Participant Information Sheet – Individual interview with members of rural communities

**Study Title**: Preferences for forest ecosystem services

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I am a doctoral research student at the University of Southampton in the UK I am interested in understanding the role of forest resources in your community. I am specifically interested in understanding your preferences on management plans and rules implemented for the management of forest reserves.

I would like to discuss with you which might be future options for implementing co-management agreement in forest reserves areas currently managed by the state and which options members of the communities around the forest reserve area would prefer in terms of harvesting rules and access rights to forest areas.

In order to do this, I would like to perform individual interviews through a questionnaire to understand more specifically the relevance of forest resources and the impact on your welfare of different future management options for protected forest areas. This exercise should take 50 minutes. You will be compensated for your time and be given MK 250 for a 50 minutes interview.

This is a research project by the University of Southampton and we do not work for any governmental or non-governmental organisation to inform pending budget decision.

The information provided will be confidential. Any notes or recording we will make will be stored on a password-protected computer and your personal details will not be shared with anyone outside the research project. Some of the information you give us might be published without using your real name or any other information that might allow your identification. If during the interview you feel concerned about information that you are sharing feel free to stop and discuss with this us, if you wish to delete any of your responses just say so and we will delete any responses ensuring that we won’t publish the information you provided.

I would like to take pictures of you, your house and your village for dissemination purposes. I will use this picture in documents and presentations related to my research. If you give me consent to take pictures of you and the area surrounding your house then these images will be used in documents, presentations and any other documents that I will use to disseminate the results of my research.

You have the right to withdraw consent within two weeks from the interview without giving any reason.

If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research is conducted, you may contact the Research Governance Manager: +44 238 059 50 58 [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk)

If you have any further questions once you have read this information sheet or would like to find out more about the research, please get in contact with Ilda Dreoni: 0996815700 I.Dreoni@soton.ac.uk