

PhD Updates: Human Dimensions of Marine Conservation

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I am a PhD student at the University of Tasmania in the Center for Marine Socioecology and CSIRO. My PhD focuses on how different groups of people and their various behaviors, relationships, or actions can support conservation objectives and outcomes. Using the North West Shelf Flatback Turtle Conservation Program as a case study, my research will help the program be specific about targeted actors, expected changes and the strategies employed to reach its desired outcomes.

Literature of Interest:

Bennett et al. (2017) examines diverse fields of conservation social sciences and the contribution that each field can make to improve conservation (Fig. 1). The review is a reference for researchers and practitioners who wish to engage with the conservation social sciences.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0006320716305328#f0015>

What are the Updates?

COVID-19 has made it difficult to travel and communicate for everyone. For a PhD student like myself, these restrictions have challenged us to be creative and think of alternative ways to communicate and collect data.

It is important to me that I continue updating everyone in Western Australia about my PhD research, the importance of human dimensions in marine conservation and take time to answer questions about my research or something you would like to learn about my PhD research.

What to Expect Next?

I will send everyone an update every two months. In this update I will share with you;

- ❖ What I am currently working on
- ❖ Interesting facts about the human dimensions of marine conservation
- ❖ Preliminary findings of current research
- ❖ Other turtle conservation research of interest

Time for Discussion!

A Microsoft Teams chat will be open after every update for one hour. If you are interested, please join, and ask questions about the updates or my PhD. Every update will have the Microsoft Teams link. If you wish to share it with other stakeholders, please do so.

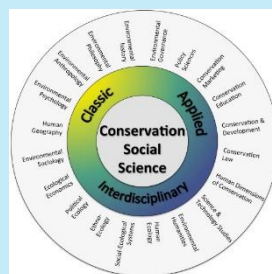


Figure 1: The conservation social sciences- classic, interdisciplinary, and applied fields

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my e-mail.

What are the Human Dimensions?

The term “human dimensions” refers broadly to the set of social, economic, cultural, political, and institutional considerations related to a problem. Conservation social sciences is a set of disciplines, theories and methods to understand the human dimensions of conservation and make evidence-based decisions that support both humans and nature.