



MANATEE TALES STAKEHOLDER SHOWDOWN ROLE SHEET

A – Local Tourist

- Manatee Protector: “I’m from the Dominican Republic and love visiting the sanctuary. I follow all the rules, keep my distance from manatees, and want to see them protected so future generations can enjoy them too.”
- Resource User: “I’m from the Dominican Republic and love coming here for events. My friend’s wedding is in the buffer zone—we should be able to celebrate however we want without too many restrictions.”

B – Foreign Tourist

- Manatee Protector: “I traveled here from the U.S. specifically to see wildlife. I want my tour to respect the sanctuary rules, so we don’t harm manatees or their habitat.”
- Resource User: “I’m here from the U.S. for an adventure! I’m not here for rules—I just want to have fun and do whatever activities sound exciting.”

C – Restaurant Owner

- Manatee Protector: “I’ve switched to eco-friendly ovens to protect the nearby forests, even if it costs more, because healthy forests mean a healthier sanctuary.”
- Resource User: “I’ve always used local forest wood for my ovens—it makes the food taste great, and traditions shouldn’t have to change just for environmental rules.”

D – Tour Operator

- Manatee Protector: “I run eco-tours that follow sanctuary guidelines and teach visitors how to respect wildlife.”
- Resource User: “I run high-speed tours to make the trip exciting—people want thrill rides, and slowing down takes the fun away.”



E – Boat Captain

- Manatee Protector: “I navigate carefully and avoid disturbing manatees. Safety for wildlife and passengers comes first.”
- Resource User: “Adventure means speed! If manatees are nearby, they should get out of the way—we’ve got a schedule to keep.”

F – Fisher 1

- Manatee Protector: “I fish with legal gear and avoid nets to protect manatees and keep my permit.”
- Resource User: “Gillnets catch more fish with less effort—I can’t worry if they sometimes harm manatees. I need to make a living.”

G – Fisher 2

- Manatee Protector: “As part of the Fishing Association, I follow the rules, avoid gillnets in sensitive areas, and fish sustainably.”
- Resource User: “I fish as long as I can, even in manatee areas. I can’t risk losing a big catch just to avoid them.”

H – Sanctuary Ranger

- Manatee Protector: “I protect the sanctuary even with low pay because I believe manatees are worth it.”
- Resource User: “I’m not paid enough to keep enforcing every rule—it’s hard to stay committed without fair wages.”

I – Environmental Guide

- Manatee Protector: “I teach visitors about marine life and threats like overfishing so they’ll help protect the sanctuary.”
- Resource User: “I focus on showcasing attractions tourists like—conservation is needed, but my job is to entertain.”



J – Farmer

- Manatee Protector: “I use rainwater systems and avoid chemical fertilizers to protect the marine ecosystem.”
- Resource User: “We’re in a drought! I have to rely on fertilizers and pesticides to protect my crops, even if it means runoff might harm the sanctuary.”

K – Developer

- Manatee Protector: “I use sustainable building practices and avoid damaging coastal areas because protecting the shoreline helps everyone.”
- Resource User: “I want to build beachfront homes where I choose—permits and environmentalists just slow things down.”

L – School Teacher

- Manatee Protector: “I teach my students to balance protecting marine life with supporting local livelihoods.”
- Resource User: “I focus on the economic benefits of fishing and tourism in our area—environmental limits can hurt our families.”

M – Oyster Collector

- Manatee Protector: “I harvest fewer oysters and work with conservationists to farm them sustainably.”
- Resource User: “I dredge oysters the traditional way—it’s the fastest method, even if it disturbs the seabed.”

N – Conservationist

- Manatee Protector: “I educate people about safe distances from manatees during mating season to protect them from harm.”
- Resource User: “I think the restrictions are too much; people should be able to work and fish in most areas year-round.”



O – Researcher

- Manatee Protector: “I study manatees with community input to create protection plans that work for everyone.”
- Resource User: “Tourism and fishing bring income—research is helpful, but it shouldn’t stop people from making a living.”