

SUPPLEMENT 2

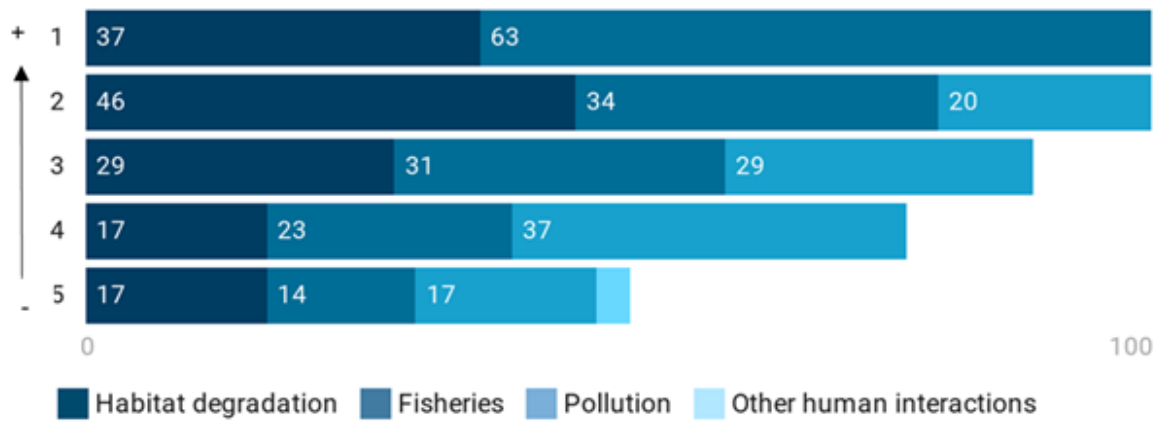


Figure S1 Threat category distribution based on author ranking Here, 1 is the most significant threat, whereas 5 is the least significant. Not all experts ranked more than 2 threats.

Table S1 Full list of sections and themes mentioned by authors in the questionnaires.

Section/Theme	Number of times mentioned (Max 35)	Average rank
Knowledge gaps		
Life history	18	80
Abundance estimates	23	77
Human induced mortality	12	67
Fishery and Prey	7	61
Ecosystem requirements	8	56
Spatial/Temporal	14	53
Unclear taxonomy of <i>Inia</i> genus	4	27
Information on riverine communities	3	27
Genetic diversity	6	24
Uncertainty of climate change effects	6	23
Effects of pollution on health	9	22
Information for delineation of Protected areas	5	14
Knowledge of successful/unsuccessful conservation approaches	1	3
Challenges		
Inconsistent government engagement	12	59
Insufficient PAs	6	53
Lack of governance	17	53
Insufficient funding	20	50
Personnel constraints	9	49
Lack of alternative livelihoods for fishers	7	49
Knowledge gaps	9	44

No ecosystem-based management	7	44
Miscommunication among researchers	13	39
Lack of participatory initiatives	5	29
Corruption	6	26
Species perception	4	23
Animals have a large/regional distribution	7	15
Consumption of bycatch-Myanmar	1	11
Strengths & opportunities		
Capacity building	13	63
Management Plans	13	56
Work with communities	14	54
Government support	4	53
Public awareness	15	51
Regional collaboration	18	51
Expertise on species	8	51
Market opportunities	6	34
International conservation importance	9	30
Existing Protected Areas	5	30
There are still unexplored areas and themes	3	26
Fishing bans	2	14
Experience in ex-situ conservation	1	3