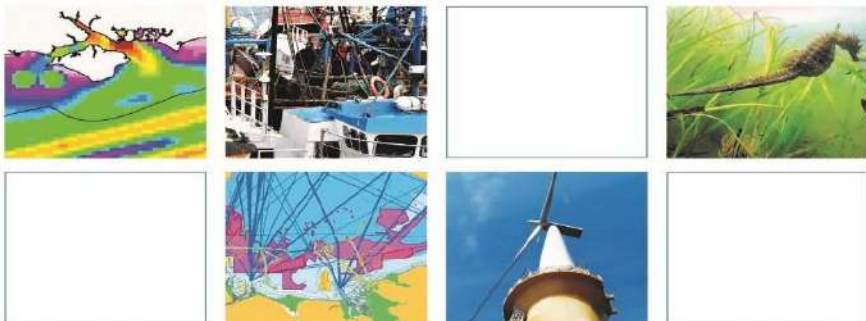


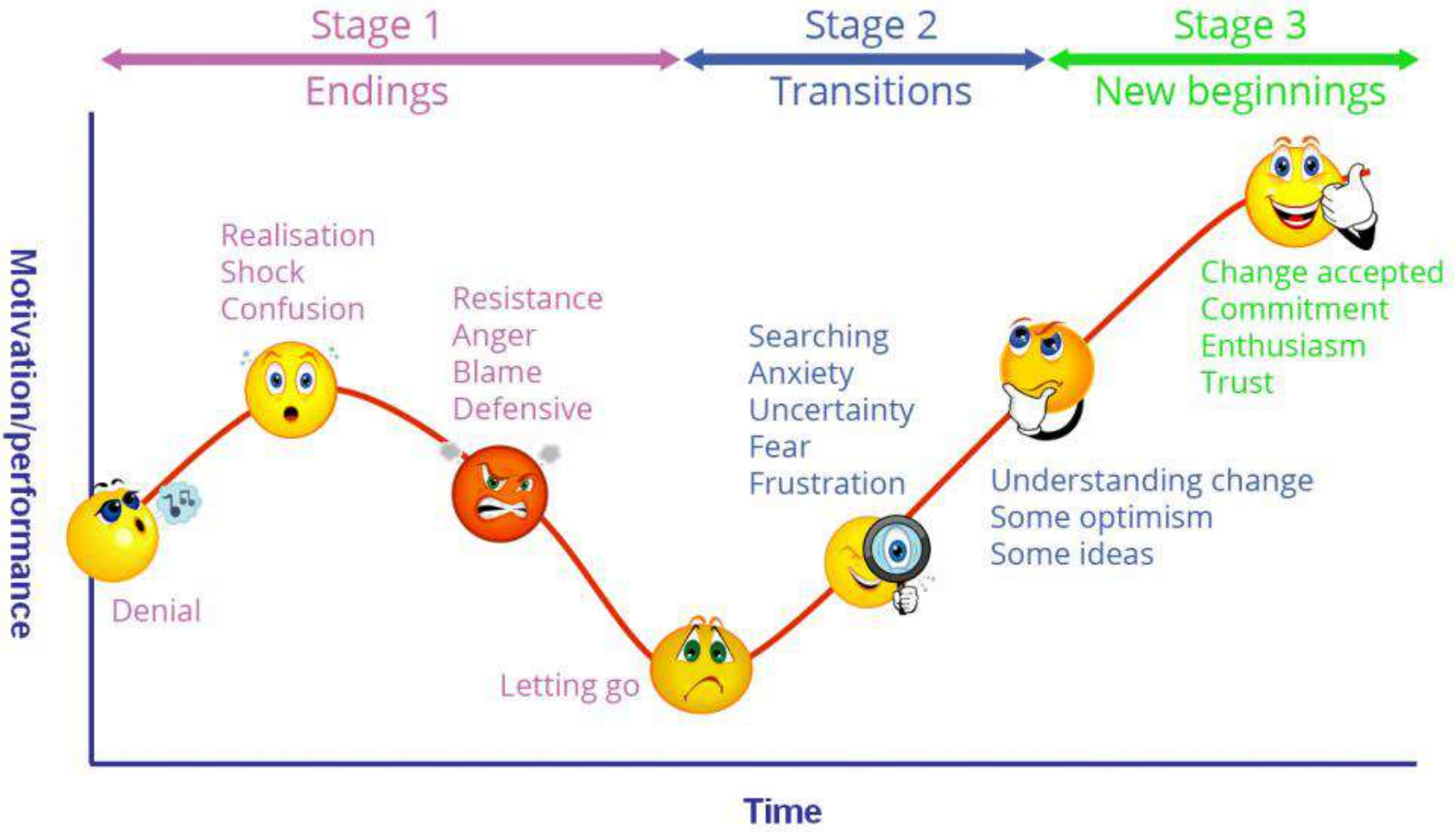
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The Opportunities of Brexit

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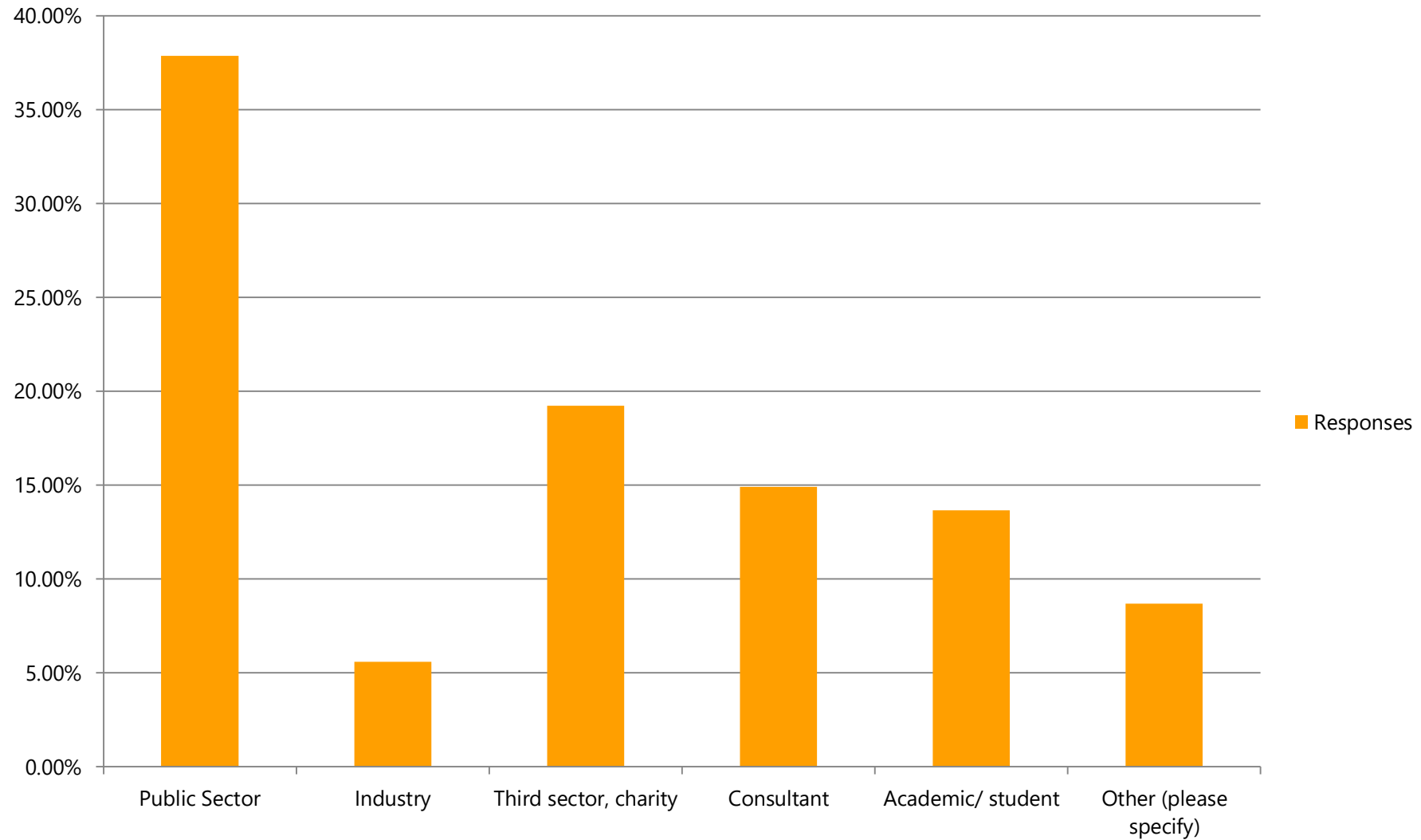
- ❑ While Brexit is predominantly seen as a 'risk' to the marine environment, the 'opportunity' word has occasionally raised its head
- ❑ A stakeholder survey was carried out in November 2017 to gauge marine stakeholders perceptions about what the Brexit opportunities might be
- ❑ The presentation summarises key findings:
 - ❑ Varying (generally low) levels of support for 5 opportunity propositions
 - ❑ While opportunities are acknowledged, widespread scepticism about Government's will to deliver
 - ❑ Strong concerns remain about the marine risks of Brexit



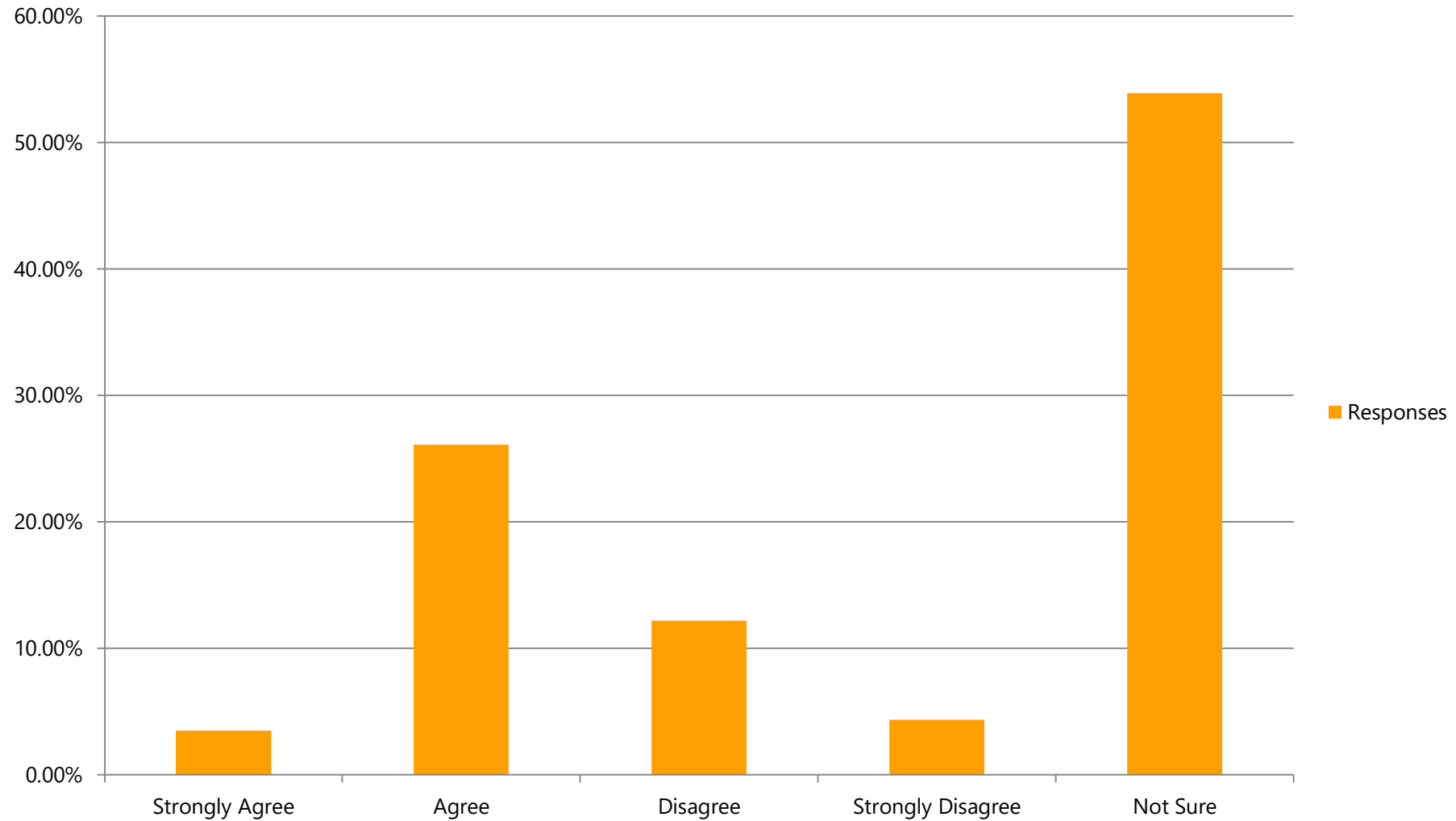
- ❑ E survey sent to >6,000 marine stakeholders on CMS mailing list
- ❑ 161 responses (2.5%)
- ❑ Survey specifically focused on Brexit 'opportunities' around:
 - ❑ 25 year environment plan
 - ❑ Marine sustainability goals
 - ❑ Fisheries
 - ❑ MPAs
 - ❑ Marine planning

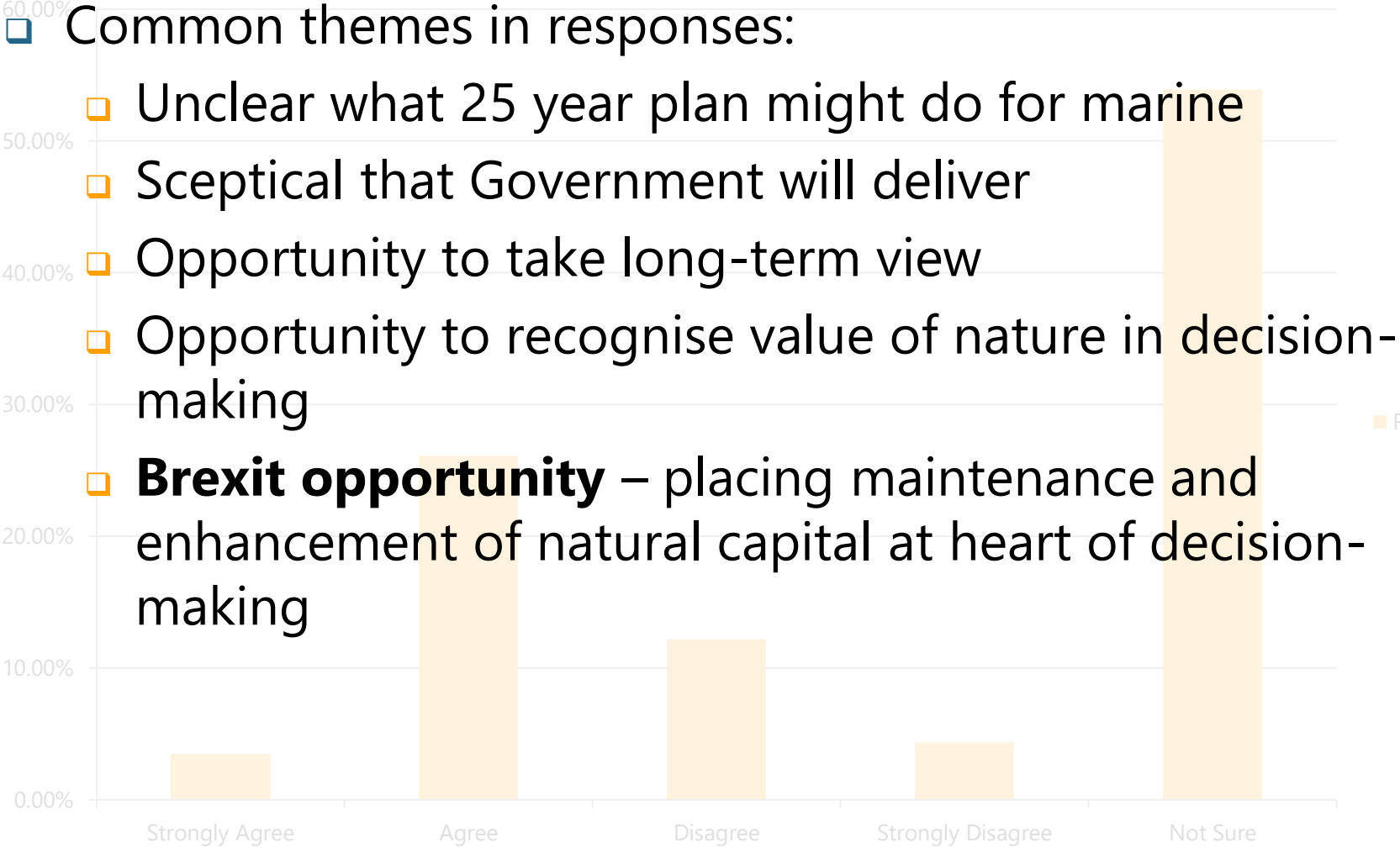
NB. All of these opportunities exist outside of Brexit but Brexit may provide scope for going deeper/further

Who responded?

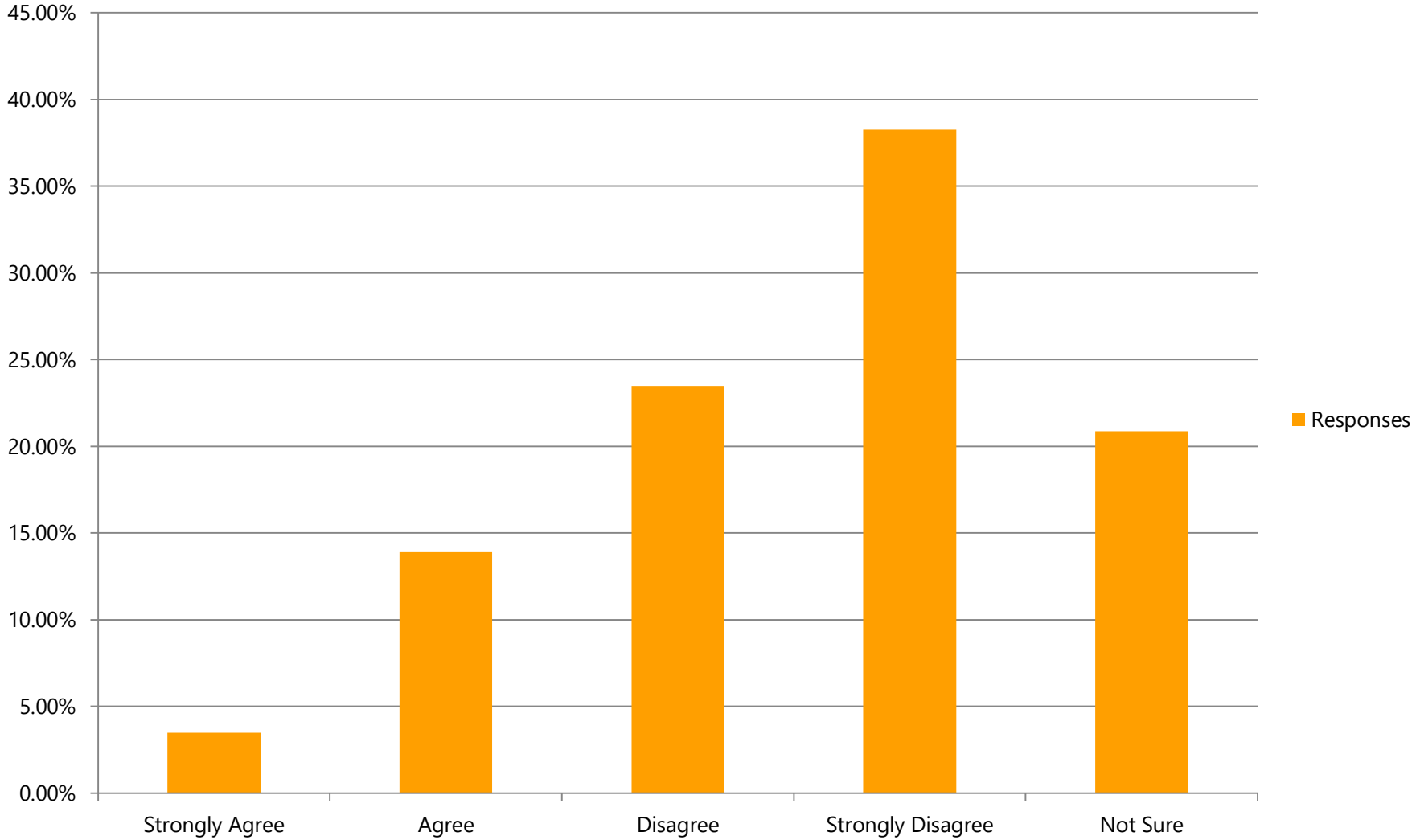


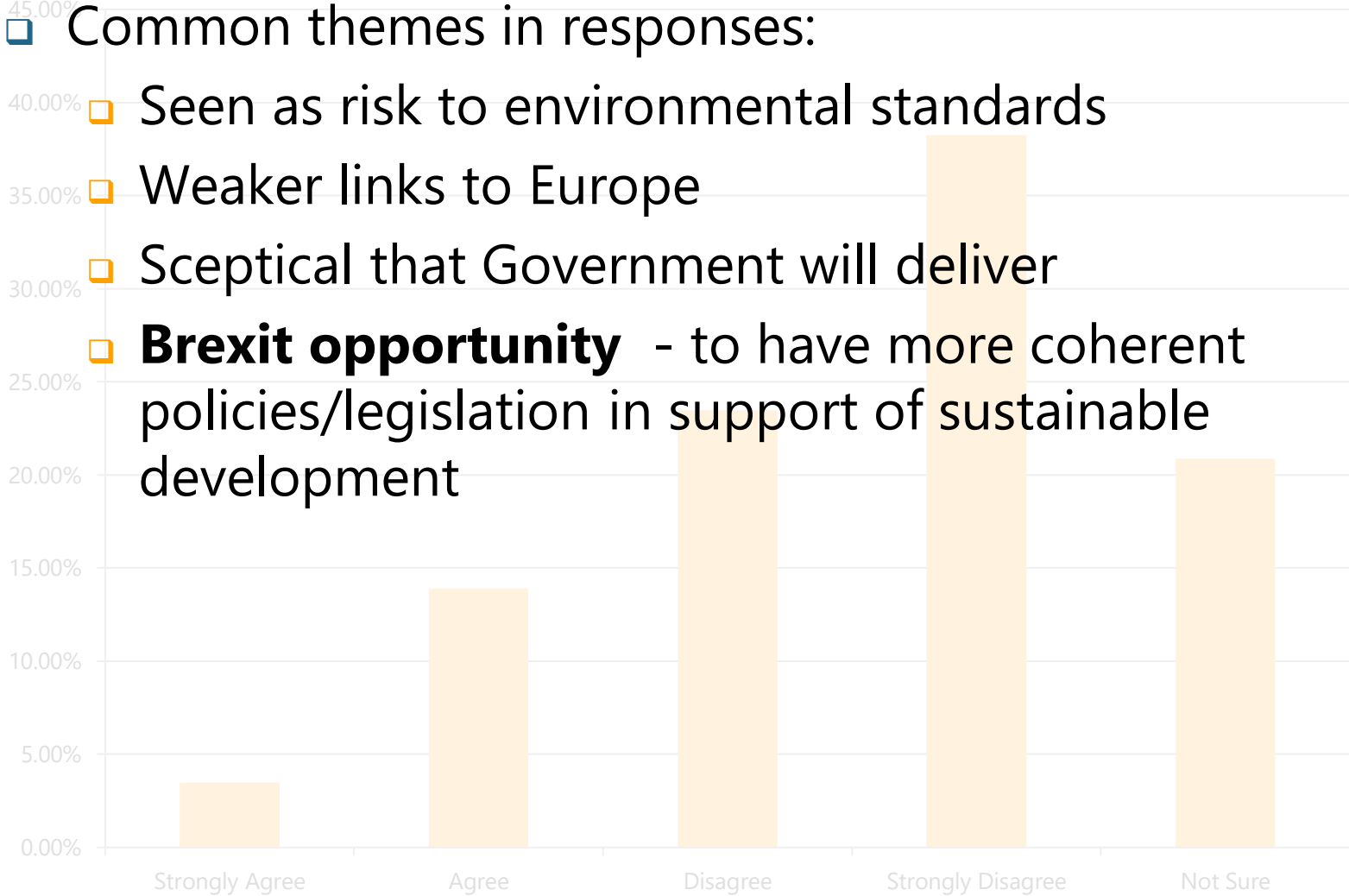
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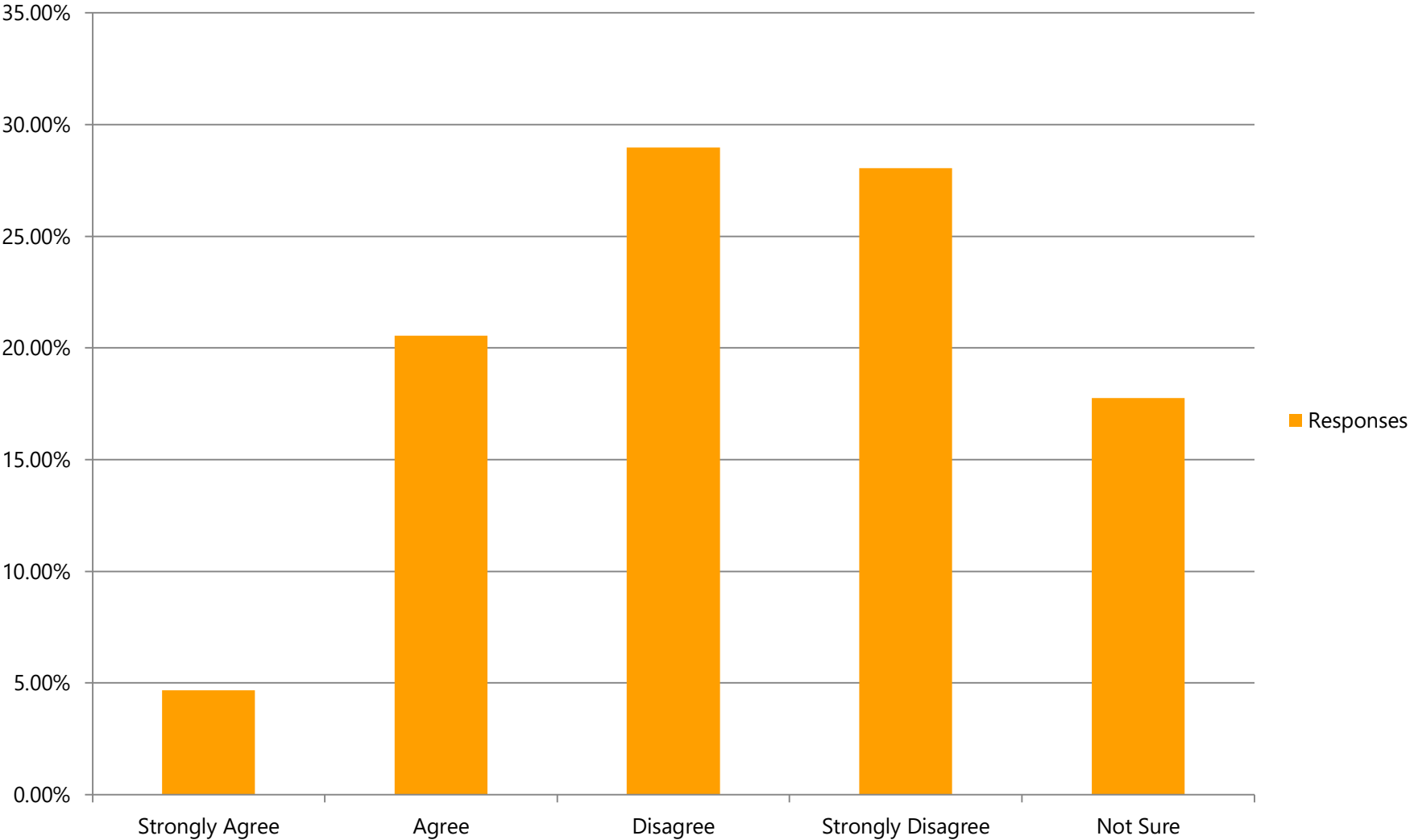


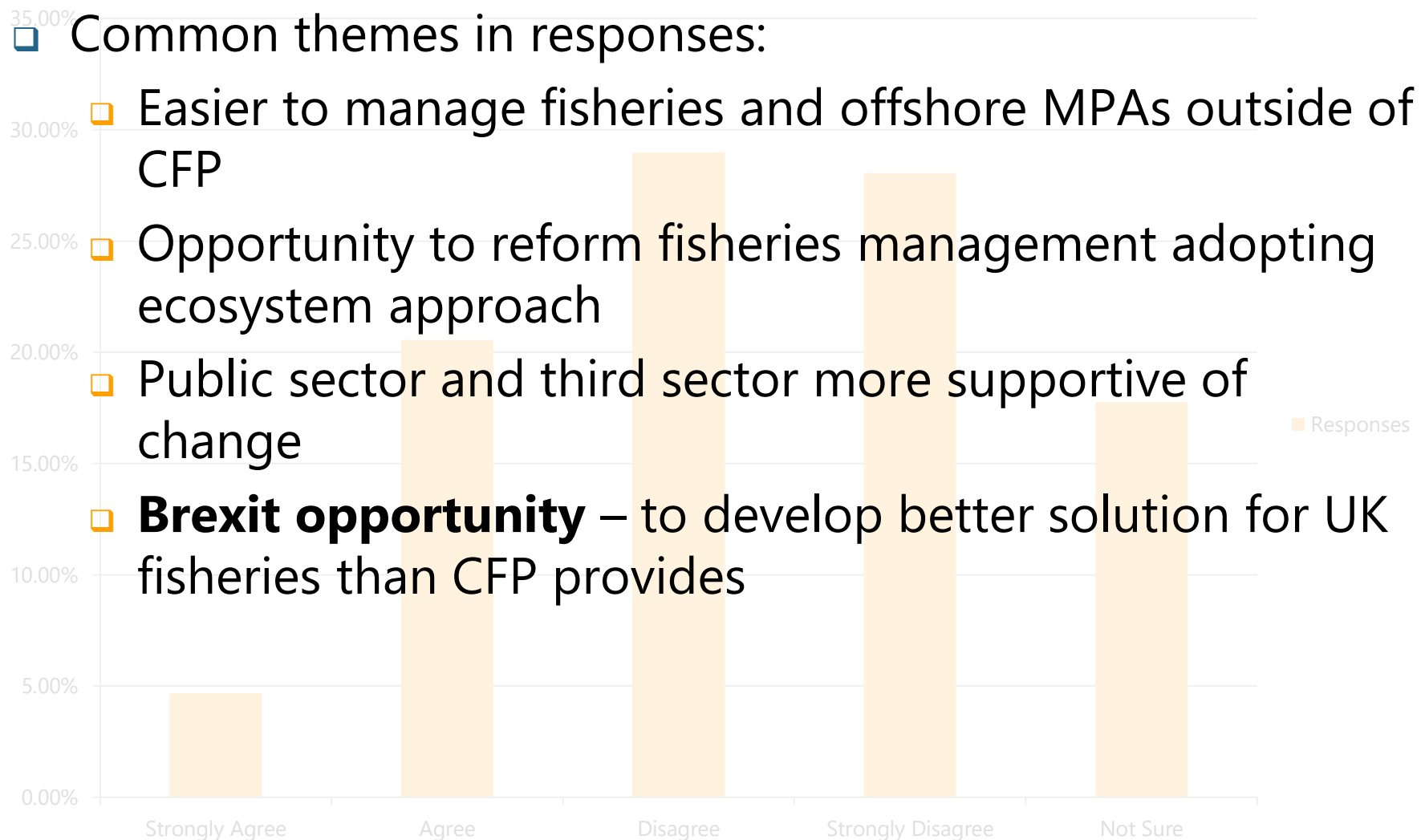
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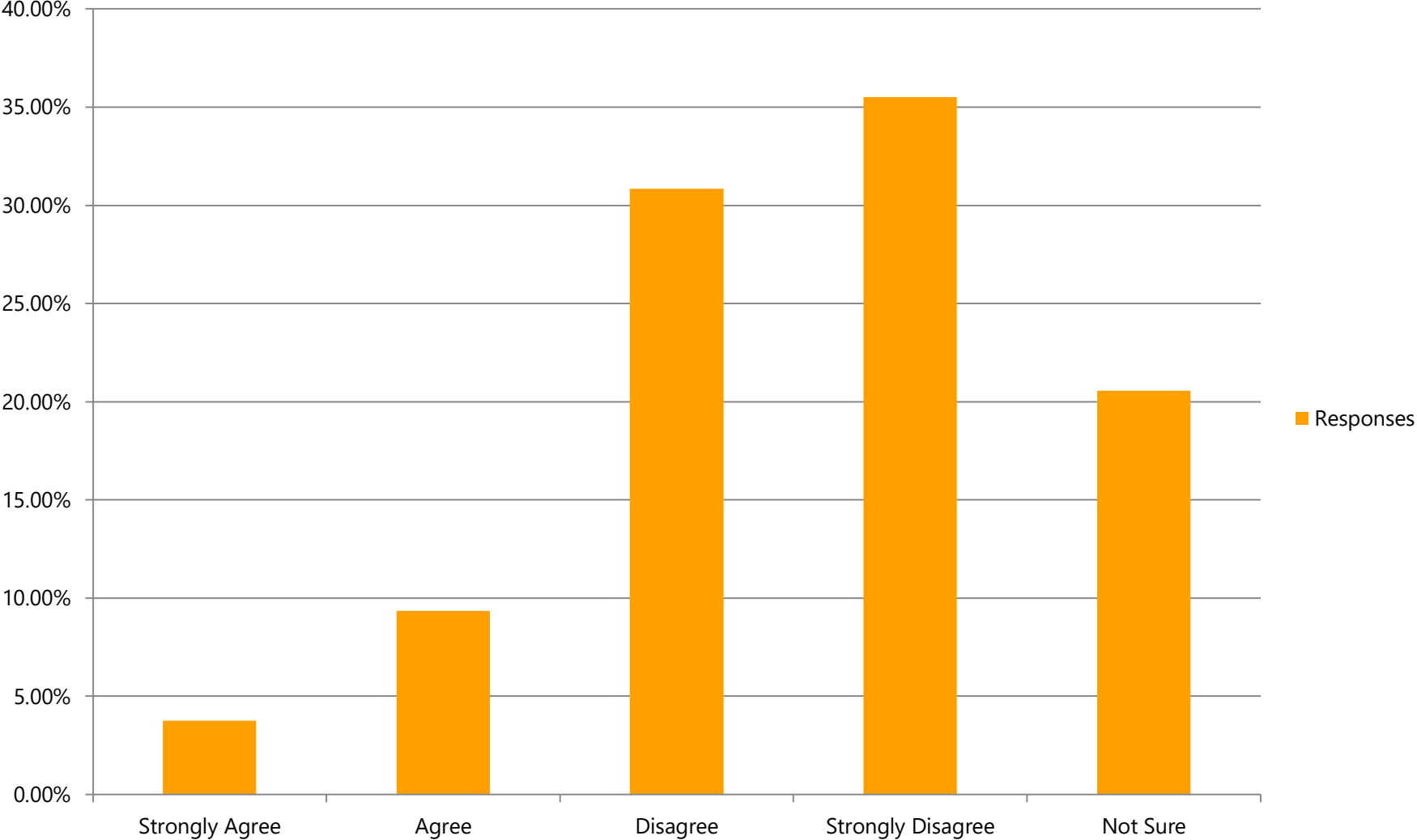


Leaving the EU will enable more effective development of policies to sustainably manage marine fisheries





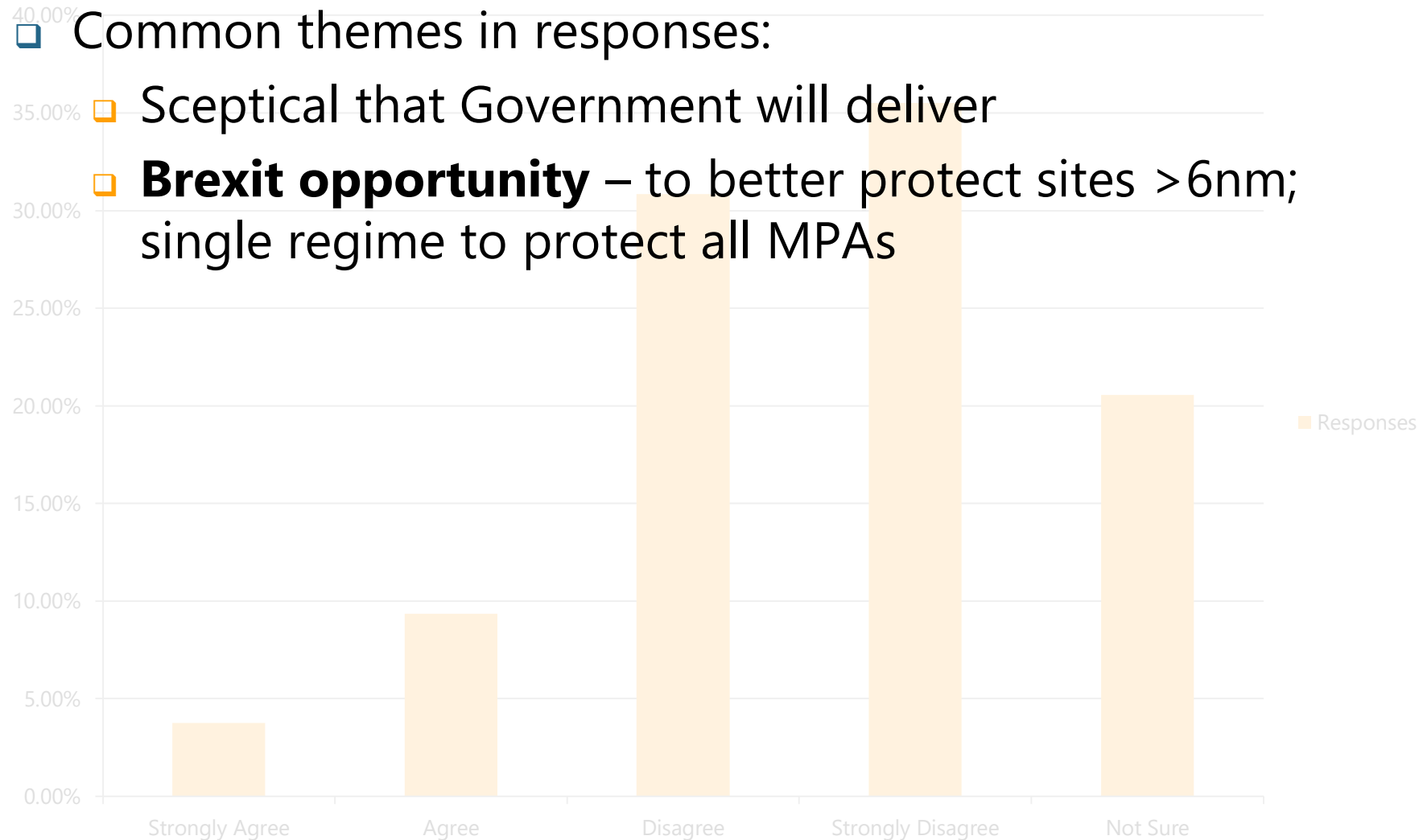
Leaving the EU will enable the completion and effective management of a network of appropriate and well managed MPAs



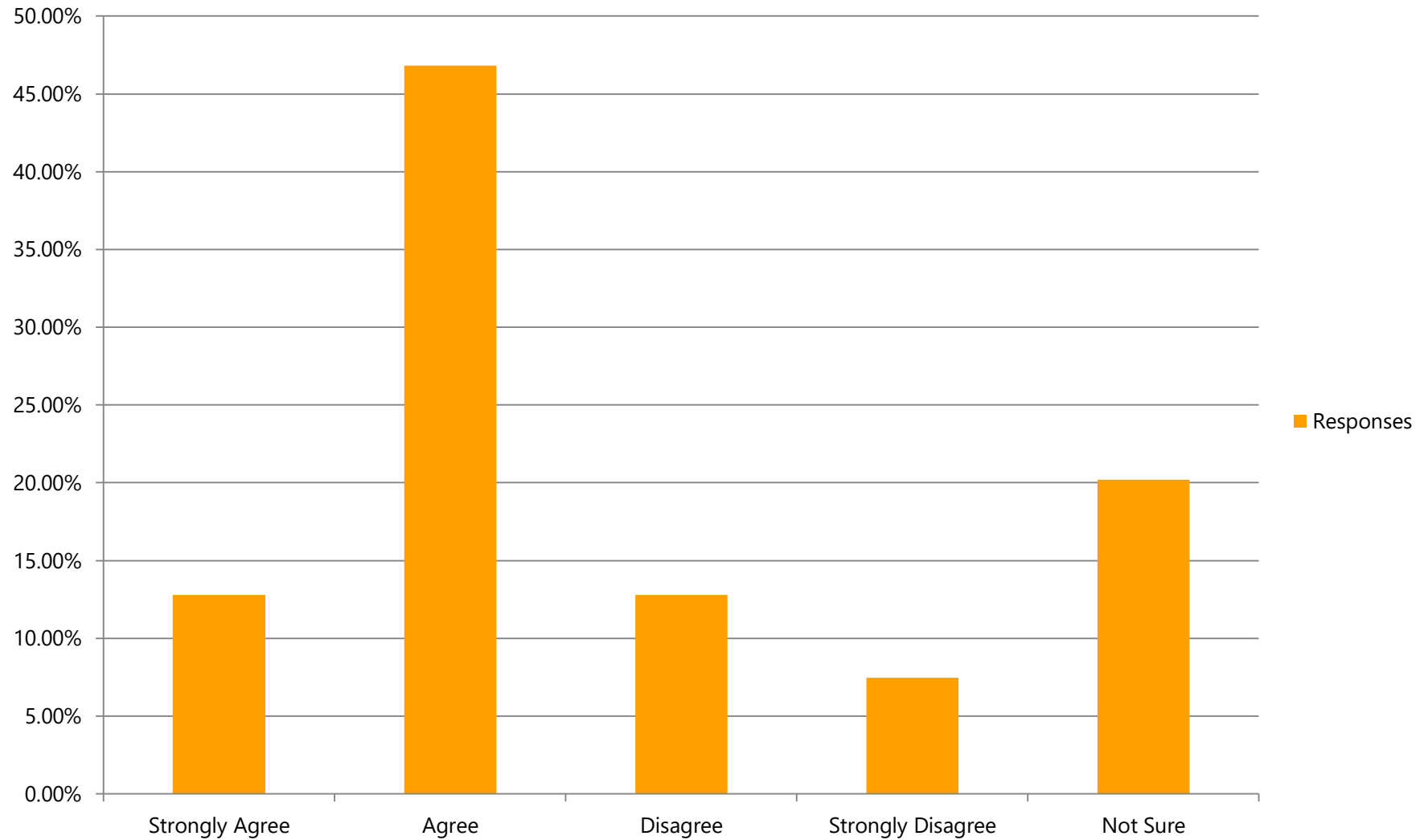
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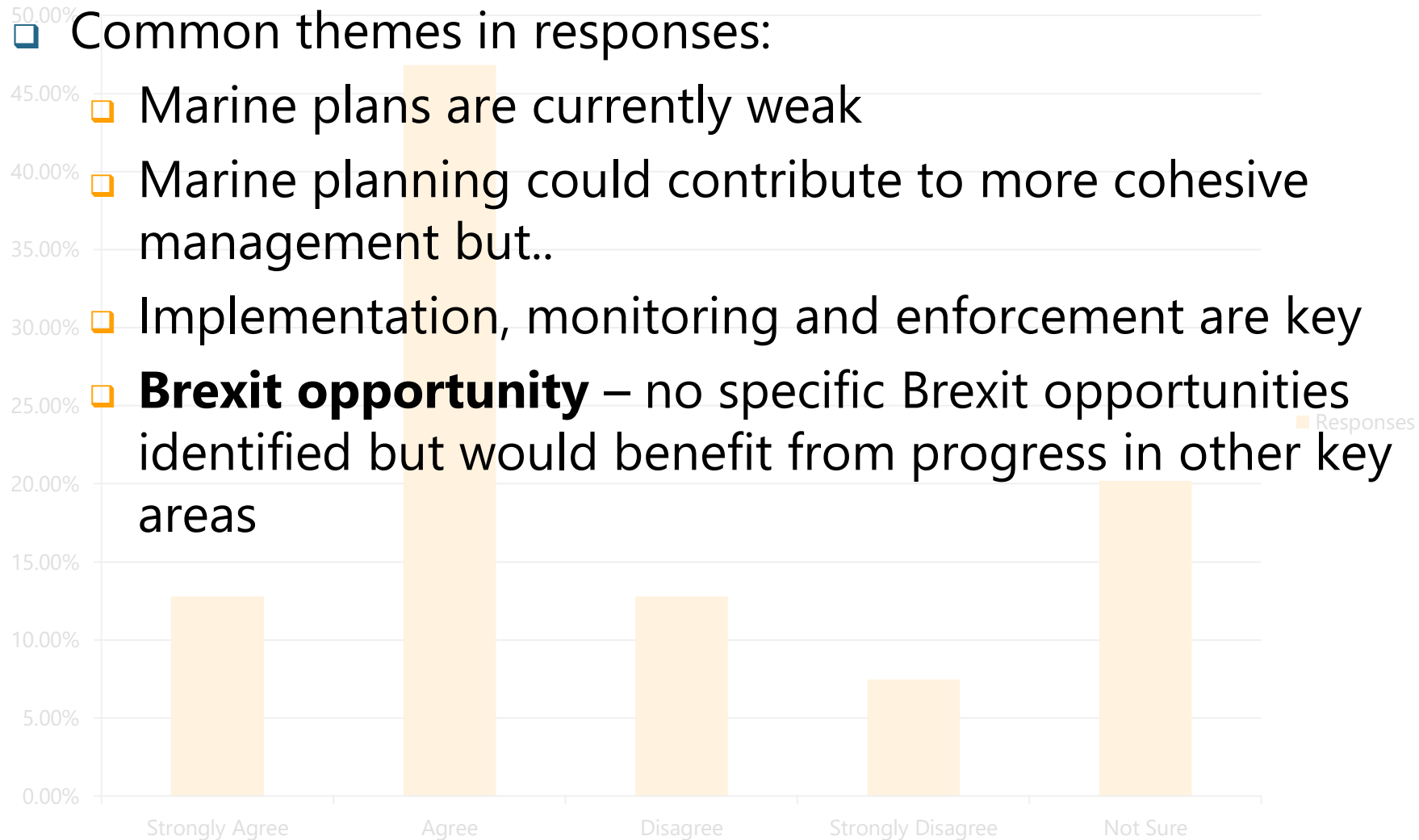
- Sceptical that Government will deliver

- Brexit opportunity** – to better protect sites >6nm;
single regime to protect all MPAs



Completing the suite of marine plans for UK waters will support achievement of marine sustainability goals





- ❑ Concerns about Brexit risks to marine:
 - ❑ Loss of EU jurisdiction
 - ❑ Loss of EU funding
- ❑ Marine is low priority for Government

- ❑ Brexit may provide some opportunities to improve on existing policies but marine stakeholders are:
 - ❑ Sceptical that Government has the will to deliver
 - ❑ Concerned about the environmental risks associated with Brexit

Thank you for your attention

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