Conservation Stewards Program

Conservation International and Keystone Foundation

Consent to participate in the study

Title of the study:

Interviewer: Organization: Phone:

Interviewee: Village: Phone:

**Introduction:**

* You are being asked to be in a survey relating to fuel wood consumption and livestock grazing
* You were selected as a possible participant because we would like to interview at least 50% of the population both men, women, young and old about how their opinion on collection of fuel wood and livestock grazing methods within the village
* This is in Tamil and you can read this form and ask us any kind of questions that you may have before agreeing to be in the survey
* The information you give will be kept with utmost confidentiality and will not be disclosed to the third party. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone.
* If your identity is revealed then the copy of the material will be given to you for review and your approval before publishing.
* We would like to record the interview through audio tape recorder. This is because we do not misinterpret your words or statements and will be documented accurately.
* All the electronic information will be coded and secured using a password protected files. The video and audio files accesses are restricted to the project personnel and will be used for mainly educational purposes.
* If you do not wish to be on tape, you can deny the participation at any time.
* The decision to participate in the survey is entirely up to you. If you feel any discomfort and uncomfortable during the interview, you can at any point withdraw from the interview. You have the right not to answer to any single question or withdrwal completely from the interview. You can also request to not use the information you have provided to not be used by the interviewer.
* You have the right to ask questions about the survey to me any time during or after the survey.
* Your signature below indicates that you have decided to volunteer as a respondent for this survey and that you have been given all information and also read and understood the information provided. You will be given a signed and dated copy of this form to keep, along with any other printed materials deemed necessary by the study surveyors.

Interviewee Name: Interviewee Signature: Date:

Interviewer Name: Interviewer Signature: Date: