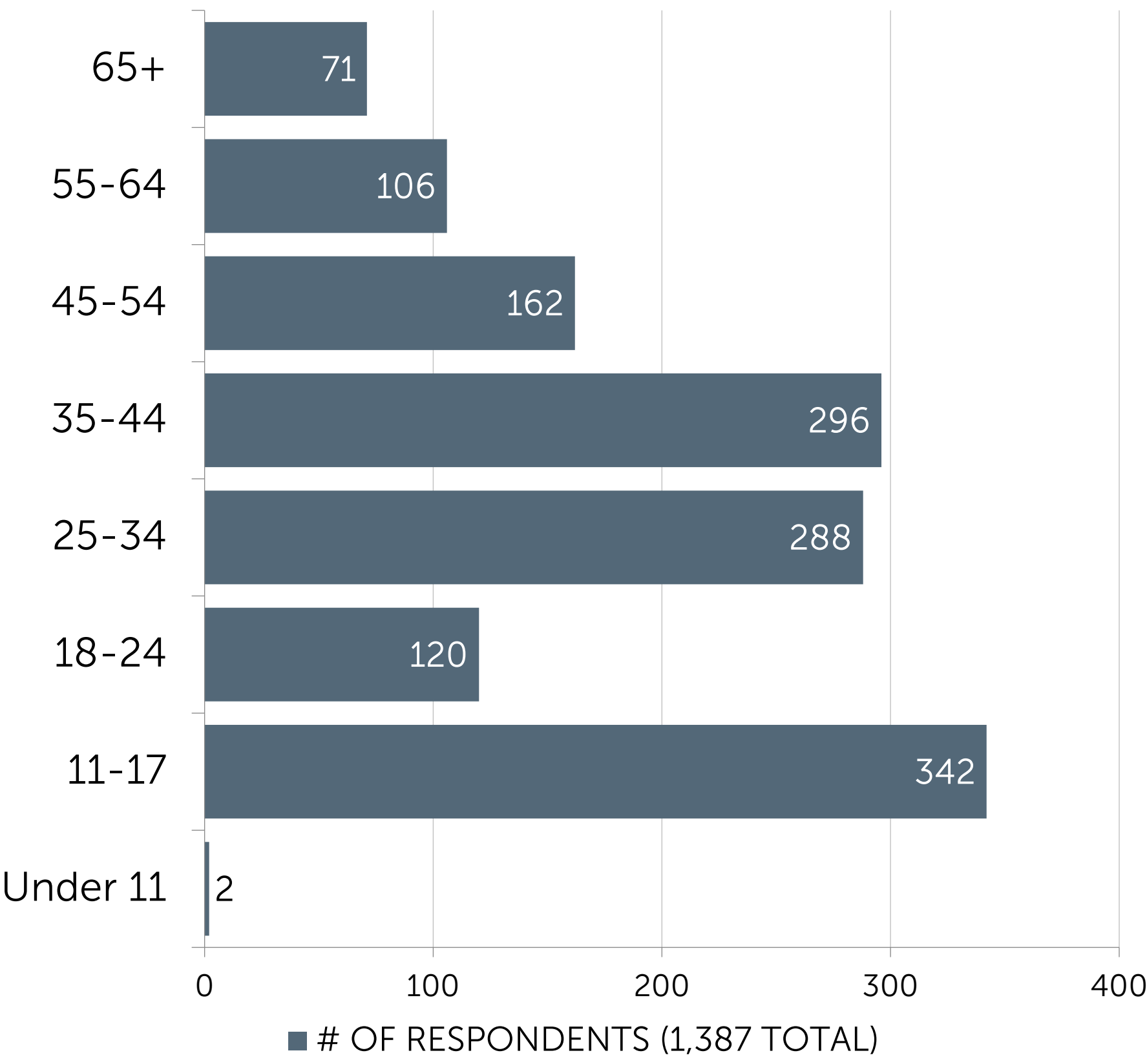


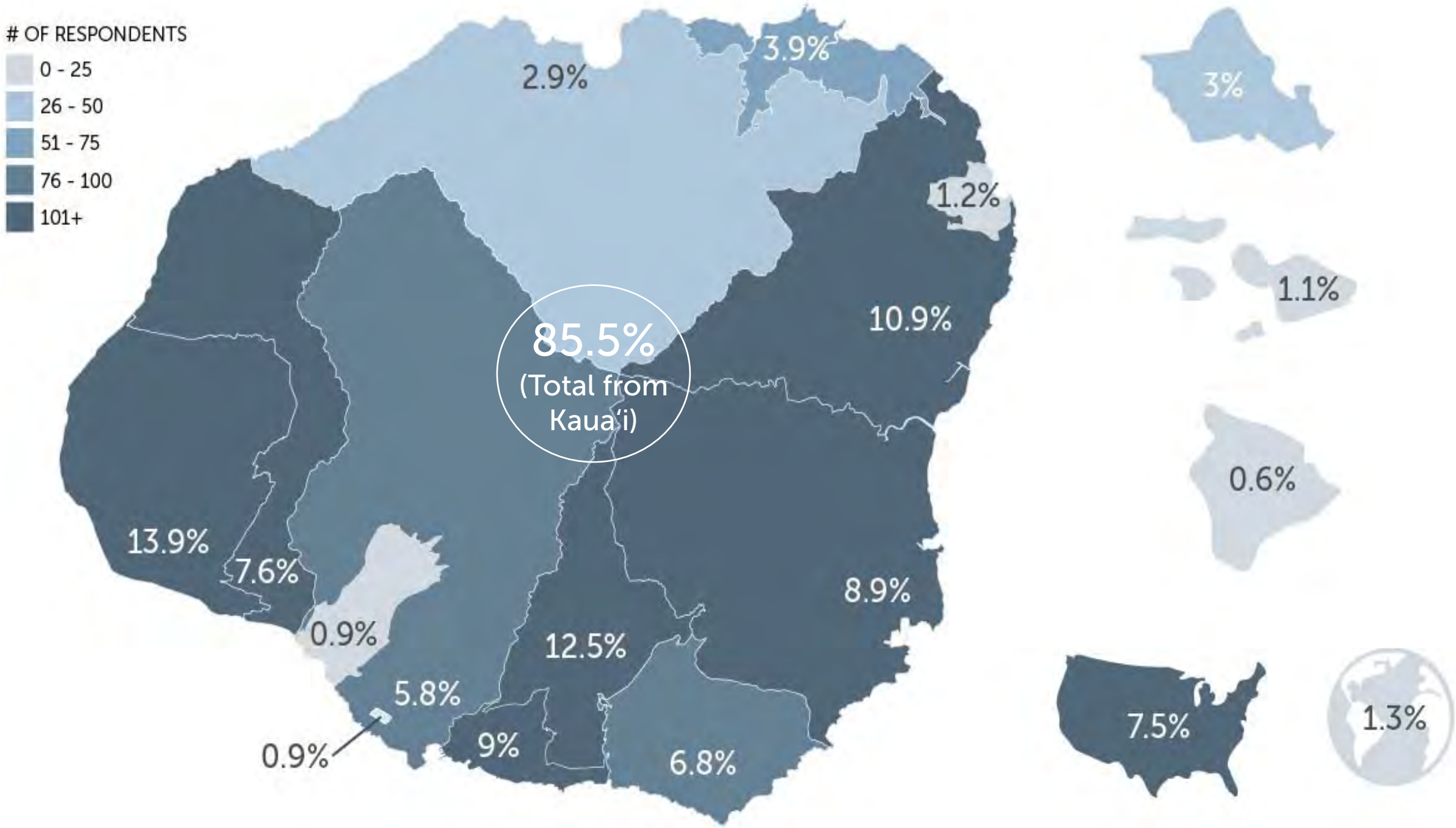
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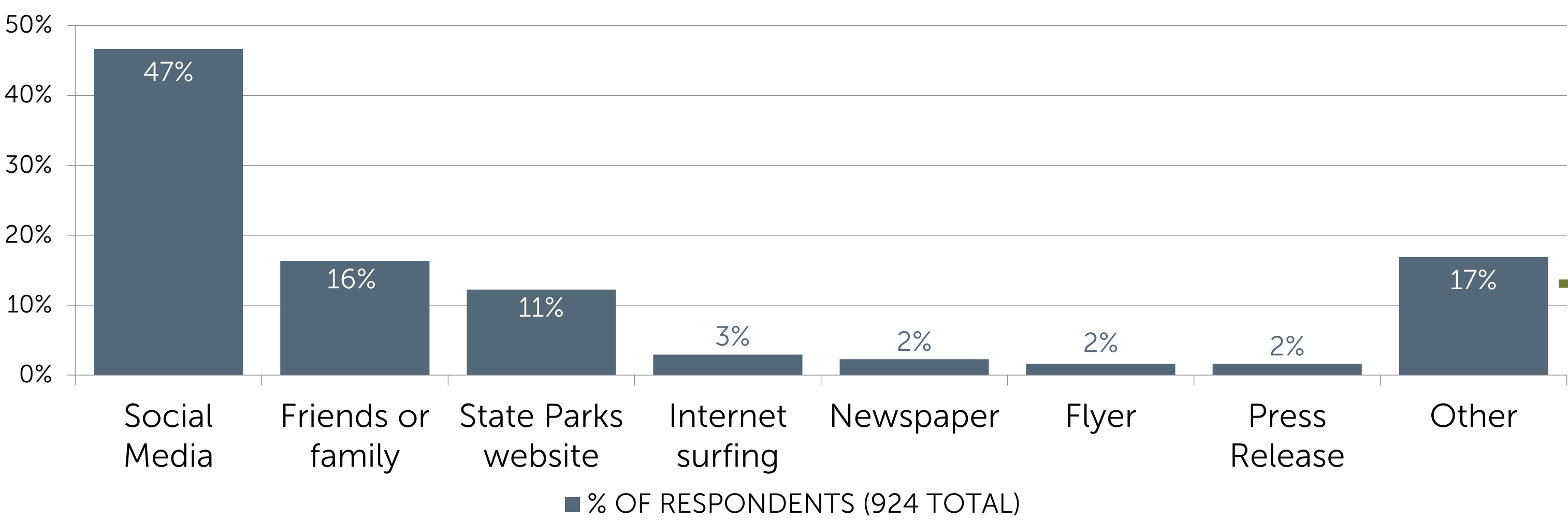
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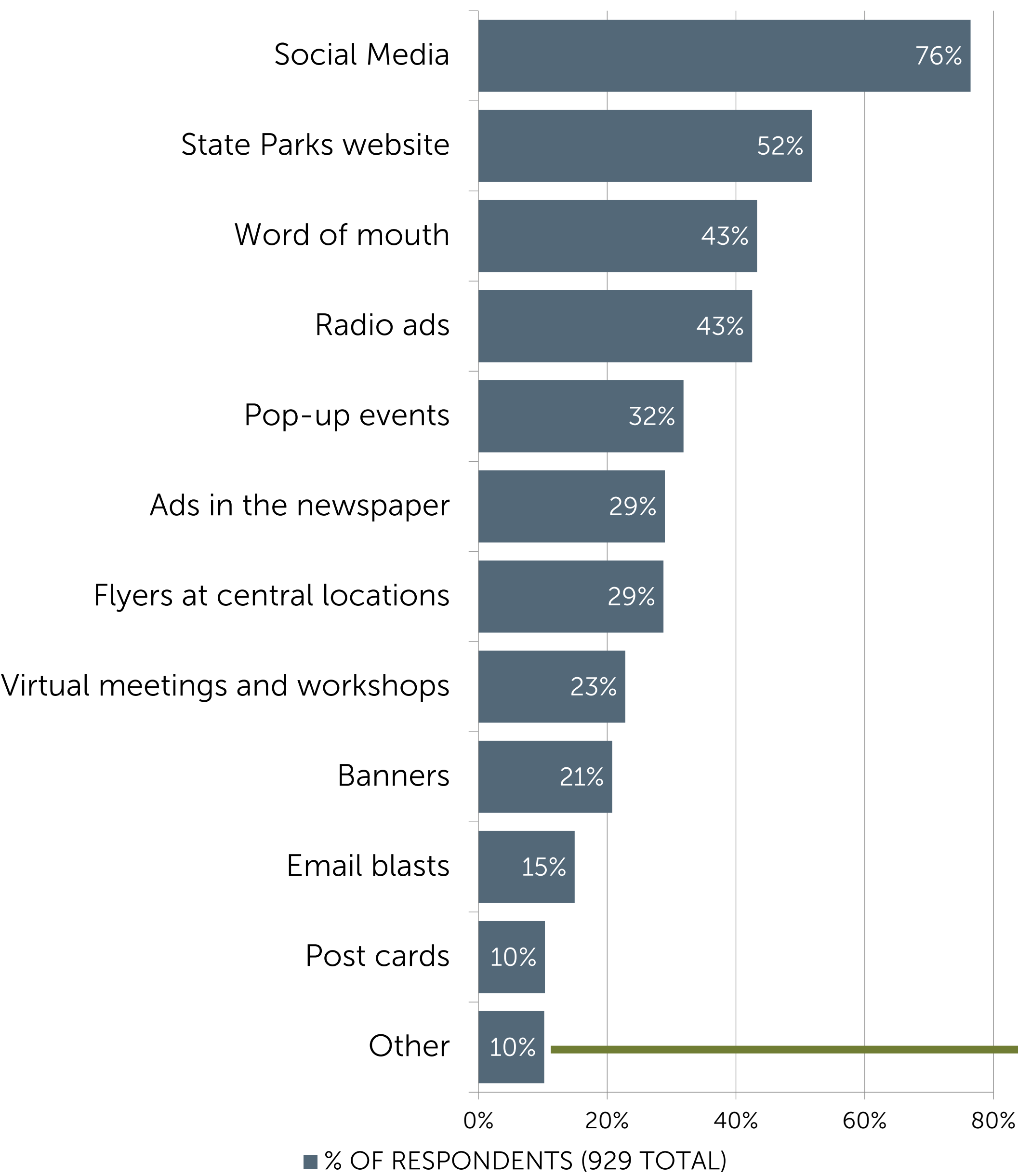


HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

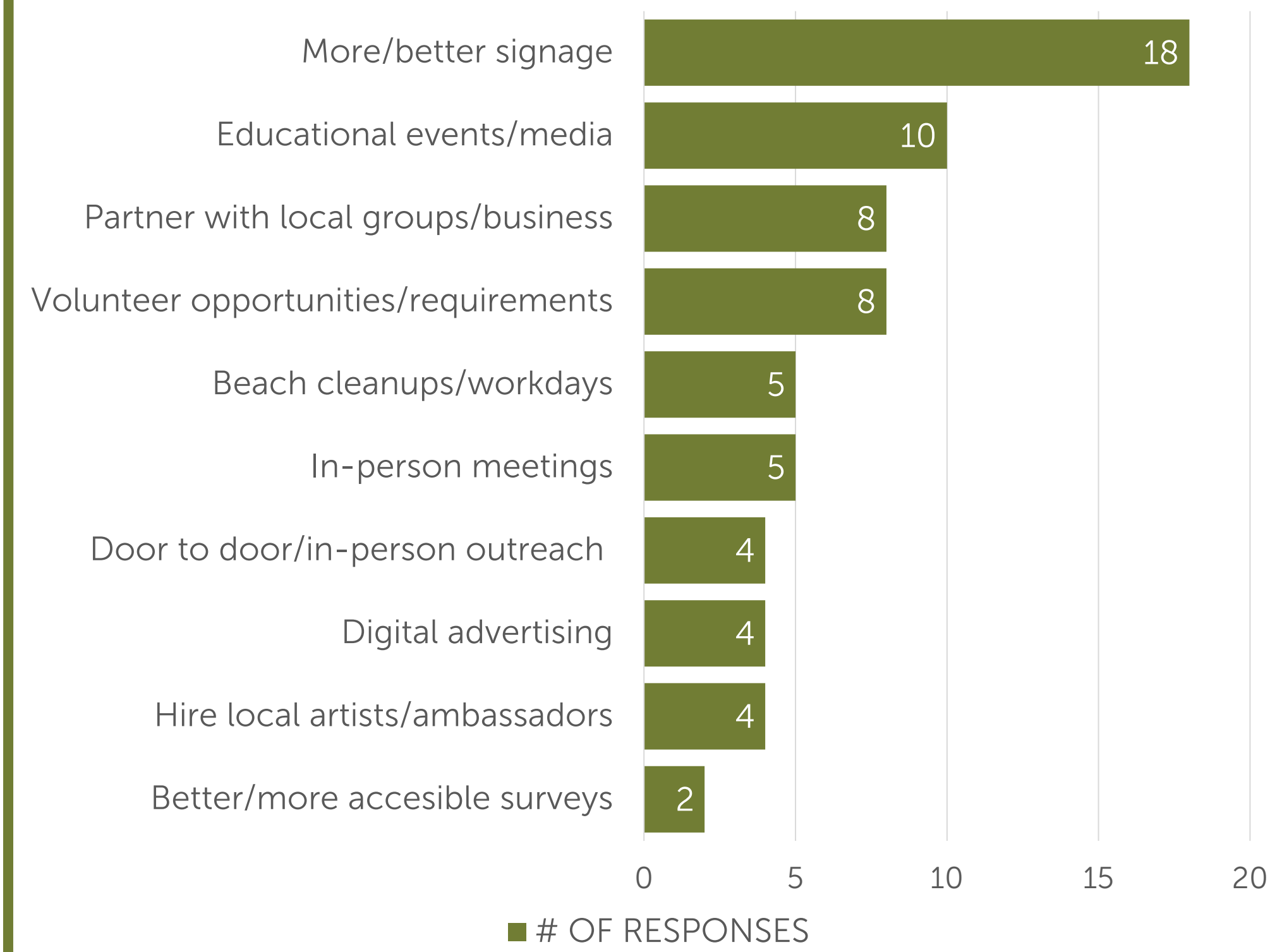


'OTHER' included hearing about the project through **school** (132 of respondents), as well as through **work**, the **banners** posted, the and the **radio** (each under 5 respondents).

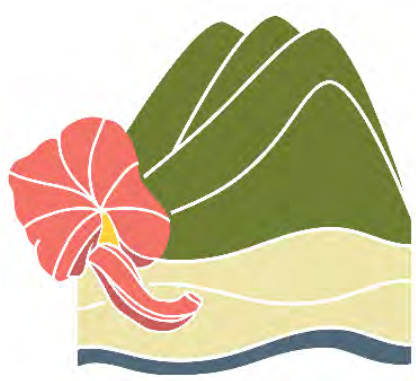
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'OTHER' RESPONSES



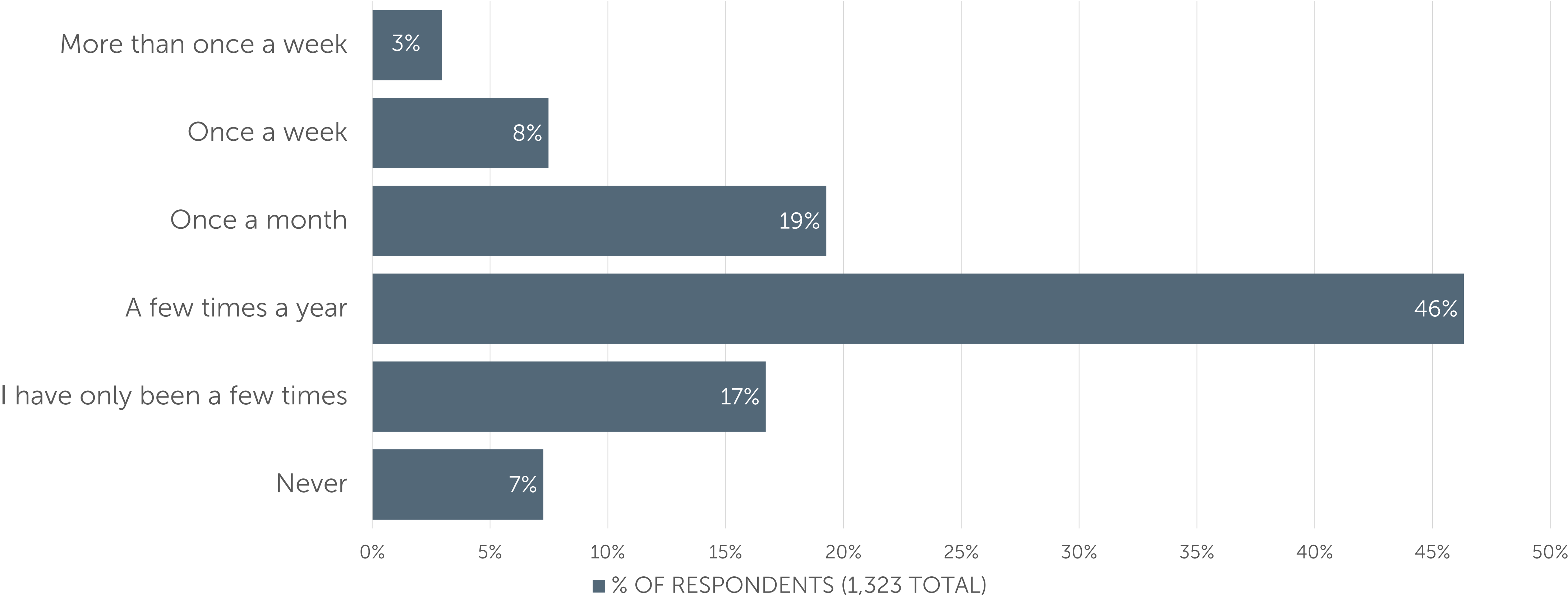
Respondents also mentioned ideas for *longer term outreach* including **required airline/hotel videos** (10 respondents) and having a **ranger/check-in station**, **charging users**, making an **activities center**, and **cultural sensitivity training** (each under 3 respondents). Sentiments of **not advertising to the public at all** and **restricting the park to locals only** were also shared (each under 3 respondents).



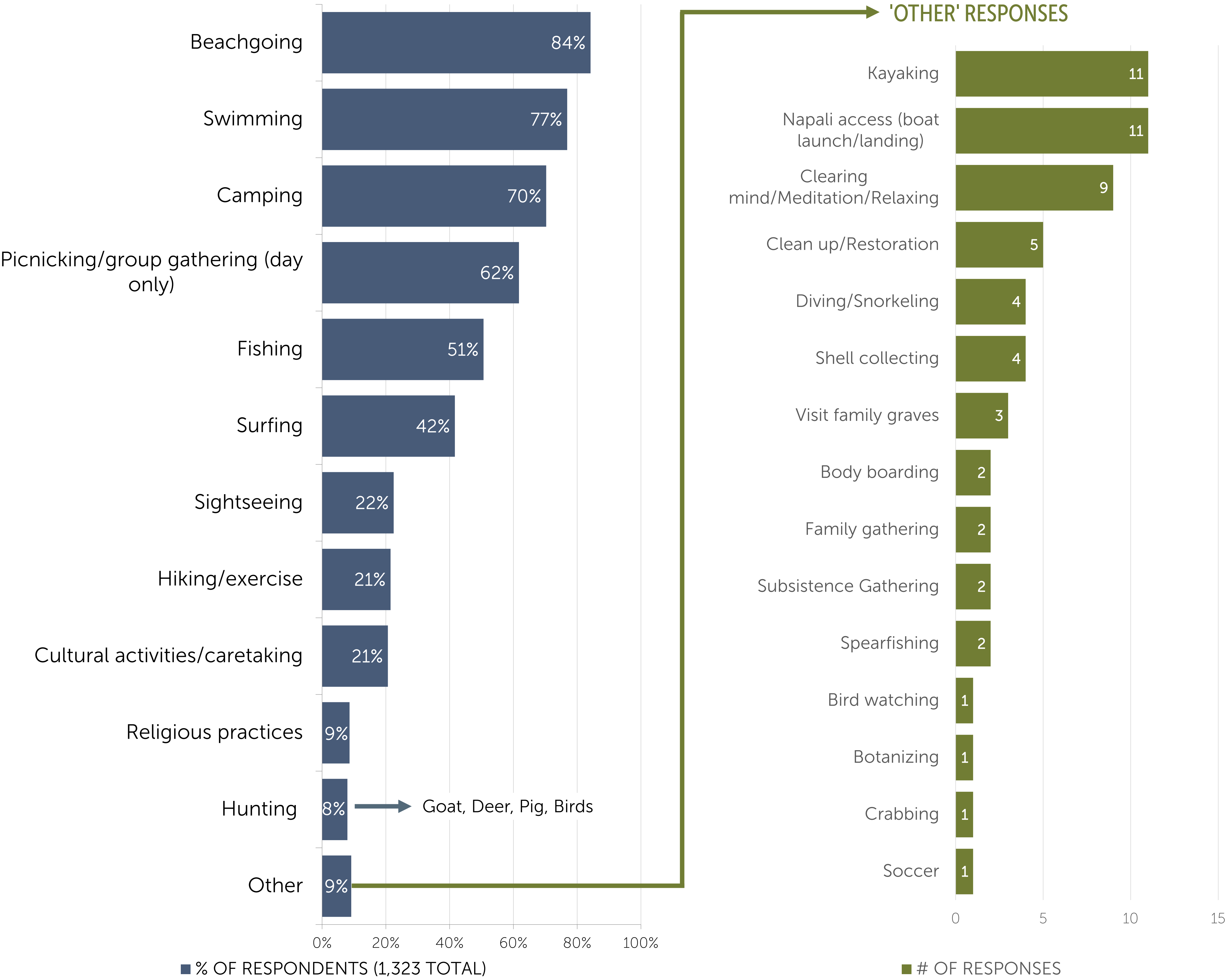
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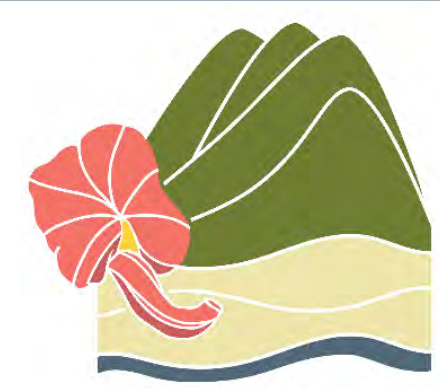
PARK VISITATION

HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT POLIHALE STATE PARK?



WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN DURING A VISIT TO POLIHALE STATE PARK? (select all that apply)





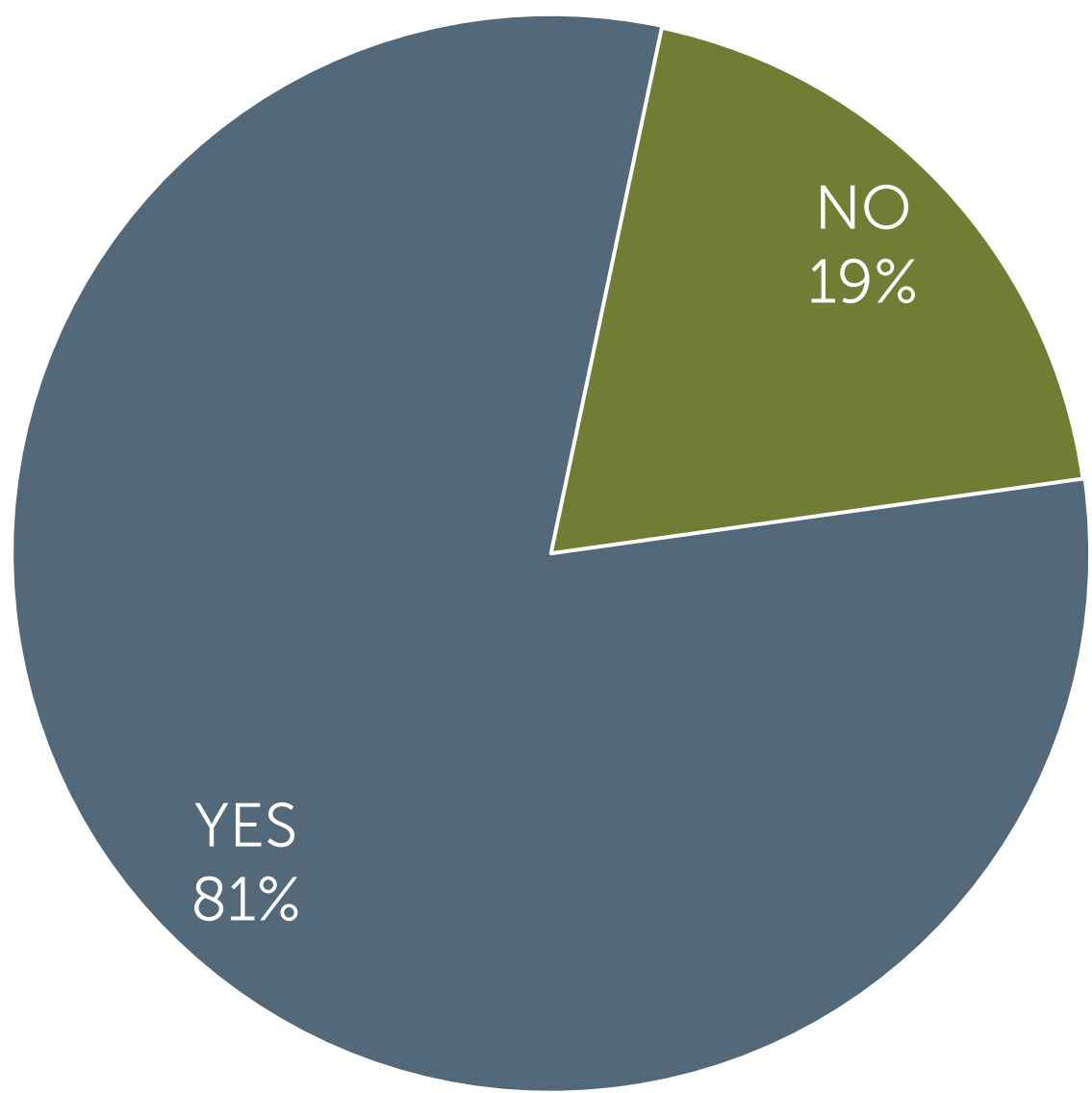
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CULTURAL RESOURCES

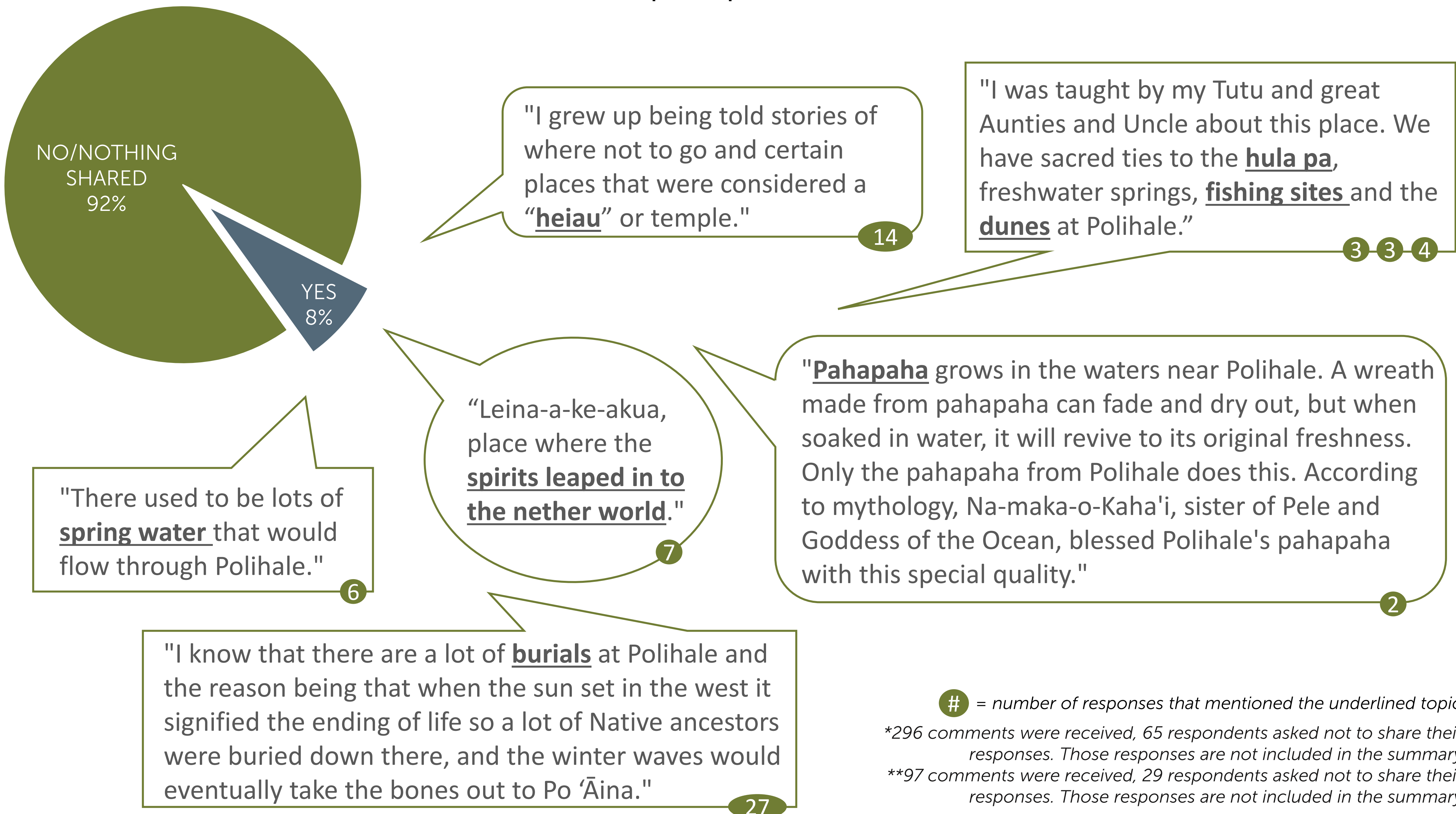
ARE THERE SPECIFIC CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE REGARDING THE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF POLIHALE STATE PARK? (open response*)

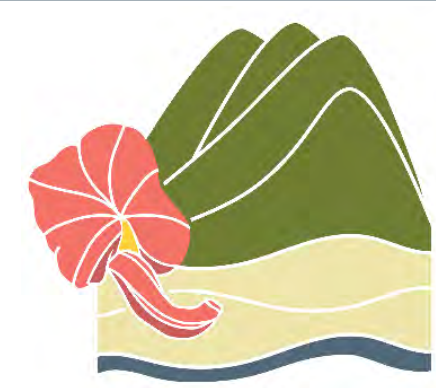
- **Driving on the beach** (47)
 - Most supported driving on the beach or were concerned and interested in making it more respectful/safe (36) while some thought there should be no driving on the beach (11)
- **Protection of the dunes** (41)
- **Littering and vandalism** (34)
- **Ideas for management of the park/protection of cultural resources:**
 - Signage marking sensitive areas (30)
 - Provide education to park users (29)
 - Increased enforcement (25)
 - Boundaries/access restrictions (18)
 - Access point/gate (7)
 - More restrooms/facilities (7) and better maintenance (2)
 - Entry fees – some mentioned fees for tourists only (5) while others thought all should be charged (1)
 - Limited access including periodic closures (5)
 - Volunteer/engagement opportunities (4)
- **Overuse** (8)
- **Access road**
 - Some believed the road should be fixed (5) while others showed general concern (2) or wanted to leave the road as is (1)
- **Camping**
 - Many respondents wanted to keep camping on the beach (3), others wanted more camping permits available (2), no camping (2), or camping for locals only (1)
- **Tourists/Newcomers vs. Locals**
 - Some mentioned that the park should be for locals only (4) while others mentioned that there were too many tourists or the tourists were disrespectful (4), and that there should not be any more enforcement of locals (1)
- **Decisions should be made by Native Hawaiians** (5)
- **Importance of boat ramp/access** (2)
- **There should not be homeless people there** (1)

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF POLIHALE STATE PARK?



DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AT POLIHALE STATE PARK? (open response**)

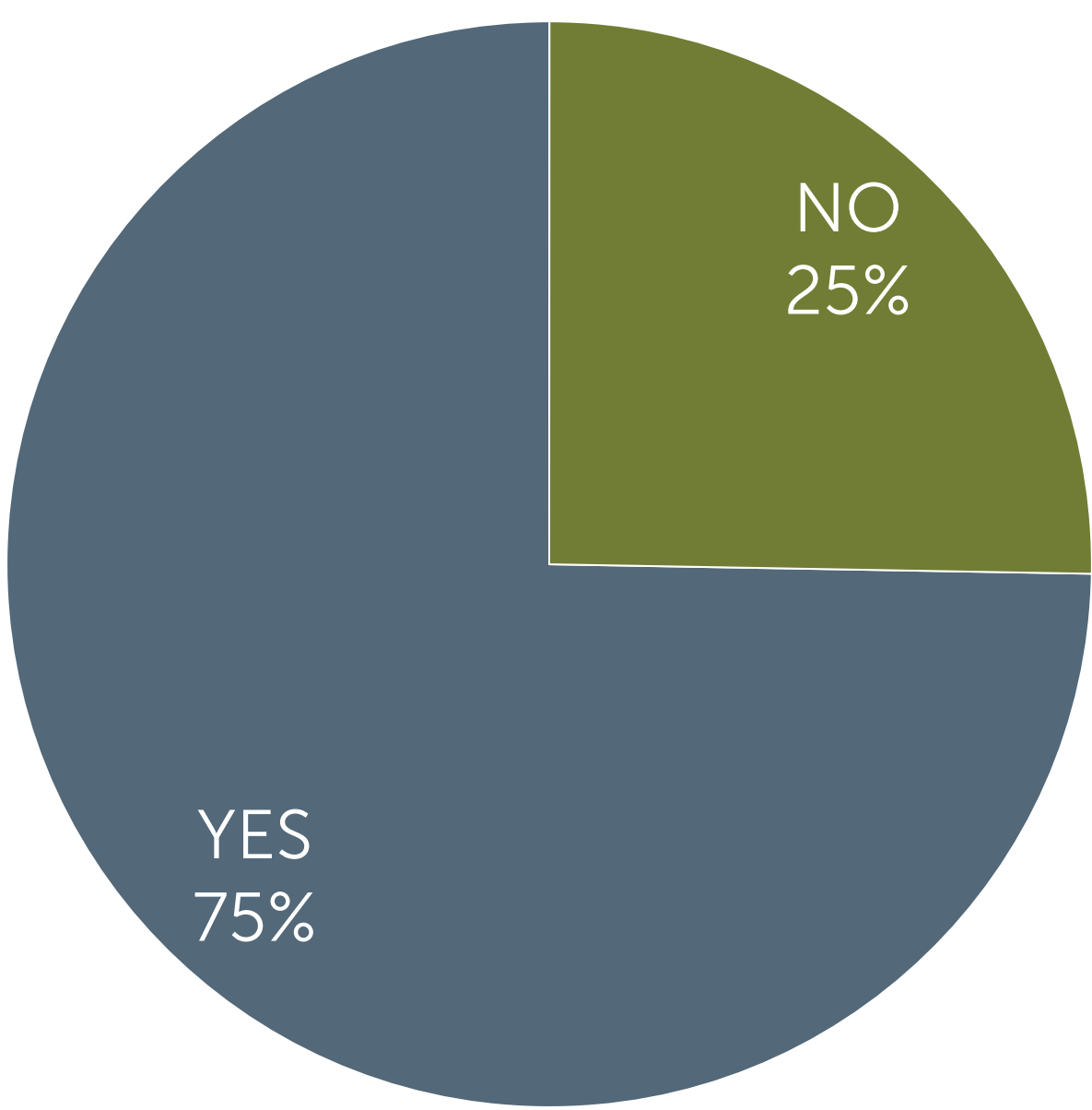




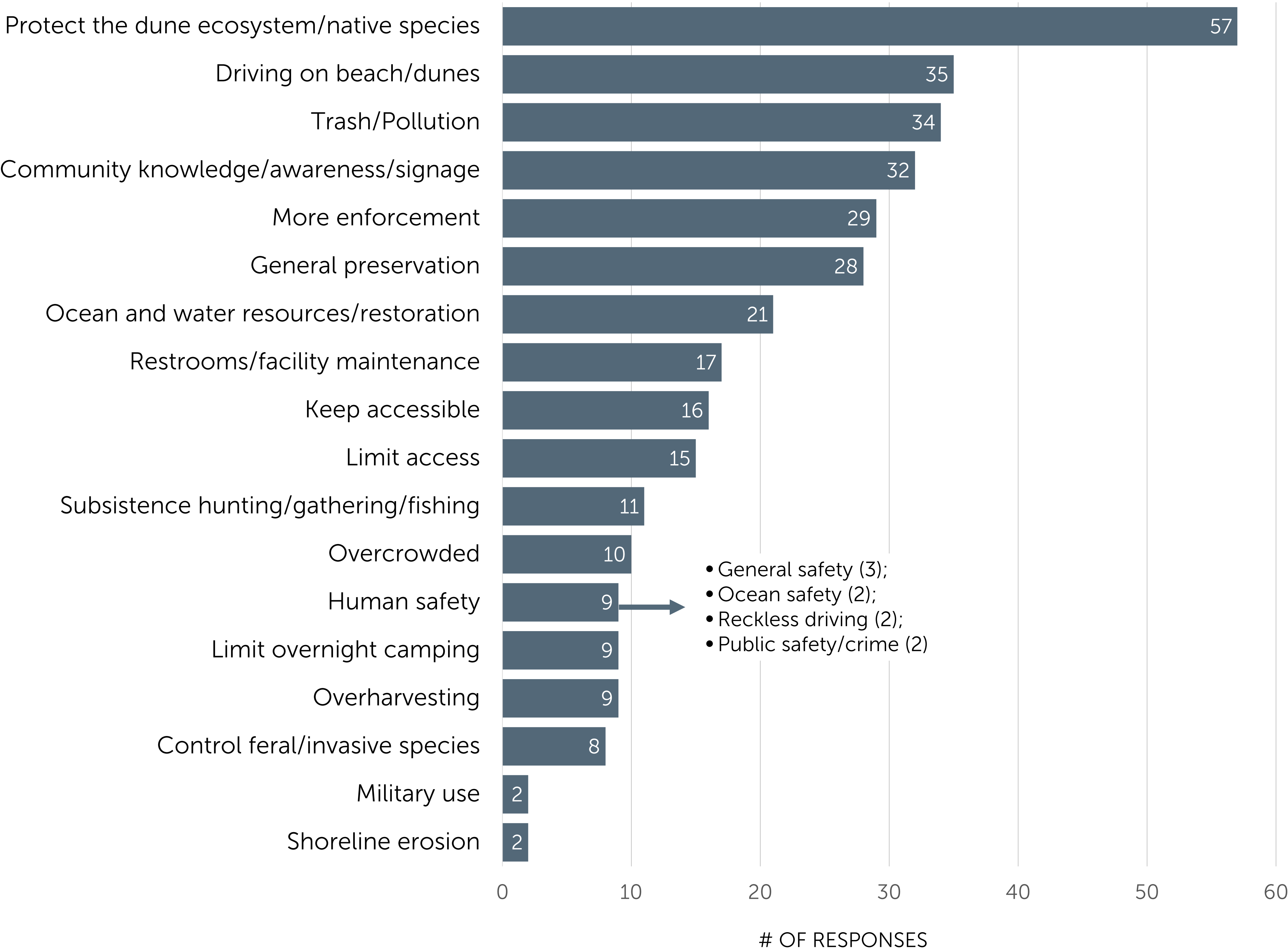
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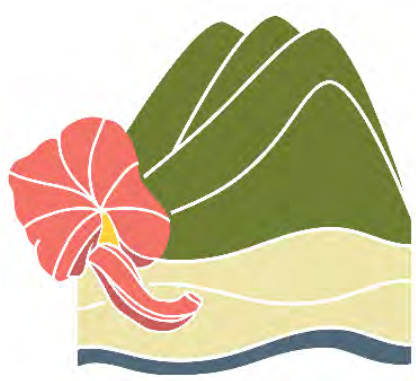
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF POLIHALE STATE PARK?



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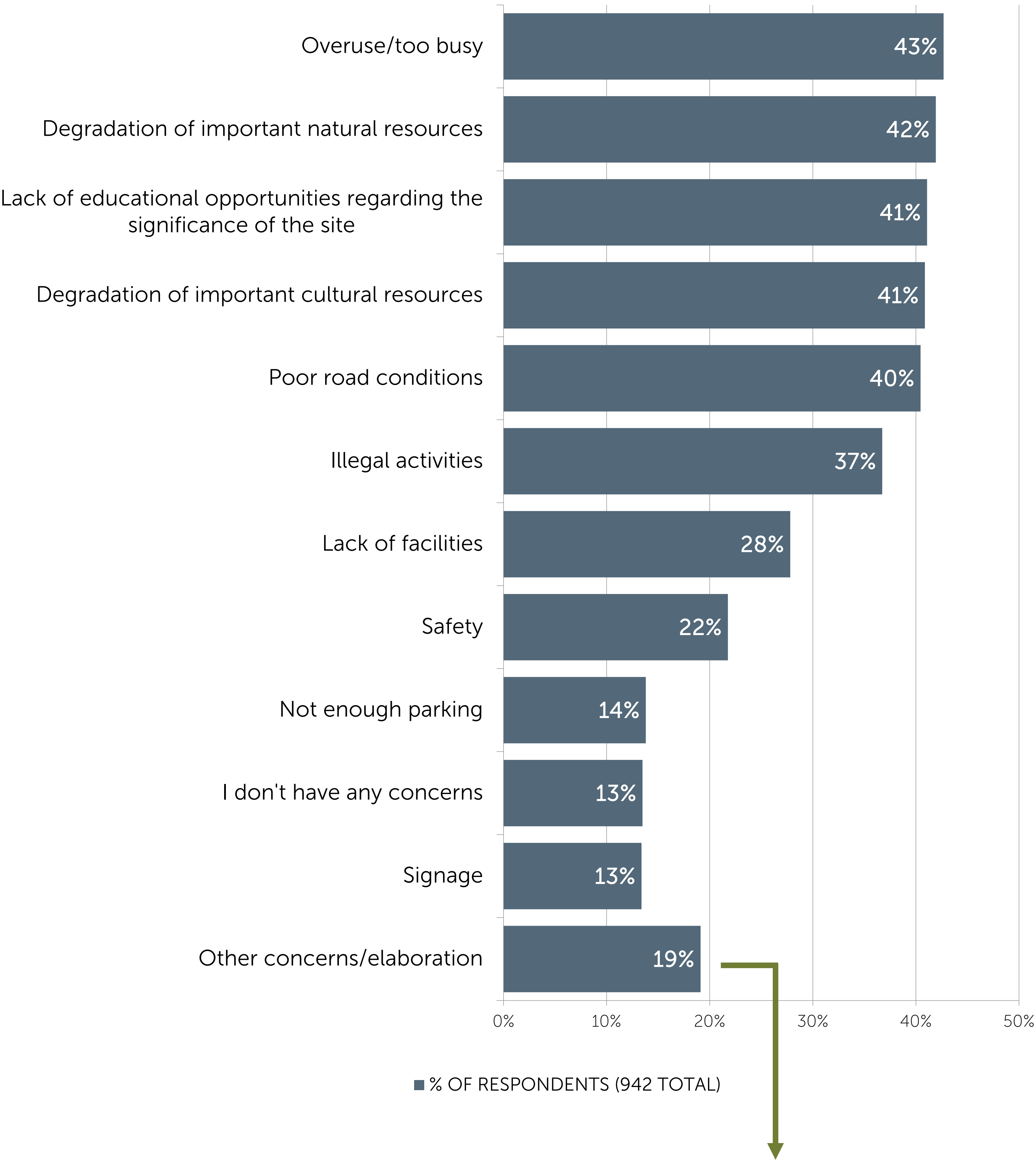
Respondents also mentioned concerns for and interest in the **cultural resources** at Polihale State Park (23 comments), concerns regarding the poor quality of the **access road** (9 comments), the desire for **volunteer opportunities**, wanting to **camp without permits**, and the sentiment that there are **too many rules and regulations** (each under 5 comments).



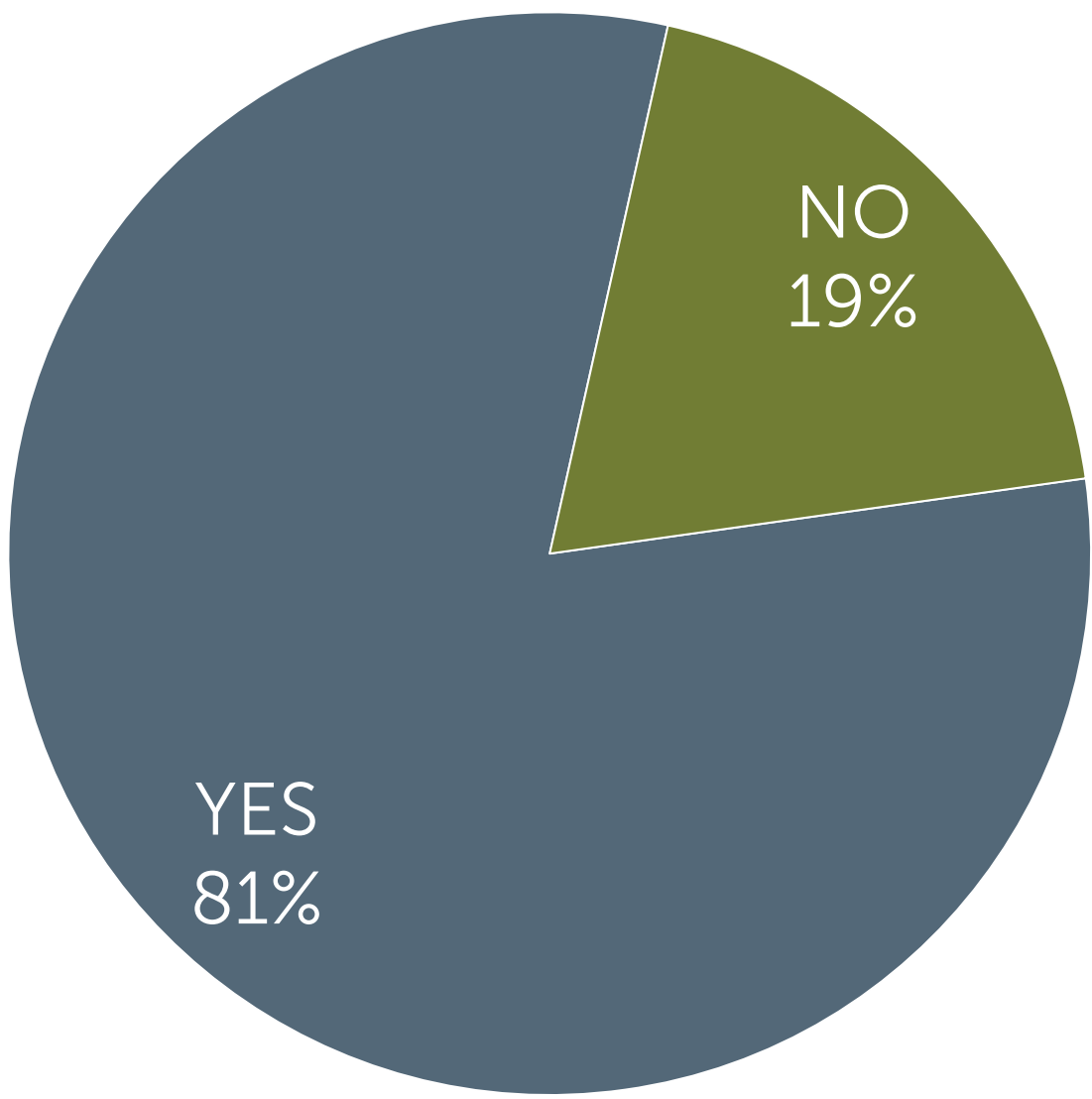
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ACCESS & MANAGEMENT

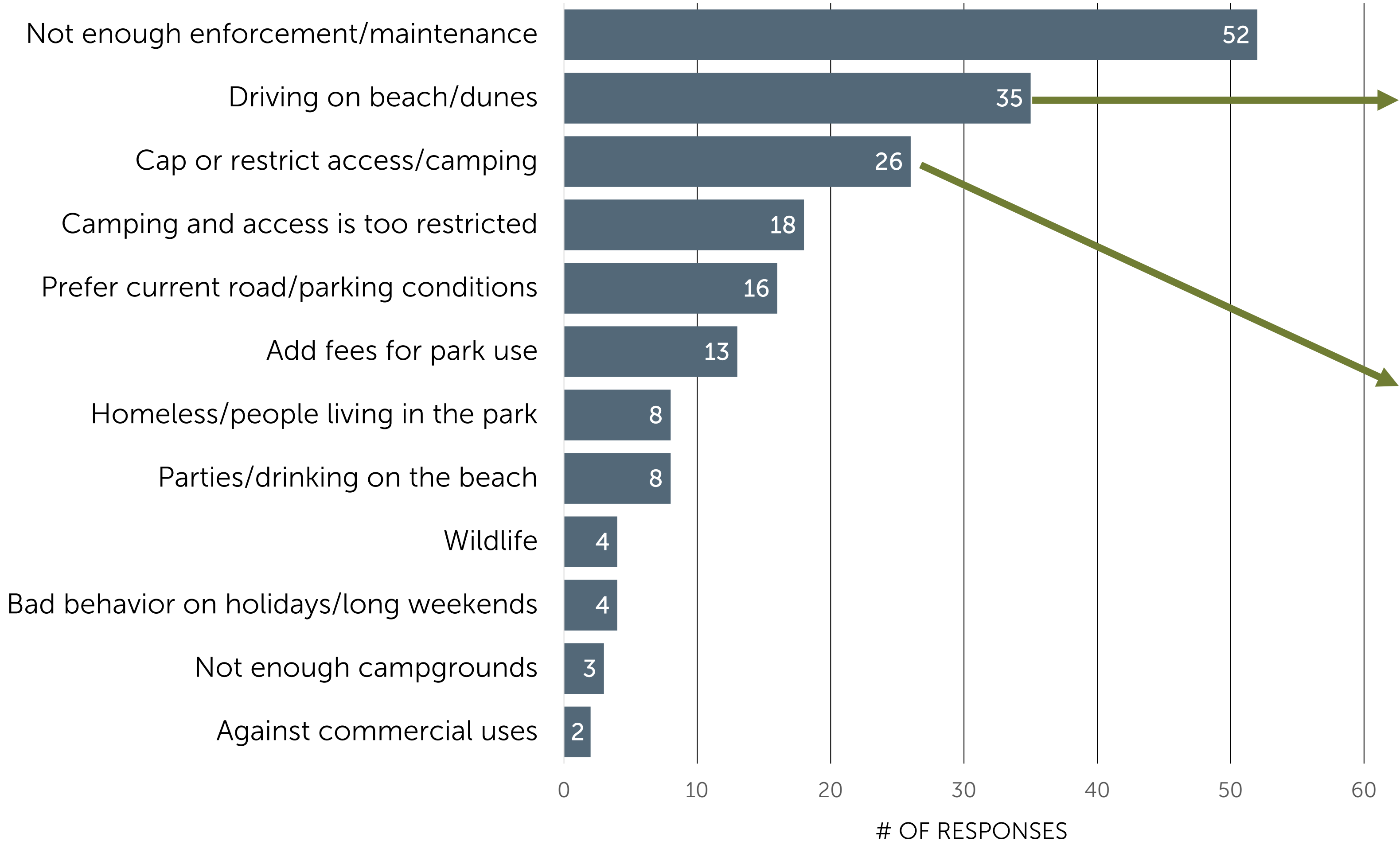
WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE, IF ANY, REGARDING THE ACCESS OR MANAGEMENT OF POLIHALE STATE PARK? (select all that apply)



ARE YOU AWARE OF THE POLIHALE STATE PARK RULES?



OTHER CONCERNS REGARDING ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT OF POLIHALE STATE PARK



DRIVING ON THE BEACH

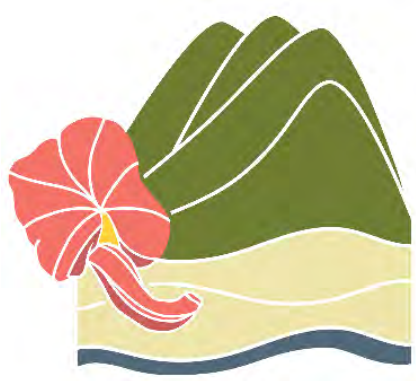
Respondents offered some specific recommendations about driving on the beach:

- Do not allow any cars on the beach (14)
- Allow driving on the beach for camp setup and fishing, no driving back and forth (2)
- Keep unlimited driving on the beach (2)

ACCESS & CAMPING

Respondents also offered some specific recommendations about camping and access management:

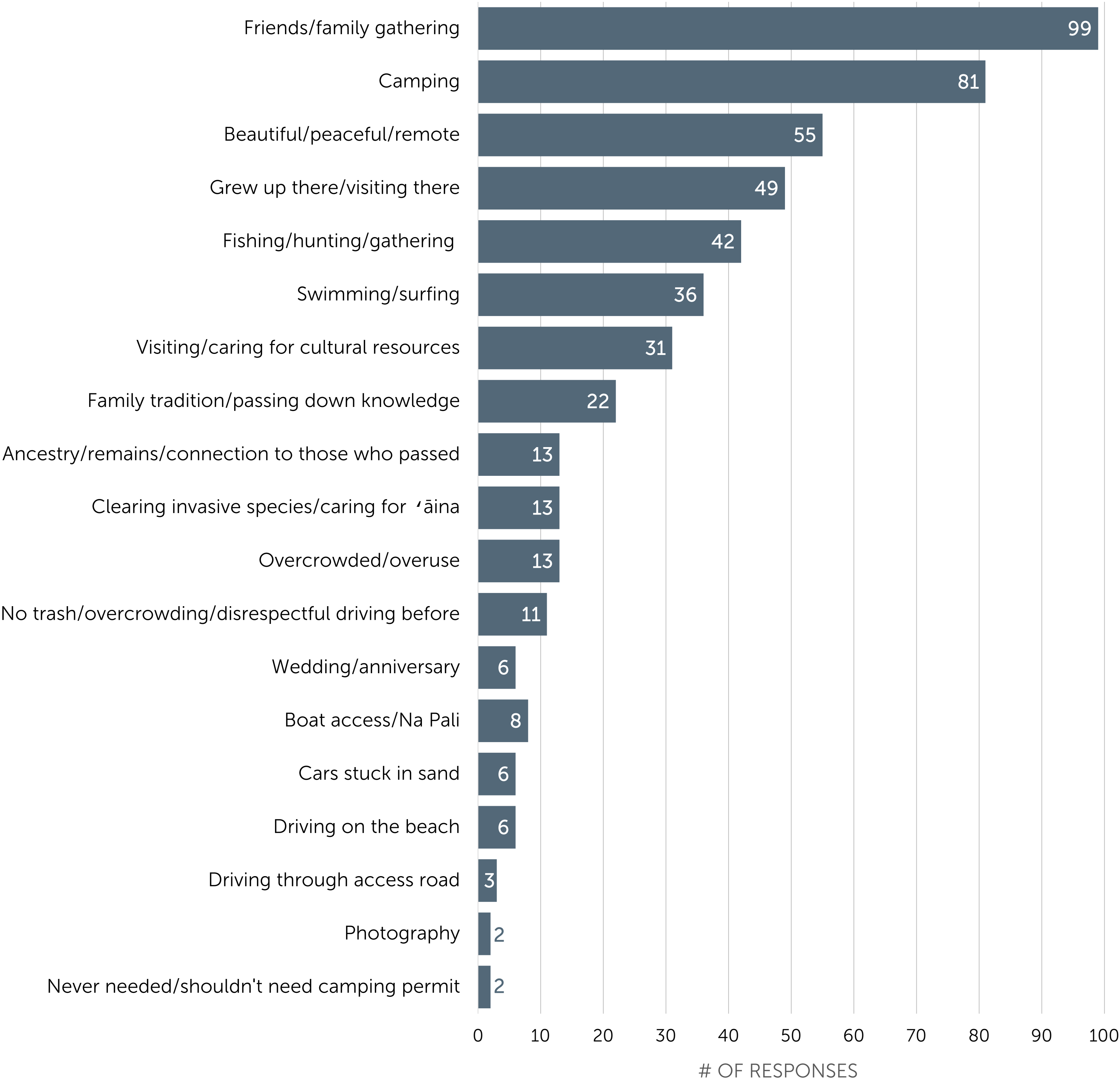
- Control the number of tourists allowed to access or camp (19)
- Do not allow any overnight camping (3)
- Cap the amount of people allowed to enter the park (2)



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MEMORIES

ARE THERE ANY MEMORIES, HISTORY, OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU ARE COMFORTABLE SHARING ABOUT THE SITE?
(open response*)



OTHER INFORMATION

Respondents also offered some **recommendations** in their responses:

- More enforcement (11)
- Control driving on the beach (8)
- More education and signage (7)
- Keep the park open (5)

Other recommendations with less than 5 responses included **adding boardwalks** for the hot sand, **improving the access road**, adding a **green fee**, **no use of pesticides and herbicides** in the park, **intermittent closure**, and **more bathrooms**.

QUOTES FROM
RESPONDENTS

“Growing up here as a child when we would visit here, I could already feel the energy was special. As an adult, I now understand why.”

“I have been going to Polihale since I was born. Our families would camp out under the stars and enjoy the very dark sky for stargazing. You can’t find many dark skies these days and being able to enjoy the celestial wonders is a true privilege.”

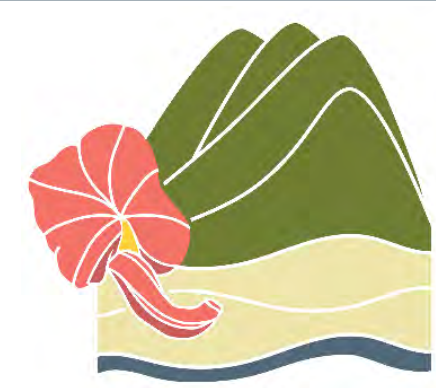
“Camping in Polihale for a whole summer at a time would be the best memories I have of Polihale. Launching and beaching my grandpa’s boat off the shore of Polihale beach is a touchy memory for me but will definitely stick with me forever. Arriving to the beach and being able to see miles of clean, pristine, white, sand available to us without feeling worried about strangers and/or dangerous drivers. Also seeing everyone from our local community just enjoying our Polihale amenities.”

“I remember when it was empty, quiet, and clean. As far as my eyes could see, I was surrounded by sand, a mountain and a glimmering blue clear ocean.”

“Creating lots of family memories with my children. Fishing, diving, surfing, camping. Teaching them to take care of the land and learn how to provide for the ‘Ohana.”

Growing up as a child we would camp there every summer. It was safe for us to run up and down the beach. Nowadays, I feel people don’t respect Polihale the way it should be respected.

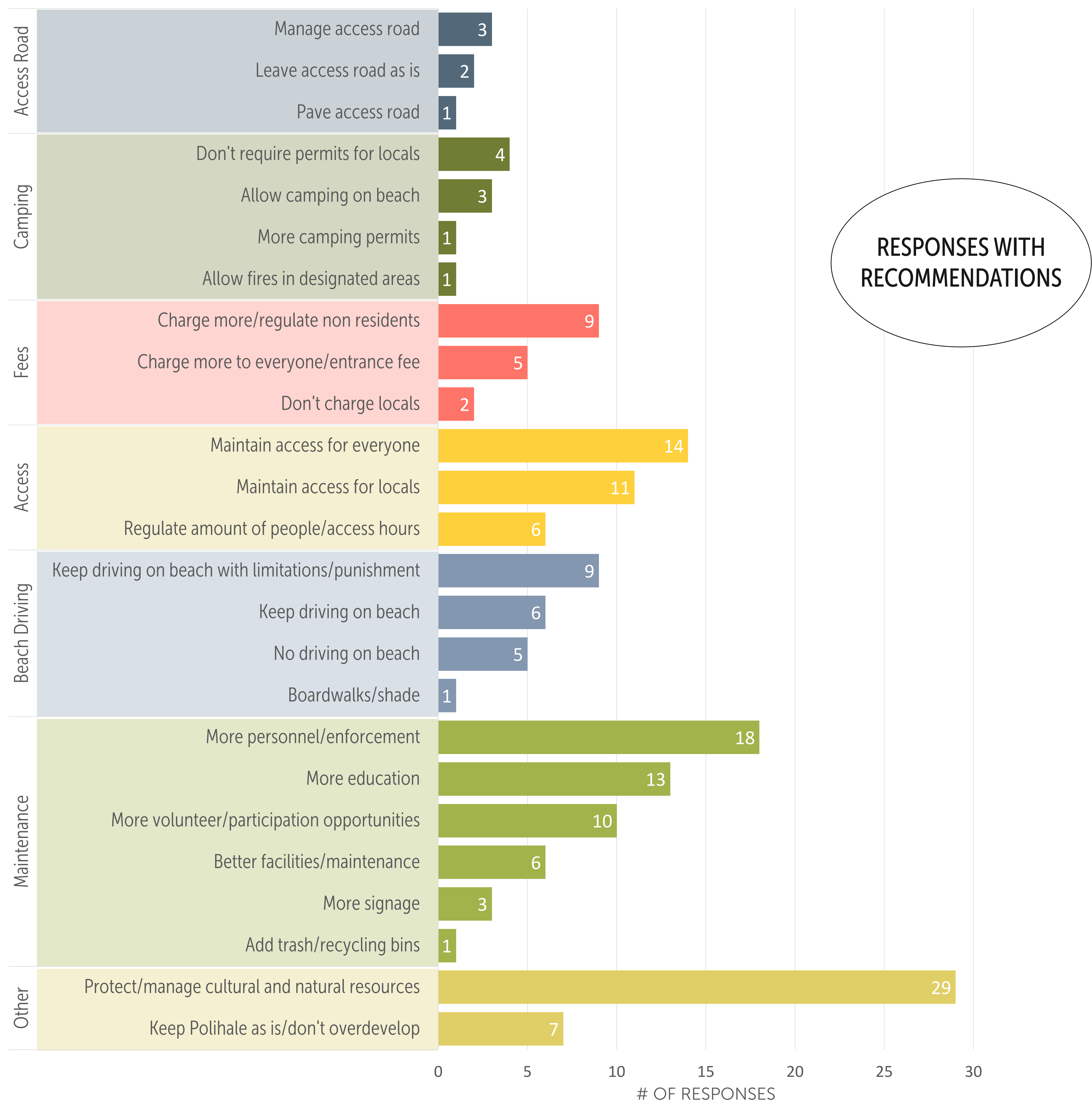
*292 comments were received, 79 respondents asked not to share their responses. Those responses are not included in the summary.



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OTHER THOUGHTS

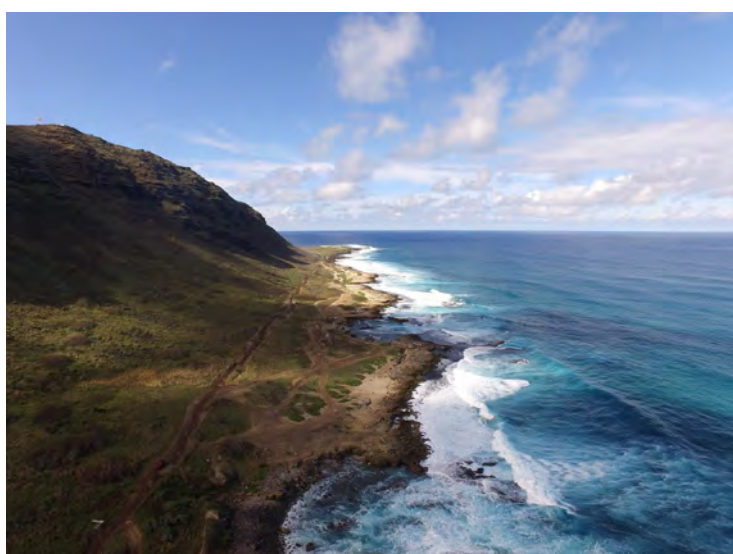
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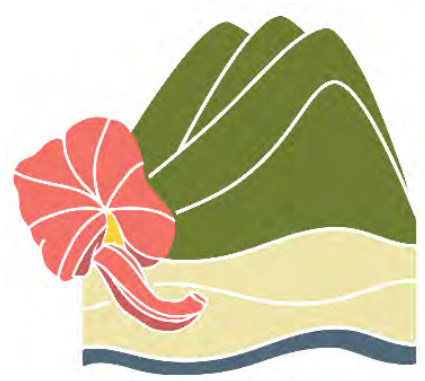


RESPONSES WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS

OTHER RESPONSES:

- o Many respondents expressed their support for this planning process and opportunity to provide feedback (20)
- o Many respondents also expressed their love for Polihale State Park (13) and how they are happy that it reopened (2) while one respondent shared that they do not think Polihale is pleasant anymore (1)
- o Desire for more government accountability (5)
- o Ensure that the minority does not decide the outcome (3)
- o Other management plans were mentioned that respondents thought could help with developing this one including:
 - Hā’ena State Park/Ke’e Beach (8)
 - Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve (2)
 - Ka’ena Point State Park (1)
 - New York examples including the Hamptons, Montauk Point, Fire Island, and Long Island (3)





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PARK ACCESS ROAD



DRIVING ON THE BEACH



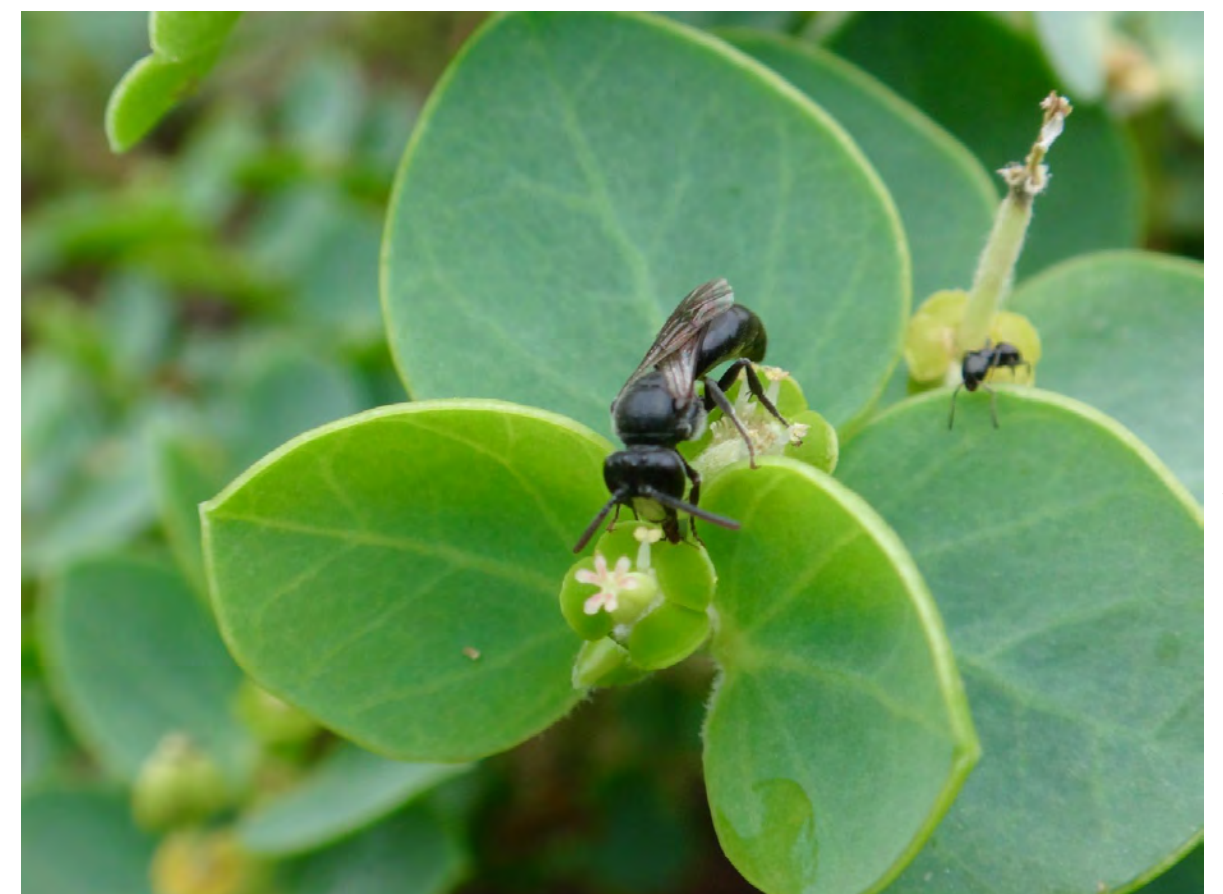
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PARK FACILITIES



ENDANGERED SPECIES



TOP ROW:
'Ohai
Sesbania tomentosa

BOTTOM LEFT AND
CENTER:
Lau'ehu
Ni'ihau Panicgrass
Panicum niihauense

BOTTOM RIGHT:
Nalo Meli Maoli
Yellow-faced bees,
Hylaeus spp.