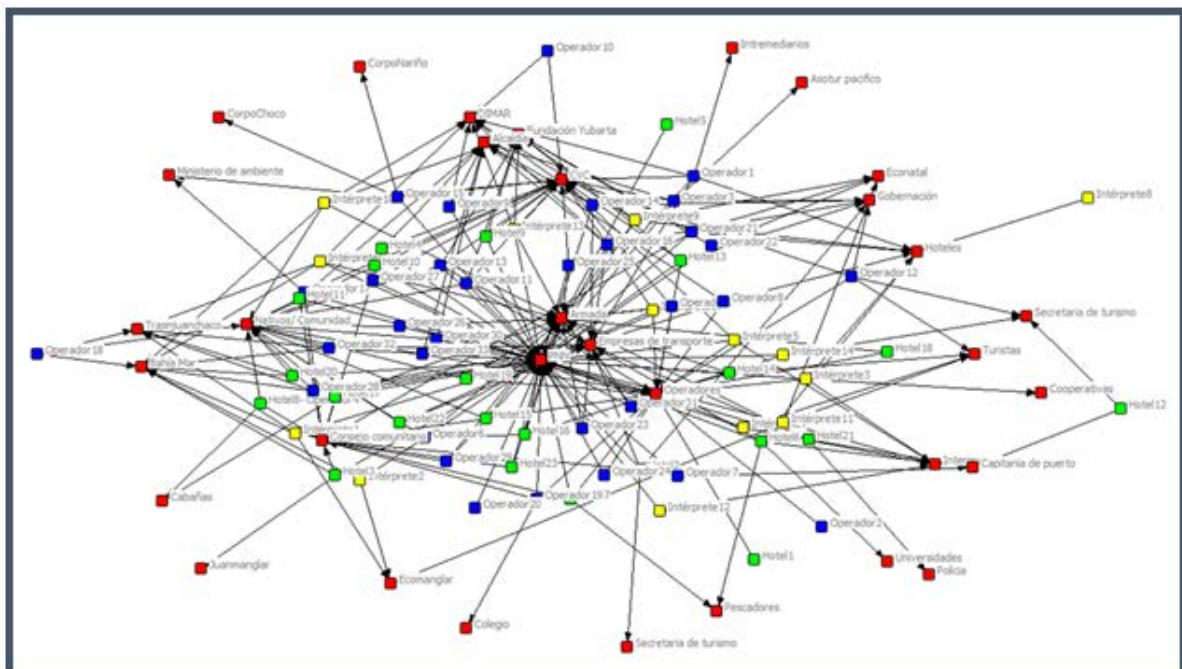


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During the first semester of 2018 the analysis of the surveys carried out in the second field trip was completed and one of the most important results was that the networks that were built as they allowed to understand the dynamics that appear among the actors that are part of the sighting of whales. Networks were created for the categories of support, conflict, cooperation for the protection of the ecosystem and tourism, the sharing of knowledge and the management of the activity. Figure 1 shows the network for this last category, from the analysis it was possible to identify important entities in the management of the activity, mainly national natural parks, navy, transport companies, DIMAR, CVC and the mayor's office. The previous results allowed the planning for the final phase and to define the methodology for the development of the workshop during May 2018.

On the other hand, in May 2018 the third field trip of the project was made; the field trip had two main objectives. The first one, was to conduct interviews with the key actors that were identified based on the results of the surveys taken during the 2017 season (Figure 2). The second one, was to conduct a prospective workshop that allowed to establish a relationship between the entities (CVC, DIMAR, PNN, WWF, ARMADA NACIONAL, Alcaldía de Buenaventura) and groups (Consejos comunitarios de Juanchaco, La Barra y Ladrilleros) that are part of the Inter-institutional Committee of whales (Figure 2), as well as to define together what could be the possible scenarios of whale watching. Figure 3 shows one of the results of the workshop that corresponds to the three scenarios described, is the desirable scenario, the undesirable and the possible. From the previous ones, individual and joint strategies were established to work for the desirable scenario.



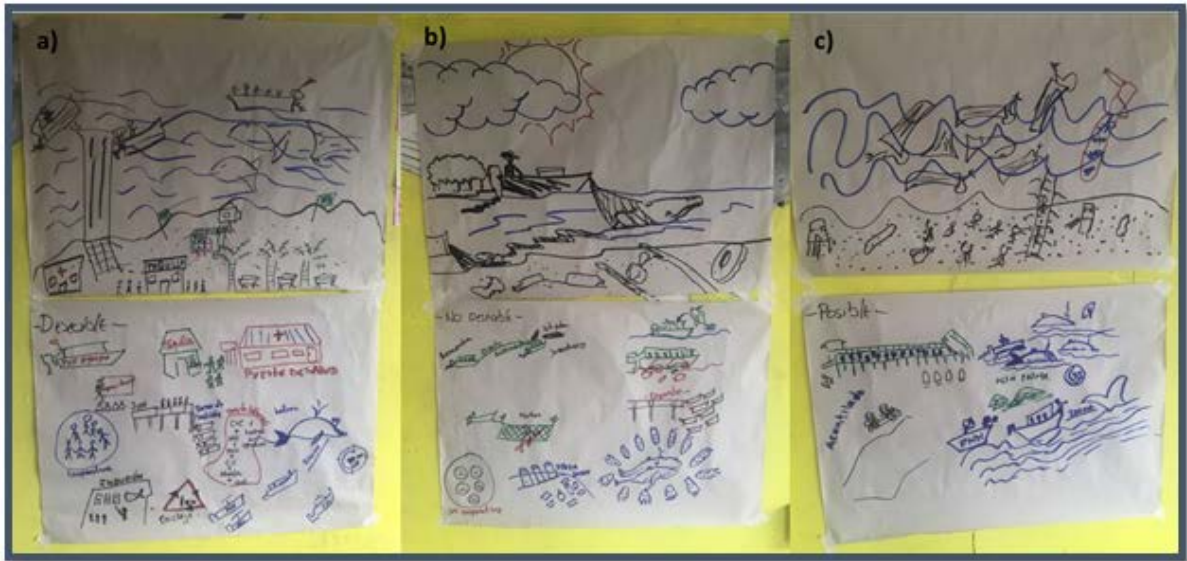
Result of the network among actors corresponding to the management of whale watching in Bahía Málaga. In yellow are the environmental interpreters, in blue the boat drivers, in green the hotels and in red the answers of all.



Interviews made by the team of the project to representatives of the entities of the CVC, the Community Council of La Barra and the National Navy.



Workshop session with the assistants of the different entities and groups.



Joint construction of the possible scenarios of whale watching. a) desirable scenario, b) undesirable scenario and c) possible scenario.