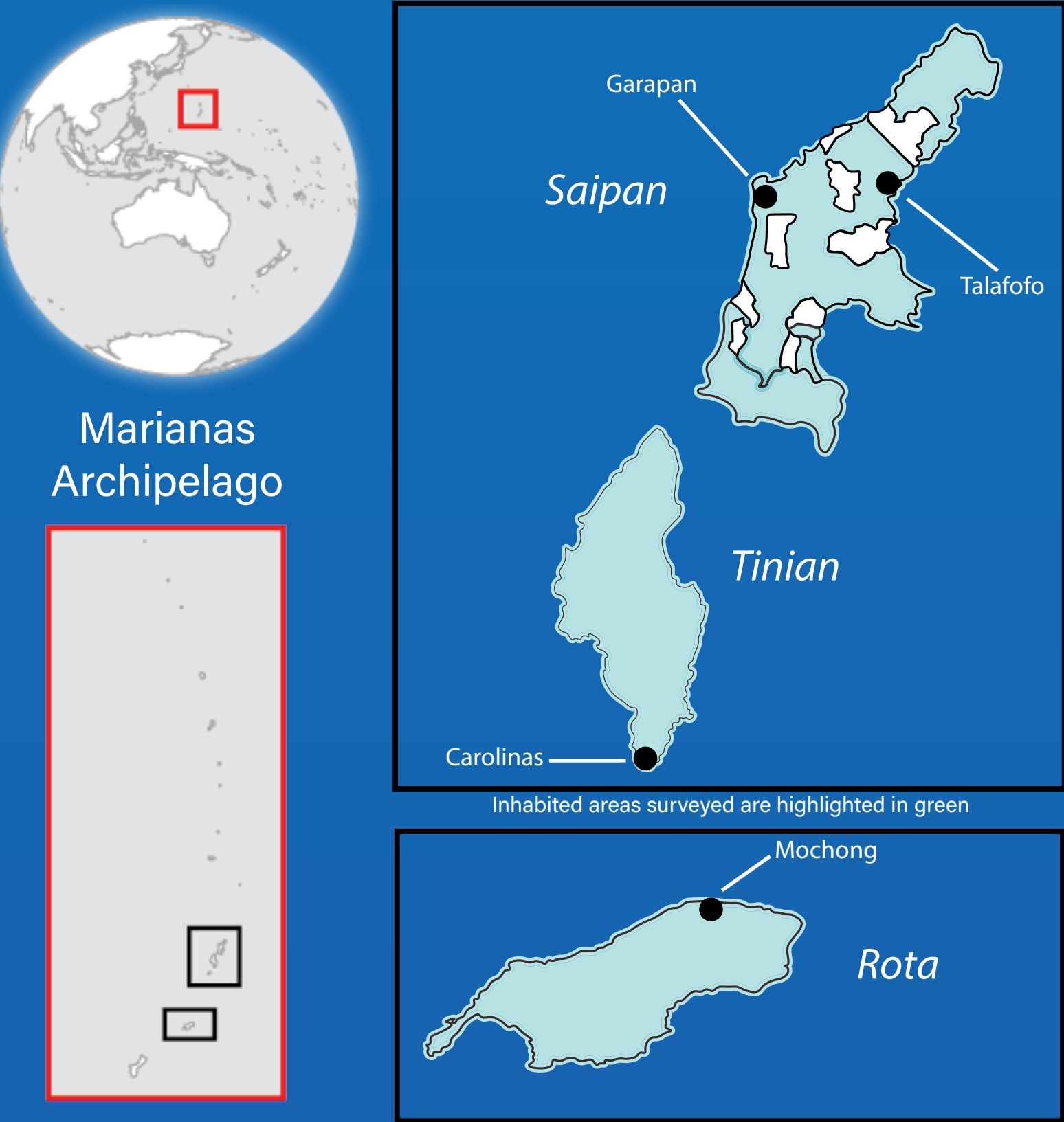


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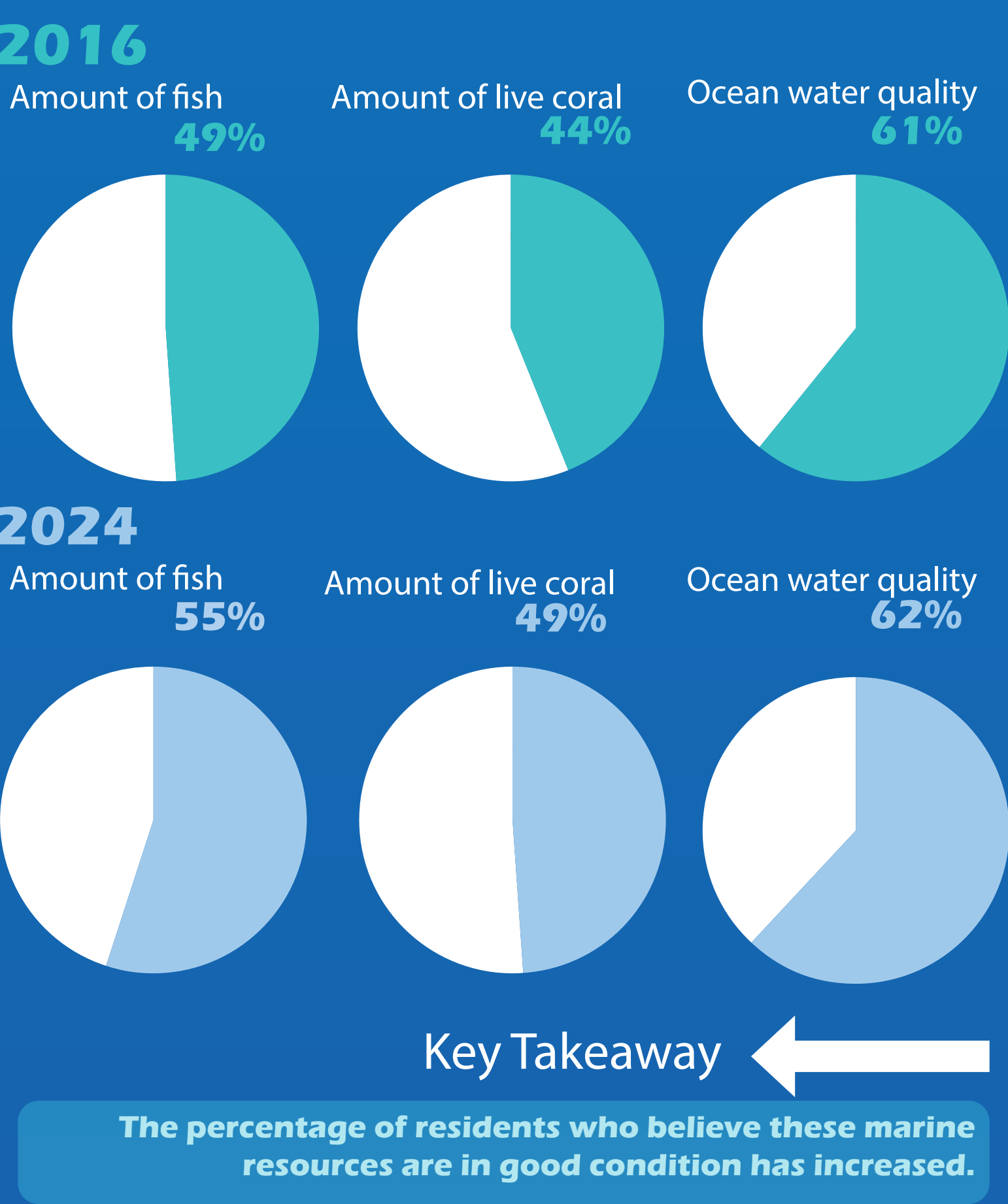
Trends from Socioeconomic Surveying in the CNMI

NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program monitors the biological, socioeconomic, and climate conditions of U.S. coral reefs and communities through the National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (NCRMP). The Socioeconomic Component of the NCRMP collects and monitors knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of coral reefs and coral reef management, human use of coral reef resources, and demographics of the populations living in coral reef areas. The trends shown below are based on survey results between the first (2016) and second (2024) monitoring cycles conducted in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).



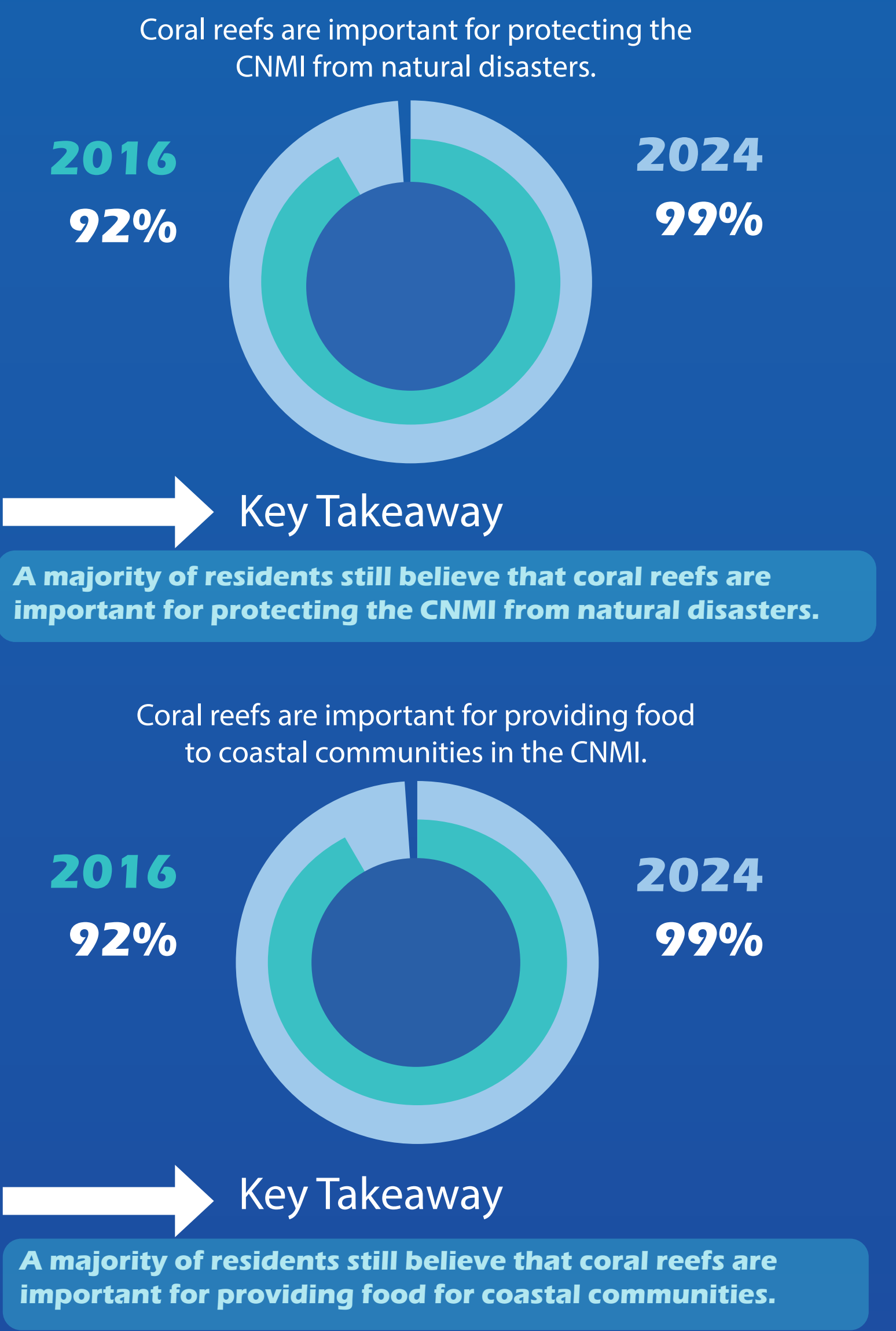
Perceived Current Resource Conditions

Residents were asked how they perceive the current condition of certain marine resources in the CNMI. The percentage of residents who believed the resource was in good condition is shown below.



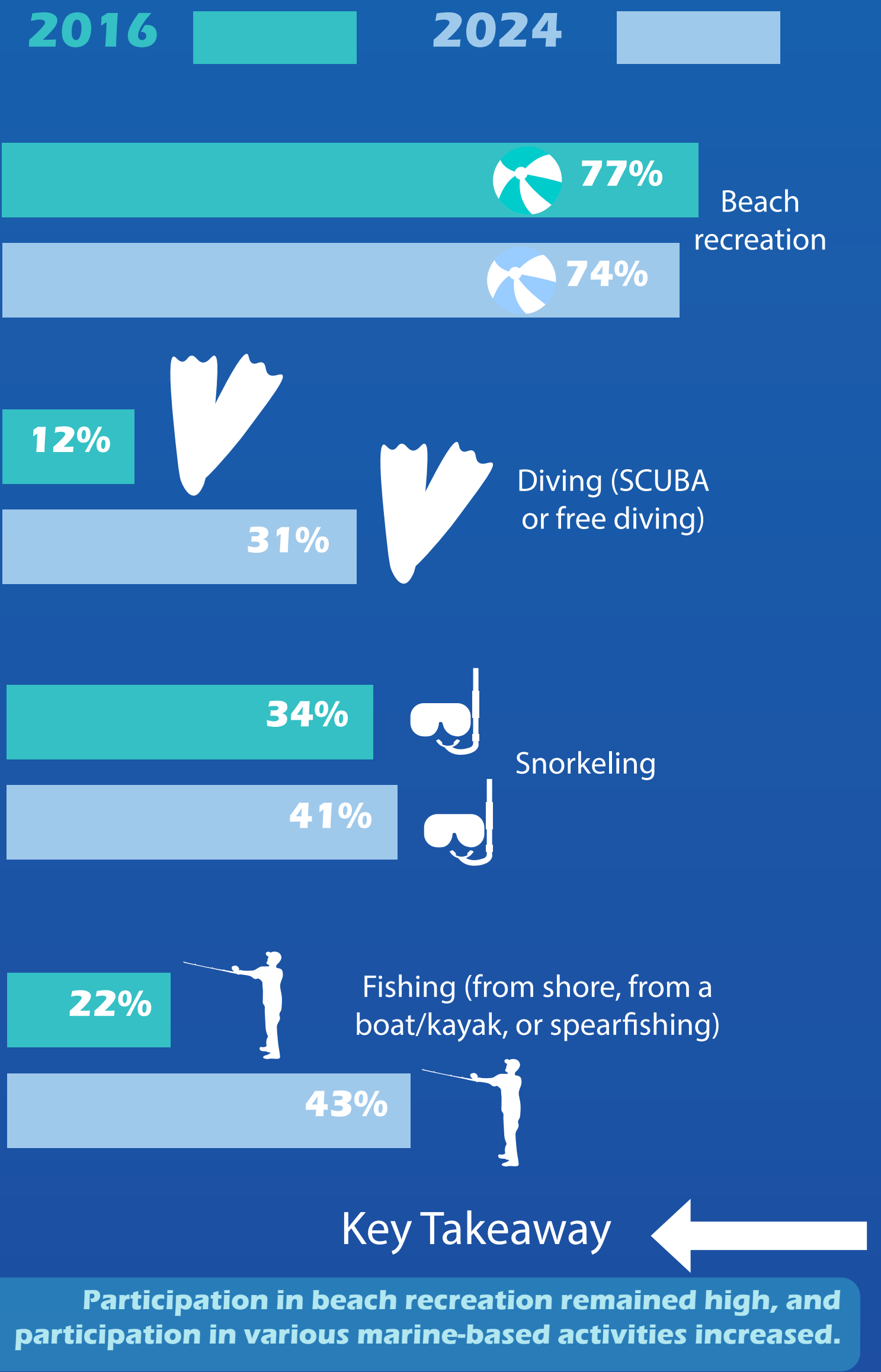
Importance of Coral Reefs

Residents were asked whether they agreed (2016) or believed (2024) that coral reefs were important to certain items.



Activity Participation Rates

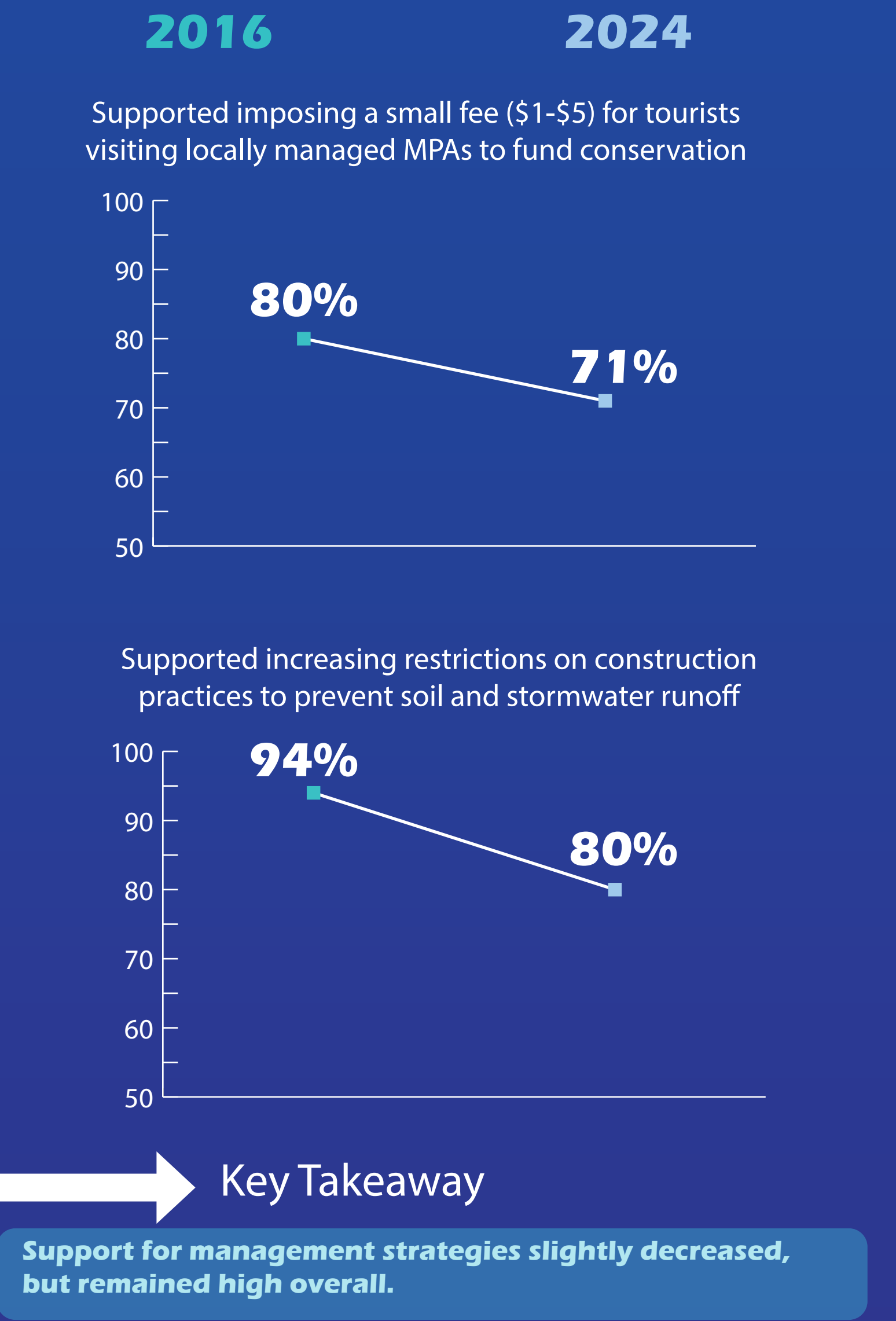
Residents were asked for their participation in certain marine-based recreational activities. Activity participation rates for some of these activities are shown below.



Resident familiarity with marine protected areas and marine preserves increased by 7.5% in 2024

Support for Management

Residents were asked if they opposed or supported various management strategies. The percentage of residents who supported or strongly supported these strategies is shown below. Please note that the y-axis is from 50-100%.



Threat Recognition

Residents were asked for their familiarity with potential threats to coral reefs. High level results of residents who recognized these as threats to coral reefs are shown below.

