



Essential Evolution

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Essential Evolution

- Ecotourism has always been at the cutting edge of sustainability, visitor experience and connections to community.
- There are two aspects to Essential Evolution:
 - Evolving the practices of ecotourism to stay at the cutting edge; and
 - Advocating for the sustainability practices of ecotourism to be taken up by the wider tourism industry – particularly in this era where actions related to climate change are urgent.

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- Global Eco Asia-Pacific focuses on the evolving role of ecotourism in a world challenged on so many fronts. Ecotourism is playing an even more important role in economic development, good conservation outcomes, and cultural understanding.

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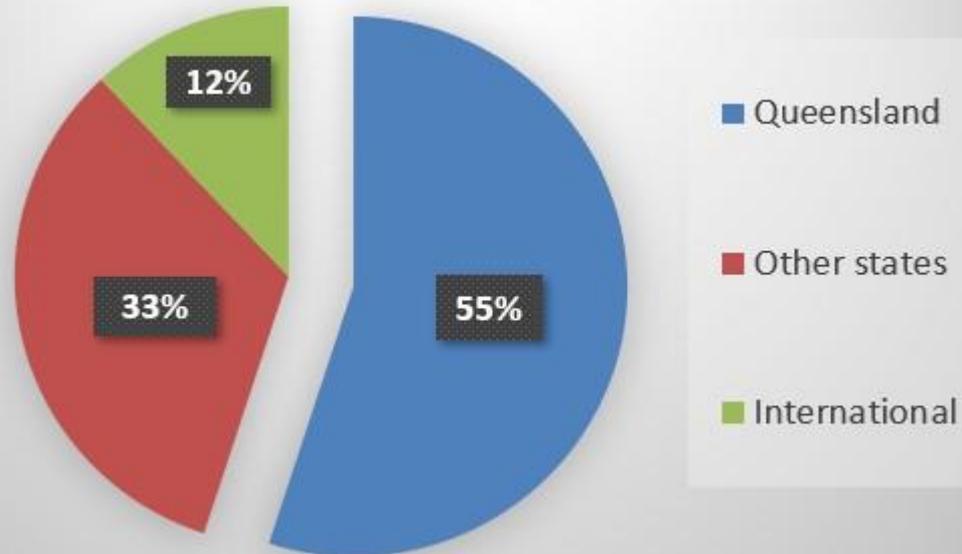
- Located in Cairns we are flanked by two World Heritage Areas, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics of Queensland.
- Arguably Australia, and this region in particular, contains the largest concentration, and highest economic value of ecotourism on the planet. We have much to learn from this region.
- But ecotourism everywhere must be dynamic, must evolve and must lead.

Diversity of the delegation

- 220 Delegates
- 15 Nations

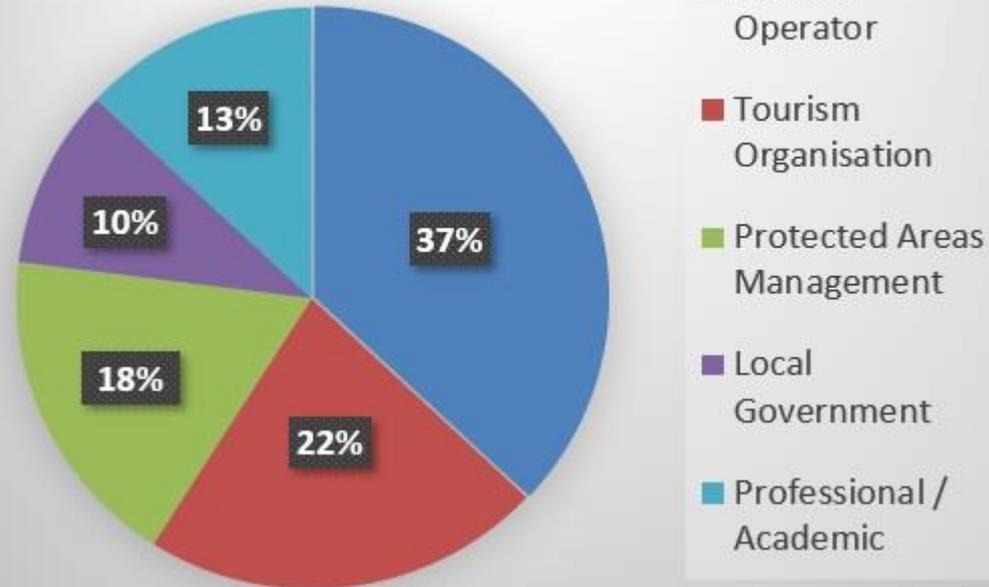
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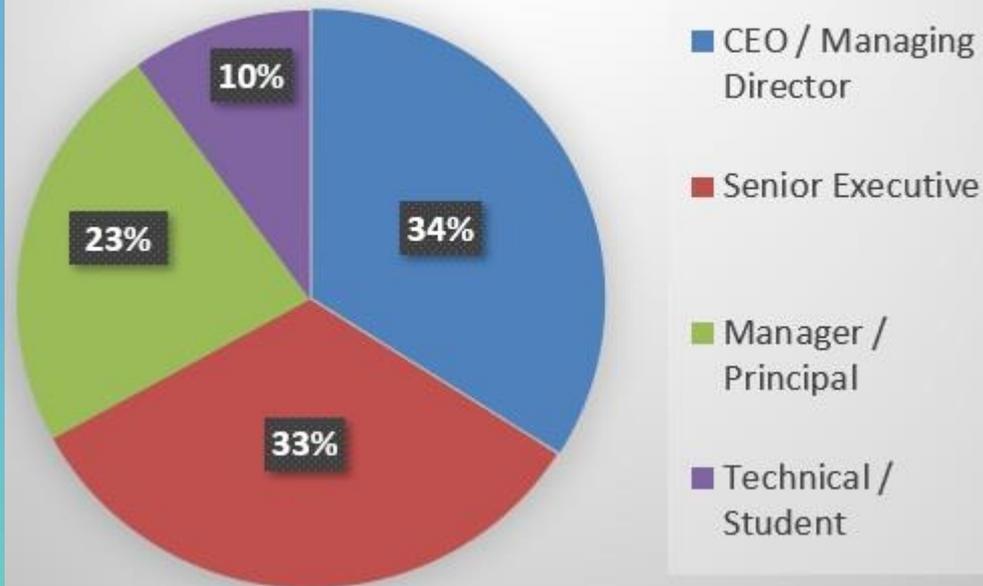
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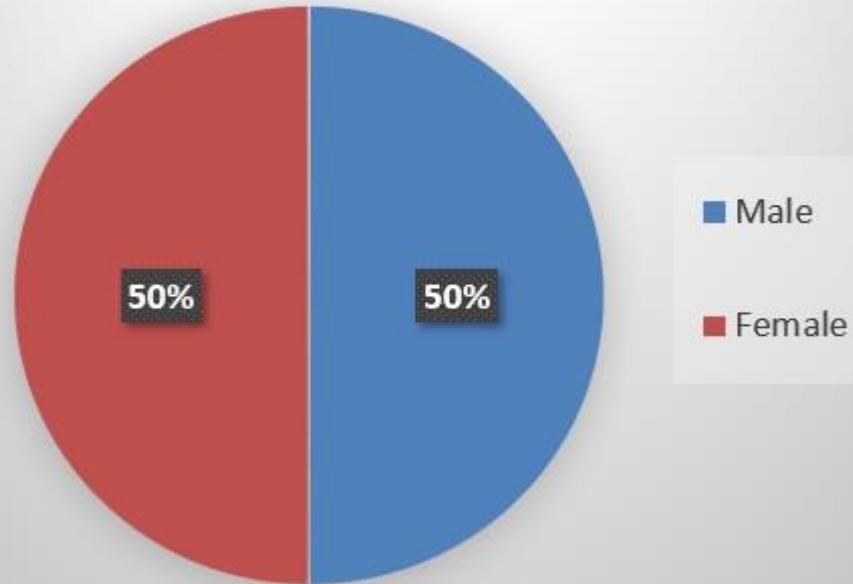
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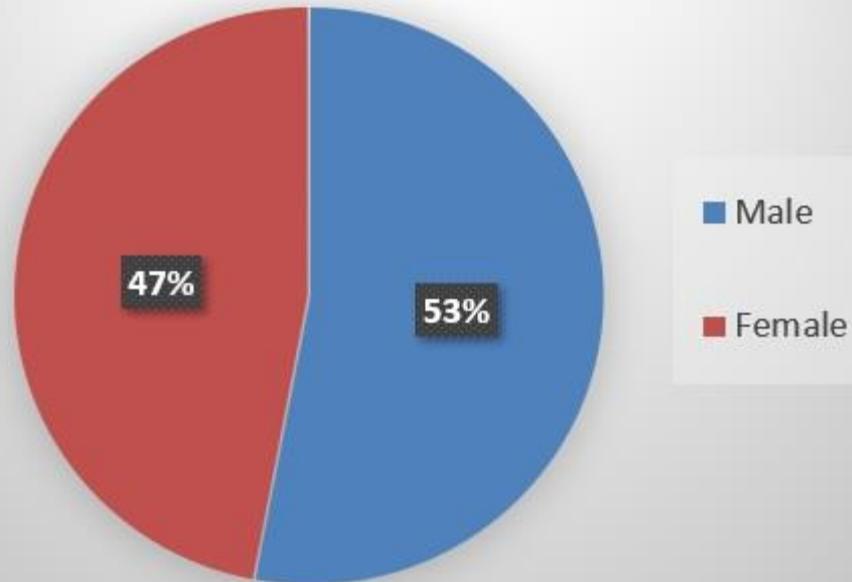
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Speakers by Gender

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