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**Fragility and the Sustainability of Environmental Resources**

Dear participant,

Greetings, this year the University of Mindanao and The Asia Foundation together with Universidad de los Andes, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and the Institute of Development Studies, has begun the study “**Fragility and the Sustainability of Environmental Resources”** in which you have been selected to participate.

**Study objectives**: The main goal of this study is to understand the relationship between a fragile and conflict affected social and political context, and the conservation of environmental resources. More specifically, the project seeks to understand how people involved in the preservation, regulation and exploitation of maritime resources, in particular fish, operate in contexts of armed conflict, where armed actors are present and can influence these activities. The purpose of the study is academic, and thus the information you provide will serve as input for the design of better public policies.

**Procedure:**

For our study, we are conducting interviews with people who have good knowledge of the project’s topic. This includes people who have good knowledge of the local social, economic, and political context, people who have good knowledge of the armed conflict, and people who have good knowledge of the fishing sector. It includes a wide range of professionals and civilians in these sectors. Because of your expertise and knowledge of the context and topic we have selected you for a quantitative household survey.

**Risks:** There are no risks for you or any member of your household related to this study.

**Benefits from the study:** Participating in the study will not grant you any direct benefits. However, the study will provide inputs for the better design of public policies.

**Costs:** Participating in the study will not have any associated costs.

**Willingness to participate:** Participating in this study is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time. This will not affect your future relation with the researchers and the institutions involved. If you do not wish to answer some of the questions feel free to inform the researchers which question you will not be answering.

The full survey, which should ideally be answered by the household head or spouse, will take around 1.5 hours. The household roster, which involves the participation of each member of the household, will take between 5 to 10 minutes per person.

**Confidentiality:** All the information you provide during the survey will be confidential and will only be used for academic purposes. The information will be reported at a group level, not individually. Your or any of your relatives’ names will not be used on any scientific publication.

**Questions:** If you have any additional question about the survey please contact ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at University of Mindanao (+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) If you have any questions about your rights as a participant of this study contact the Ethics Committee at la University of los Andes: email: [comite-etica-investigaciones@uniandes.edu.co](mailto:comite-etica-investigaciones@uniandes.edu.co)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY**

I certify that I know the [study name] in charge the University of Mindanao and The Asia Foundation in partnership with Universidad de los Andes, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and the Institute of Development Studies and I wish to be a participant.

Signing does not EXTIRPATE me from my legal rights. I will receive a copy of this document.

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