**ORAL CONSENT FORM (***Version 10-02-14***)**

[To be used for groups of community members participating in PRA exercises. Consent form should be read out at the start of the exercise and consent recorded on a Dictaphone or witnessed by another researcher. Participant names should be recorded at the bottom of the sheet with signatures if participants are literate.]

**Introduction to the Research**:

[Use project information sheet]

In this exercise [insert name], we are interested in finding out more about …[adapt for each of the FGD protocols]…We have asked you to participate because…… [insert reason, e.g. village elders, men, women, particular livelihood or natural resource user group]. The exercise will take about 1.5 hours but you are free to leave at any time. Before we start we want to make sure that you understand the research we are doing and what we will do with the information we collect.

**Oral Consent Script**

1. We have given you some information about this research into how people manage and benefit from their natural resources. Did we make things clear? Do you want to ask us any questions about the study?

2. We will keep all the information you give us confidential. Any notes or recordings we make will be kept safe. We will not share your personal details or personal views with anyone else. Is that okay?

3. Some of the information you give us may be published, but your real name will not be used in relation to any of the information you have provided us, unless you tell us clearly that you want us to use your real name. Is that okay?

4. You should know that even though we will avoid including identifying information in any publication, there is still a possibility that people will recognise you by the things you say. If at any time you feel concerned about what you are saying being disclosed, please feel free to stop and talk to us about it. If you say something that you later think should be deleted from our discussion notes, just let us know. Is that clear?

5. If you mention anything you do not want us to publish, please say so and we will follow your request. Okay?

6. You can stop this discussion at any time, without giving us any reason. Okay?

7. We would like to record this discussion with a digital audio recorder. That way we can listen to the recording afterwards and catch things you say that we might not fully understand during the discussion, or might otherwise forget. Only people in our study team will be able to listen to the recording. Do you give us permission to record?

8. [If appropriate] If you agree, we would like to take some photos. We might use these in presentations or publications about this project. Is this okay?

9. Do you have any further questions? Can we start the discussion now?

Date:

Community name:

Researcher name(s) (signed to confirm oral consent was given):