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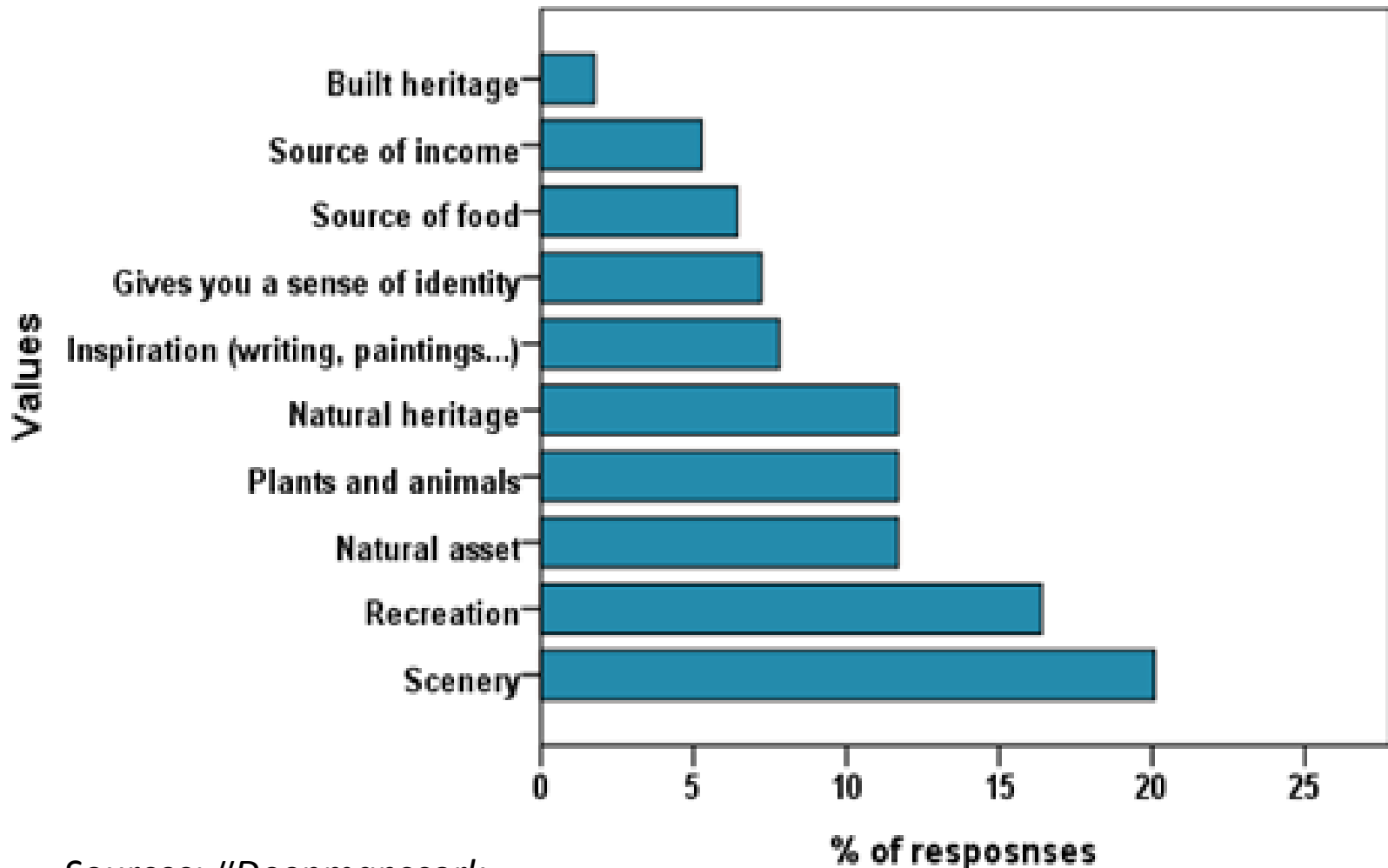
REVIEW OF REGIONAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK ON MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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Main points

- Awareness
- Policy
- Implementation
- Check
- Assessment
- Lessons learned

Awareness on values and threats to marine environment



Sources: #Deepmapscork

Policy

Statements

Treaties

Ethical principles and customary
international law

Statements

- Action Plan for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Region (1994) (COBSEA)
- The Sustainable Development Strategy for Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) adopted in 2003, updated in 2015 (PEMSEA)
- 2015 ASEAN EAS Statement on Enhancing Regional Maritime Cooperation
- 2015 ASEAN Blueprint

Ethical principles & customary international law

- Duty to Cooperation
- Adopt Precautionary approach
- Obligation to notify
- Obligation to conduct EIA
- Information sharing

Land Reclamation case 2005
The Whaling case 2014
Philippines – China Arbitration 2016

Implementation

Geography



Thematic



Parties

Thematic

- Fishery: SEAFDEC,
- Coral
- Mangroves
- Coastal management
- Biodiversity
- Scientific Research
- Oil spill
- ...



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



Geography

- Southeast Asia
- East Asia
- Sulu Sea
- Western Pacific
- ...
- National jurisdiction, overlapping jurisdiction



- Bilateral: JOMSRE-SCS, Vietnam-China joint fishery agreement...
- Minilateral: CTI...
- Regional: ASEAN, APEC, ...
- Multilateral: UN led initiatives/ programmes: COBSEA, UNEP/GPA, IUCN...

Politicization



Disputes



What has been done?

Awareness

Policy

Various forms of cooperation

Good lessons and practices

What can be done?

- Make use of the best practices and achievements
- Stocktaking and review the achievements of current cooperation activities
- Promote cooperation at operational level for some urgent areas: fishing, coral, biodiversity
 - Rules for procedures and contingency plans
 - Mechanism for information sharing
 - Joint survey, monitoring and enforcement
 - The role of scientists and experts

Thank you!

Any questions and comments are welcome!