

■ Was bothered □ Not bothered ▒ Not noticed

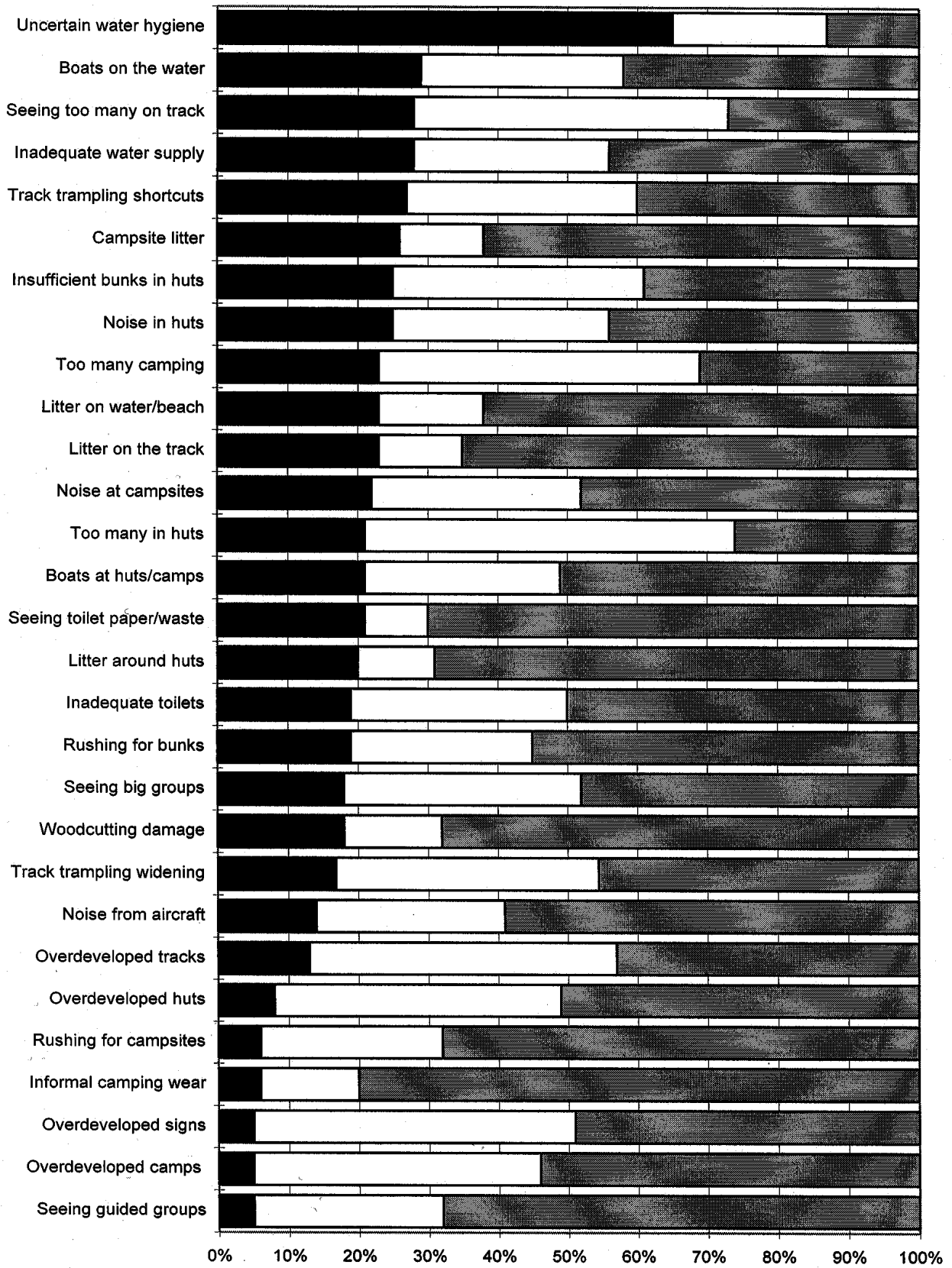


FIGURE 7. IMPACT PERCEPTION RESPONSES.

indicating tolerance). It is clear from Figure 7 that many other impacts were noticed, but were tolerated, including for example, seeing too many people on the tracks and at campsites, and over-development of tracks, huts, signs, and campsites. However, when most of those noticing an impact were bothered by it, it could be considered to show high ‘intolerance’ and unacceptability of the impact source. From Figure 7, impacts indicative of inappropriate behaviour by others appeared least acceptable to visitors (also see Figure 8). The main example is seeing litter around the campsites, where 48% noticed the impact, but only 13% were not bothered by it. Other examples include littering along the track, litter at campsites, litter on the water/beaches, seeing toilet paper and waste, and wood-cutting damage. However, while these appear to represent the least acceptable types of impacts, with the exception of litter around huts and on the track, they were not highly reported here.

5.1 EFFECTS OF AGE, GENDER, NATIONALITY, AND CROWDING PERCEPTION

5.1.1 Background to analyses

Additional analyses were required to assess whether these impact perceptions varied significantly according to age group, gender, nationality, and crowding perception. Figure 8 and Table 2 show the impact perception scales which were created for these analyses (refer Section 4.1.1). Additional exploratory analyses were also undertaken separately to compare the impact perceptions of hut users and campsite users.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY SCALES FOR SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL IMPACT PERCEPTIONS (REFER APPENDIX 2).

| SCALES | DESCRIPTIONS |
|----------------------|---|
| Physical damage | Waste/toilet paper, vegetation damage, track trampling/damage, litter at huts, campsites, track and beaches |
| Hut congestion | Insufficient bunks, too many in huts, noise, rush for bunks |
| Over-development | Excessive level of huts, tracks, signs, campsites |
| Overall congestion | Too many at camps/on track, noise, rush for campsites, seeing big groups, seeing guided groups |
| Water/toilet/hygiene | Inadequate water supply/toilet facilities, water hygiene doubts |
| Boat disturbance | Disturbance by boats at huts/camps, and on beaches |

(extra individual items — plane noise)

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