging EV Station



Wallaby Creek Carbon Neutrality



Behavioural Change Strategy



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