

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

East Coast Community Mapping: Identifying Places of Value and Places at Risk

Thank you for your time! Some technical details about this study can be found below. You may scroll down for the summarised consent statement to continue and a download button is also available should you wish to keep a record of this information.

Project Overview and Research Purpose

This study seeks to map places of value to individuals based in the east coast of Tasmania, understand why these places are important and what is at stake for individuals if these places are lost. Information will be collected through a Public Participatory Geographic Information Systems (PPGIS) survey and a questionnaire that asks individuals about their attachment to the east coast and the actions they may or may not take with regard to the environment. This information will inform effective environmental management and policy development aimed at protecting community place values.

What Does Participation Involve?

Participation in this study will involve partaking in an online survey that will take approximately 60 minutes. The survey will include a mapping segment where you will be asked to drop 'value icons' over places of personal significance within the Break O' Day and Glamorgan-Spring Bay council regions to map them. Following each dropped value, you will also be prompted with the option to tell us in more detail why you value this place. This segment will be followed by a second, similarly structured mapping section. In this latter section, you will be asked to identify places you believe are vulnerable or at risk from various environmental issues such as biodiversity loss, flooding, etc. Finally, you will be asked to rate your level of agreement with a number of statements related to your place attachment and environment-related actions.

Project Team

This project is a component of a PhD thesis being conducted by Dimuthu Jayakody from the School of Geography and Spatial Sciences at the University of Tasmania (UTas), and the Centre of Marine Socioecology (Utas). The project team consists of Dimuthu and her three academic supervisors, Dr Vanessa Adams (School of Geography and Spatial Sciences, UTas), Professor Gretta Pecl (Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, UTas) and Professor Libby Lester (Institute of Social Change, UTas).

Participation and Withdrawal

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Should you agree to participate, you may choose to withdraw from the survey at any point by closing the website page; your responses will not be saved in our database. If you wish to withdraw your responses after they have been submitted, you may do so by sending us an e-mail (provided below or accessible via the Contact Us button) and providing your unique user ID. Your unique user ID will be available on screen as you progress through the survey. Please make note of this ID before submitting and closing the survey.

Benefits and Risks

Aside from giving up your time, there are no foreseeable risks associated with participating in this study. Please note, as part of this survey, you will be asked map your 'place of residence' this can be

your home, shack or place of business. We understand that this may be considered sensitive information. However, we have implemented a mapping scale limit of 2 kilometres. Thus, all data points you map will be at a 2km resolution and we will not receive an exact location. That is, only a rough neighbourhood level data point will be collected. This information is important for data quality control purposes and will be confidential and non-identifiable as with all information you provide.

We do not expect direct benefits for participants in this study. However, this study will advance our knowledge of local place values and their role as a driver or constraint to environmental action. Your responses can help shape regional environmental action and thus enhance the socioeconomic well-being of the local community.

Reimbursement

By participating in this survey, you will receive a \$10 flexible gift voucher. This is a digital gift voucher that is redeemable in store or online and can be used at a wide range of stores and brands. In order to receive a gift voucher, please provide us with your e-mail address at the end of the survey. Your e-mail will only be accessible to the research team and will only be used to provide you with your voucher.

Confidentiality

ALL information you provide will be treated confidentially and will only be accessible to the research team. In reporting the results of this research, no specific participant will be attributed to any statement or finding. Your e-mail address (should you provide it), residential information and any other personal information you provide will not be included in any publications or other outputs resulting from this study. All data collected in this study will be coded in a non-identifiable manner and subsequently analysed and reported in such a way that responses cannot be linked to any individuals.

Responses will be stored in a secure database that contains every response we receive (located in the Geography and Spatial Sciences building, Sandy Bay Campus, UTas). De-identified data will be archived via the University of Tasmania Research Data Portal.

How will my information be used?

It is anticipated that the non-identifiable data obtained through this survey will be used to produce maps representing place attachment in the case study region. De-identified and analysed survey data will be used strictly for research purposes and may be published and / or presented in a variety of forums. This includes journal publications and conference presentations. This information will also be submitted to the University of Tasmania in mid-2023 as part of Dimuthu's PhD thesis.

Future Surveys

We anticipate future parts of this study will potentially involve follow-up surveys and focus group workshops. If you are interested in taking part in future parts of this study, please provide us with an e-mail address at the end of the survey. The e-mail address you provide for this purpose will only be accessible to the research team and will only be used to invite you to participate in future parts of this study.

How can I find out more about this study?

If you would like to find out more about the study (before or after completion), please contact the research team leaders (use the 'Contact Us' button on survey screen or see contact details below). If you are interested in the results of this study, please provide your e-mail at the end of the survey. Once this study is complete, we will provide you with a project summary and you will have the opportunity to provide opinions about the results. The e-mail address you provide for this purpose will only be accessible to the research team and will only be used to send you the study results.

Ethical clearance and contacts

This study has been approved by the Tasmania Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, you can contact **the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on (03) 6226 2975 or email ss.ethics@utas.edu.au** The Executive Officer is the person nominate to receive complaints from research participants. You will need to quote the approval no: H0023617.

How can I agree to be involved?

If you would like to proceed, please read the statement of consent below and click on 'agree'. You must be 18 years or older to participate.

Thank you for considering participation in this research,

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