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Title: Survey of local perceptions of the livelihood and conservation benefits delivered by small-scale livelihood projects in eastern Madagascar (NE/K010115)

This archive consists of (a) accompanying documents and (b) the primary dataset for the survey of local perceptions of the livelihood and conservation benefits delivered by microprojects in the Ankeniheny Zahemena Corridor (CAZ), Madagascar, conducted as part of work package 6 (WP6) of the p4GES project (Can capturing global ecosystem service values reduce poverty [p4ges project] (http://p4ges.org). WP6 is concerned with the socio-economic aspects of the research undertaken within p4ges project.

The objective of the survey was to document local perceptions of both the livelihood and conservation benefits delivered by small-scale livelihood projects (‘microprojects’) that had been conducted in the CAZ region from 2010 to 2014, and to examine how the type of livelihood project (e.g., agriculture, beekeeping, fish farming or livestock production) influenced the benefits obtained. The survey included questions about how the small-scale livelihood projects were chosen, participation in the livelihood projects, perceived livelihood benefits provided by the projects, perceived negative impacts of the projects on livelihoods, levels of participant satisfaction with the way in which projects were implemented, and links between microprojects and conservation outcomes. It also included basic socioeconomic information about participants. The data was collected between Sept and November 2015 and was comprised of surveys of 611 participants who had participated in 61 microprojects (including 16 agricultural projects, 10 beekeeping projects, 17 fish farming projects and 18 livestock projects).

The folder structure of the uploaded files is as follows:

Current location (ReadMe) -|

- Study outline and methodology- word document

- Participant questionnaire MG\*\*: a word document containing the questionnaire in Malagasy (includes consent form)

- Participant questionnaire EN\*\*: a word document containing the questionnaire in English (includes consent form)

- Survey – a zipped file containing:

database (anonymized)- an excel file containing the primary data base

variable description and coding (variable codes)- an excel file

#### (a) Accompanying documents

- \*\*Study outline and methodology\*\*: A 5-page description of research questions, approach and data collection methods, including a figure of approximate location of sampled participants.

- \*\*Participant questionnaire MG\*\*: A 19-page document containing the original Malagasy-language questionnaire used in the household surveys. This includes the consent form (pages 3-4) which was read out to the participants for oral consent prior to the interviews (as approved by Bangor University's Research Ethics procedures). DONE.

- \*\*Participant questionnaire EN\*\*: A 19-page document containing the English translation of the Malagasy questionnaire used in the household surveys and the consent form (page 3) read out to the participants for oral consent prior to the interviews (as approved by Bangor University's Research Ethics procedures).

#### (b) Primary data

- \*\*Database\*\* Primary data from the household surveys (anonymized) is stored in an excel workbook that consists of 2 sheets (one sheet ‘notes on database- please read’ that includes some helpful notes on the data base and explains the use of colour coding in the column headings of the database; the second sheet ‘database’ with the primary data)

- \*\*Variable description and coding\*\* -an excel worksheet that lists all variables in the data, their origin, the household survey question variables respond to, their position in the data set, definitions of variables and response codes