**Draft Consent Form**

Conservation, Markets and Justice: a comparative study of local and global conceptions

(For translation and tailoring to particular local research components)

My name is xxx and I am working for a research project that is looking at views about the management of the local environment, including forests. You have been selected by lottery to participate in this study and I now want to give you a bit more information about the project, give you a chance to ask any questions you have and then ask you whether you are happy to take part. Participation is completely voluntary and you are free to say that you do not wish to participate – either now or after I have given you further information.

[Interviewer – check respondent is happy to proceed at this point]

The research project involves collecting information about how local people view particular environmental management arrangements such as [*insert local example, e.g. Participatory Forest Management*]. We are interested in particular to know how you think about fairness – for example what are fair procedures for making decisions about managing the [*forest/park*] and what are fair ways to share benefits such as [e.g. income from tourism] and problems such as [crop damage from wild animals]. We are also interested to know more about local culture and in particular about views on the natural world and how it should be used and looked after.

We hope that this research will assist with the design of environmental management policies that are more in line with what local communities consider fair. We also hope that the findings will be of direct interest to some local people and will print leaflets that give information on what we find out about local environmental attitudes.

The research is organised by a UK university – the University of East Anglia – in partnership with [insert local partner – e.g. Kunming Institute of Botany]. Research is taking place in China, Tanzania and Venezuela. The results will be shared locally, at a national workshop in [e.g. Dar] and at an international event in the UK. We also expect to publish our findings. In addition to the leaflets we produce locally, we hope to publish a book and other academic works.

The information from your interview would contribute to this but you would not be named. All information will be treated confidentially and anything made public will always be anonymous. For example, if we wanted to repeat something that you say, we would refer to you using a code, such as ‘Interview 34 told us ...’.

If you are willing to participate, you will initially be agreeing to an interview that will last between 1 and 2 hours. You will later be invited to participate in a second research event, and possibly a third after that. For the moment though, we are seeking permission for the first interview only.

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE AND HAVE MEETINGS DIGITALLY RECORDED

The research information was presented in written form and read to me. Anything I did not understand was explained and all my questions were answered. I understand I can withdraw my participation at any time and any or all of the information which I give before [DATE]

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I, …………………………….. agree/disagree to participate in the study and agree/disagree to have the meetings digitally recorded.

(VERBAL)

Signature of Researcher/Research Assistant:

Date:

Contact Details

If you have any questions after the interview, you may contact:

Local contact person:

[name, organisation, phone number]

UK contact person:

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