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1. What are the values (environmental, social and cultural) you associate or identify

with in and around Exmouth Gulf? A resting area for whales, huge amounts of Birds.

Congregations of Mantarays, Dugong and Turtles everywhere, with uncountably numerous species living in the waters or using the waters for food. The whole ecosystem is very rare and unique, with the museum identifying unknown species of fish and critters still. A great place to get back to nature and enjoy the peacefulness of the area and the non-Industrialised buffer from the Pilbara trying to get in.

2. What activities do you engage with in and around Exmouth Gulf? Fishing, boating, whalewatching, swimming, walking, beach combing, wildlife spotting, bird watching, camping, Kayaking

3. What environmental pressures do you observe in and around Exmouth Gulf? At

Present **not** too many, a few too many Jetskis. At times too many large oil & Gas ships anchoring in the Gulf which is full of soft coral and sponges, no doubt ballast water is dumped in the Gulf too.

4. What environmental pressures in and around Exmouth Gulf affect you/your sector or

business? It is such a fragile environment that is the nursery for every type of creature. If the natural balance is upset, then the foodchain will effect the Ningaloo Reef. With such a tidal range, the Gulf helps feed the reef with its outpouring tides. Whalesharks stay in the northern reaches of the Ningaloo reef longer than off Coral Bay, Why? The Gulf

5. Are there other activities that are proposed (or likely to be proposed) that you are

aware of, which will impact the Exmouth Gulf? Any Activity that disturbs the natural water flow, or Increases in the amount of ship traffic, waste water run off or excessive noise all effect the environment. Salt drying ponds and man made structures will have an impact on the fragile estuaries of the mangroves. Leave it as it is, for the future, as a haven for wildlife and a holiday destination.