

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE TO THE RESEARCH

[To be carried on in Spanish-original Spanish version]

Household survey, mapping exercise

You have been selected to participate in this survey because you and your family live in this community. If there is anything you don't understand please ask before you decide if you want to participate or not.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

Fundación Natura Bolivia is a non-governmental organization working on environmental issues with the objective to improve life quality of the Bolivian population through conservation and sustainable development and supporting communities to conserve their water sources.

Before Natura starts this work in this area, we would like to understand the situation of the communities to make sure any future project in the area will take your needs into account and to see how the situation in the communities change through time. Together with researchers from USA and European universities, we designed a survey. We would like to collect information about your household, your land and your community.

PROCEDURES

If you are willing to participate, we request the following:

Today we will do a small household survey in which we will ask a series of questions about you, your household, and your farming practices. The survey should take about an hour. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions at the end of the survey.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary and you are free to decide whether to participate or not. If you decide to participate in the study, you may decide to withdraw at any time without penalty or consequences. The researcher may also withdraw you from the study if circumstances arise that require it.

During the survey, if you do not know the answer to any of the questions or prefer not to answer it, please indicate it and we will continue to the next question. You can stop the survey at any time.

PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

Your participation in the survey is voluntary and therefore you will not be paid for participating.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will be confidential.

An anonymous identifier number will be assigned to your survey responses that only our research team will know. Any survey results will be presented as a result of a large number of households to ensure that no household can be identified in the results. If Natura or researchers would like to use their responses to the survey for any purpose other than strictly academic or to design a future project, they will ask you for their permission in advance.

RELEVANT CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the research, please feel free to contact Maria Teresa Vargas, Director of Natura (mteresavargas@naturabolivia.org, Calle Moldes 620, Santa Cruz Bolivia or +591 3 339 5133).

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered satisfactorily and I agree to participate in:

___ the household survey

___ the mapping exercise

I have been given a copy of this form.

Name of Participant

Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

Signature of Participant or Legal Representative

Date

RESEARCHER SIGNATURE

In my judgment, the subject participates voluntarily, giving informed consent and has the legal capacity to deliver this informed consent to participate in this research study.

Signature of Investigator

Date