



PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION SHEET

Research title: A business case for private sector engagement in climate responsibility action for the protection of mangroves.

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Introduction: The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in this study on how the private sector can engage in climate responsibility action for mangrove protection. You should feel free to ask any questions that you might have. You should also be aware that you can choose to withdraw from this study at any time.

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to better understand the condition and incentives that cause businesses to adopt climate responsibility action for mangroves. We are trying to

understand the factors that are needed to ensure continued interest and viable support by businesses in long-term mangrove protection plans.

Study procedure: This project involves two components. All participants are firstly invited to complete the Survey component. Secondly, all participants are then invited to volunteer to take part in an interview. Those who give their consent will be contacted for setting the date, time and place for the interview.

• **Survey component** The Survey consists of a set of questionnaires. The questionnaires ask about your experience and knowledge in regard to how climate responsibility is viewed and adopted as a business value at your organization. It also includes questions about how you perceive your business as credible actor in mangrove protection efforts. You will also be asked for some demographic details (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, etc.)

• **Interview component** It is expected that the interview will take approximately 30-40 minutes, should you decide to participate, which will take place a few weeks after the survey.

Participation in the study: Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you in any way. Only people who give their informed consent will be included in the project. If you give informed consent to participate, you may still withdraw from the project at any time without giving a reason. You also have the option of withdrawing any data that may identify you.

Benefit to participants: There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. However, your input will provide vital information regarding the factors that may or may not influence better climate responsibility action in mangrove protection.

Risk of study: We believe participation in this study is of minimal risk. However, if you ever feel uncomfortable during the study, you are free to stop at any time. As with any study that collects information about you, there is possible risk of loss of confidentiality. However, as described below, we have taken several measures to help prevent this.

Confidentiality: Your answer and information will be kept confidential by the researchers and will not be made public unless disclosure is required by law. All information such as telephone number and email address, along with all data collected during the interview, will be treated confidentially and will be accessible only to the researcher.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or questions about this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the researchers listed in this document, then you may contact:

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By clicking “I agree” below you are indicating that you are at least 18 years old, have read and understood this consent form and agree to participate in this research study.

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

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