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WhyESPA Information Sheet for Research Participants

What is the purpose of this research?

This research is designed to further understanding of pro-poor rationales for conservation. The research is taking place with international conservation groups, and national level organisations in Bolivia, China, Nepal and Uganda. This sheet provides you with information about the research project, in order that you can decide whether to be involved.

This research is being undertaken by Dr Janet Fisher, University of Edinburgh, as part of a small team that also includes academics at the University of East Anglia (Dr Adrian Martin and Prof. Thomas Sikor), and a co-Investigator at the NGO Fauna and Flora International (Dr Helen Schneider). The research is funded through an award from the Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation group: www.espa.ac.uk. The results will be written up published in academic publications (journal or book form). You will have access to these publications when they are available. Please indicate on the consent form if you wish to be sent a copy.

What is involved?

Your participation in this research will include an in-depth interview and some time later a ranking exercise of statements related to the research. You may also be invited to participate in a workshop in the UK. All of these activities will be explained to you in full. You will have a choice regarding whether the interview will be recorded.

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary and you may decide to withdraw from the research process at any point before publication of the results. If you wish to do this, your interview transcript and recording (if applicable) will be destroyed.

Your responses will be treated in complete confidence and will be anonymised in the final report (please see below). Transcripts of your interview will be stored securely and will only be accessible to a small research team.

Note on anonymity

You have been asked to participate in this study due to your alignment with a particular organization. The sampled organisations will be named in the report. I am aware that for readers of the report who know the context of the research, it may be impractical to ensure your anonymity, although your name will not be published. In other words, readers who are aware of the context may recognise the views associated with you if they have prior knowledge of your involvement with the organisation. As such, it would be unrealistic of me to state that your involvement could not be recognised in the final report. Please consider this issue before giving your consent and ask me any questions that you might have.

Your participation is central to this research and I am very grateful for your assistance.

If you have any questions, now or at any point, please feel totally free to ask these. If you want to contact me later, my contact details are as follows: