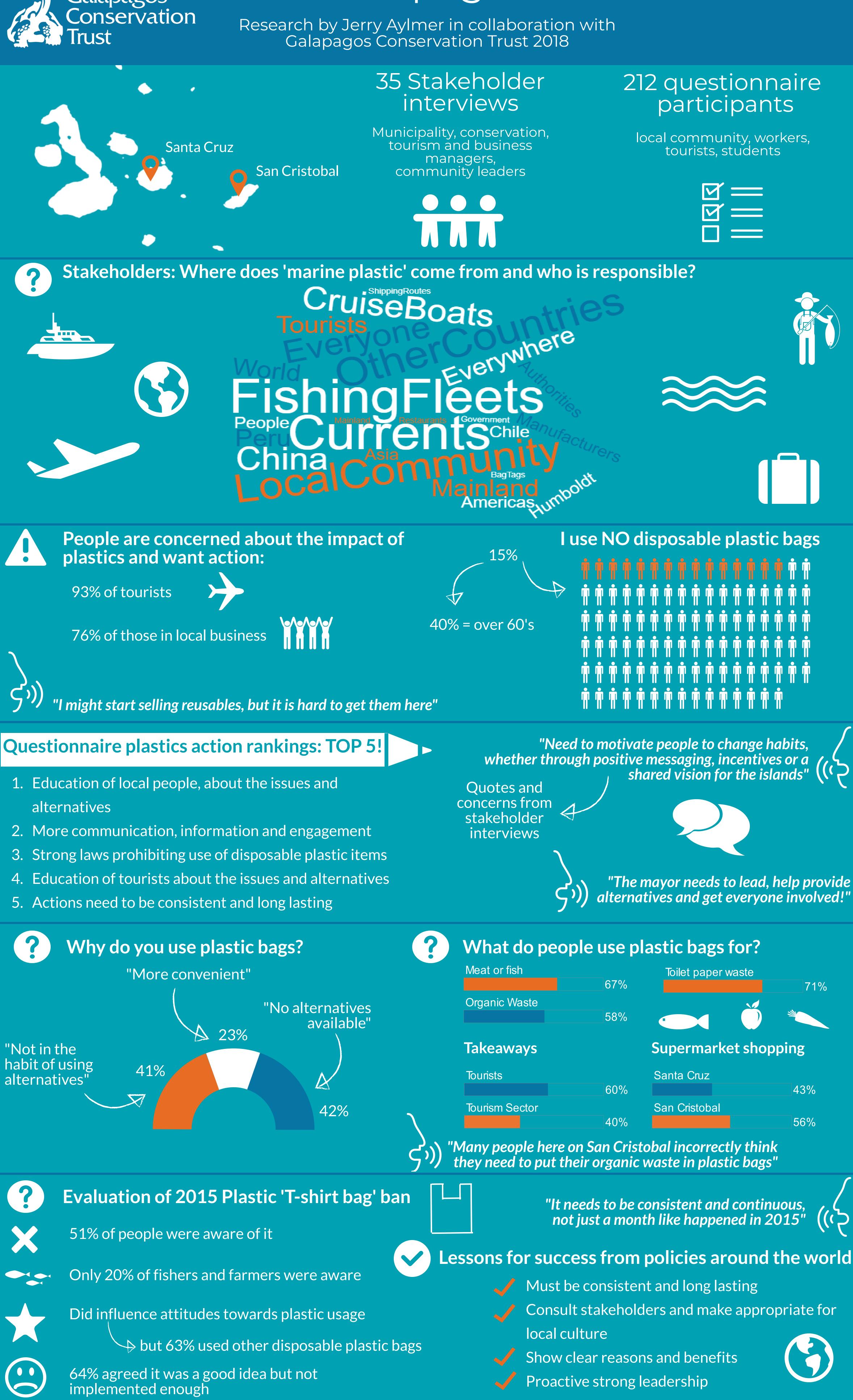
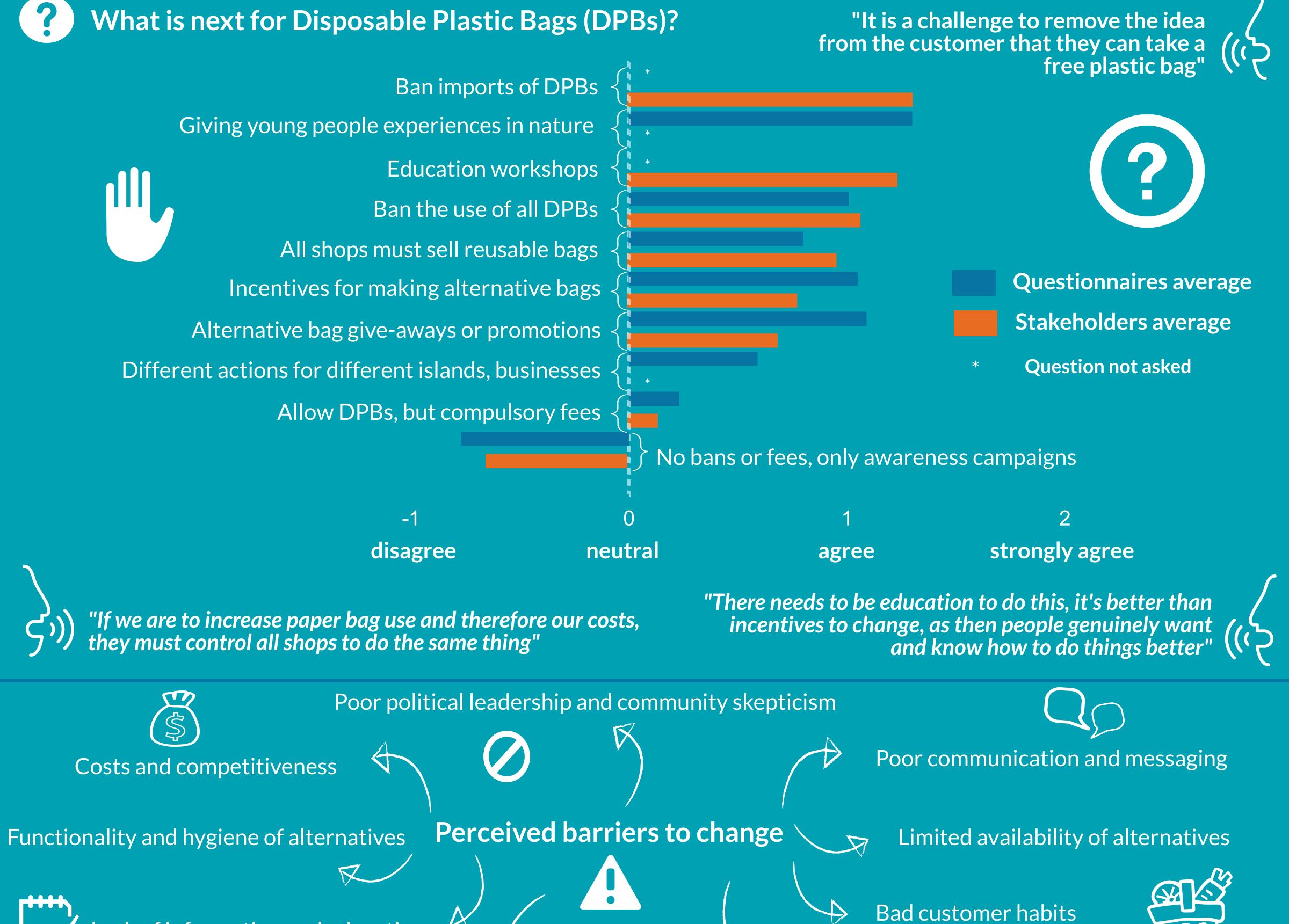
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Lack of information and education Lack of enforcement, continuity and consistency Mentality and 'mainland culture' "There are many new arrivals from the Andes and other parts of the mainland who currently don't care about the environment" **Strategy suggestions** How to? 1. Wide consultation with all stakeholders Gradually ban all plastic bags with how/when/what based on stakeholder consultations. Consider fines for some types of common plastic bag as a transitional measure prior to banning 2. Awareness and information campaign New arrivals, farmers and fishers: "what is the issue, why

- to show links between and how to change" events, workshops and adverts **Tourists**: Pre-arrival info from agents. Presentation and sustainability kit at arrival airport —— wildlife —— tourism economy Make locally (new cloth, old clothes, sacks, baskets) 3. Improve economics of alternatives supply Businesses cooperation forum for joint cheaper imports 4. Improve organic and toilet waste collection ----- Campaign to avoid use of plastic bags for waste disposal Introduce compostable bags or have collection from
- reusable containers in every house Encourage political leadership from the Mayors
- Highlight social and economic benefits of using alternatives to plastic bags: new jobs, income, tourism, heath and happiness
- fees go to special community environmental action fund **Collaboration**: Municipality, CGRES, PNG, NGOs 7. Long-term 'Galapagos' Vision' 3E program Fund local plastic action groups Engage and collaborate Plastic-free competitions, awards and ratings: stars for Educate with environmental experiences in the park
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6. Implementation: consistent and with monitoring

Empower communities to act and listen to them

Regular long-term monitoring of all businesses, fines and

businesses - website and map showing where to avoid