Reference number:

**Participant Information Sheet**

Project name: Visualising and representing environmental change in island communities

I am a member of staff at the University of Reading in the UK. I am carrying out a research project that examines how X might change in the future and the effects that this might on island life in X and more widely in the Maldives.

To undertake this research, we are currently contacting people living in X. We would like to invite you to participate in an interview, which will take place outside your home and which will take approximately one hour of your time. You have been selected as you are a resident of X with particular knowledge of environmental change on the island and we are interested in your views and perceptions of how the island might change in the future. You are encouraged to freely express your opinions and please be assured that your views are valued and that there are no right or wrong answers to the questions asked.

In participating in this research, your identity will not be revealed to anyone other than the researchers conducting this survey. I will store your name and email address in case we need to contact you in the future. Your name and email address will be linked to your original responses by means of a keyed spreadsheet held separately. This spreadsheet and contact details will be password protected and the password known only to us and will not be shared with any third parties. The spreadsheet will be deleted at the end of the research project in December 2021. Your name and contact details will not be published as part of this research and it will not be possible to identify you from any of your responses.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and you are free to withdraw from the interview at any time you feel uncomfortable or unwilling to participate, and you do not have to specify a reason. Any in-part or total contribution can be withdrawn up until the point at which the results are analysed before 30 June 2021. After 30 June 2021 it will not be possible to withdraw your contribution from the results of the research. If you wish to withdraw, please contact Alex Arnall (details below), quoting the reference at the top of this page. The reference will only be used to identify your interview transcript and will not reveal any other information about you.

The discussion will be audio or video recorded if you agree, and the anonymised transcripts of the audio/video recordings will be used by Alex Arnall and Uma Kothari on the project. Data will be anonymised by: 1) removing all direct identifiers such as names; 2) replacing detailed geographical identifiers with pseudonyms; 3) redacting any other potentially sensitive information. The anonymised data will also be deposited in the UK Data Service ReShare Repository and made available to UK Data Service registered users for future research and learning. Once transcribed the original recordings will be deleted. Your anonymity will not be compromised as only the reference number above will be used to identify the transcript.

If at any stage you wish to receive further information about this research project, then please to not hesitate to contact me before 30 June 2021. The findings will be published in academic journals. This will not affect your anonymity.

All data that are collected on this project will be stored securely by Alex Arnall and Uma Kothari in electronic form on a password-protected computer or in hard copy version in a locked cupboard. These data will be destroyed no later than 31 December 2021. In addition, anonymised transcripts of the recordings will be deposited electronically into the UK Data Service Repository, as stated above.

By participating in this interview, you are acknowledging that you understand the terms and conditions of participation in this study and that you consent to these terms.

This research project has been reviewed according to the procedures specified by the University Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

Thank you very much for taking time to take part in this survey.

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Consent form addendum for data sharing purposes

I have had explained to me the how and why the anonymised data that I provide will be deposited into the UK Data Service ReShare Repository. I have received a copy of this Consent Form and of the accompanying modified Information Sheet and I agree to the arrangements described in the Information Sheet in so far as they relate to my participation.

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Address: ……………………………………………………………………………

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Date: ………………………………………………………………………………….