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Focus Group Discussion: Forest management

Objective:

1. To identify how people manage their different natural resources (especially timber or other forest related resources).
2. To understand village regulations toward the natural resources utilization and thus future natural resource management.

Participants: 10 respondents (try to have a representation of all type of forest stakeholders)

Duration: ± 2.5 hours

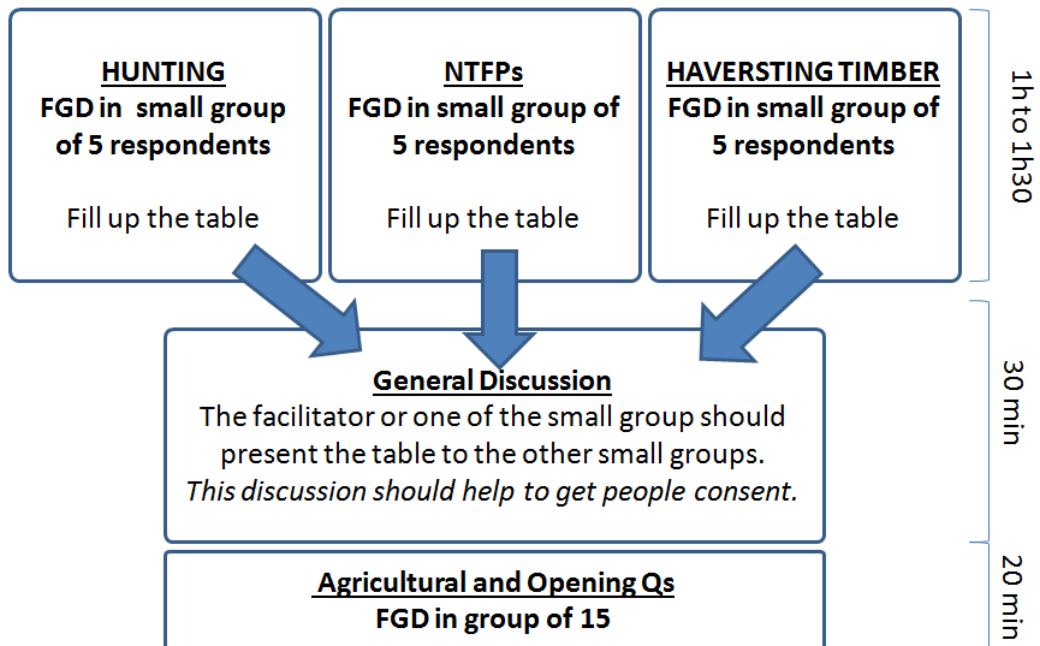
Ask for consent from participants and get approval to start FGD

GUIDELINES:

The facilitator should group the participants into three different groups based on their work/occupation (e.g, hunters, NTFP gatherers, timber harvester, etc.) to answer the questions in each section. In each sub-groups, participants will discuss related topics and fill in the table together with a facilitator. After discussion, the results will be presented in front of the other groups for clarification and discussion. Maybe new inputs will be added to each table. The final section on “agricultural practices” is additional; and can be discussed in the general group discussion.

During the discussion, one facilitator should fill the table accordingly for participants to follow the questions asked. Additionally, participatory maps can be used to help participants in pointing out where they carry out their activities.

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FGD in group of 15 respondents



Brief introduction to explain the following questions on hunting: Questions below aim to understand how villagers manage hunting activities and to understand actions taken to maintain the animal population.

A- Hunting (Optional for Java if there is no hunting activity)

Questions	Position in the table
1- Do you usually hunt in the forest? If yes, what kind of animal do you hunt ? And for what purpose ? [If the purpose is for selling ask the price]	Column 1
2 Are there any species of animal you are prohibited from hunting?	Column 3
3- Is there a season for hunting these animals (mentioned in No. 1)? How often do you hunt during this season?	Column 2
4- Is hunting conducted collectively or individually ? [Ask in detail if they are going as a group or individually, and if they share their game among themselves]	-

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- 5- Do you **share information** on hunting practices with anyone else such as hunting location? To **whom** you do share that information? What information is shared? -
- 6- Are there commonly understood **rules for hunting** animals in your village territory? Are these rules produced by the village community or the government? (if there is any related documents, take a picture) -
- a- Is there any time limitation **when** you can hunt the animals mentioned in No. 1? (E.g. forbidden to hunt during a particular season, etc.). Please explain. *Column 3*
- b- Are you allowed to hunt animal **anywhere** or are there territorial limitations for the animals mentioned in No. 1? If yes, where? (Look at the map to get exact example of locations where hunting regulations applied). Please explain. *Column 3 & 4*
- c- Are there restrictions or limitations for **village outsiders** to hunt animals in your village territory? If yes, explain especially about the animal mentioned in No.1, and also the general restrictions. *Column 3 & 4*
- d- *For the above mentioned rules, are there any **sanctions** if someone violates them?* *Column 3 & 4*

In the following questions, we are interested to see if people have active management over games and what strategy they use to maintain the population of these resources?

7- Have you observed any **decrease** in the population of those animals that you hunt mentioned in No. 1? If yes, what could be the reasons of this decrease? (Over-hunting, poaching in the restricted area, disease, etc.). If there is a decrease in animal populations others than the ones mentioned in No. 1 please mention those animals.

Column 5

8- Are you actively involved in efforts to prevent decrease in the number (population) of hunted animals? If yes, please explain the preventive activities that you do? If not, why? If there are actions that you undertake to limit the decrease of population of animals other than the ones mentioned in No. 1, please mention those actions.

Column 5

9- How do you know the reasons for these animal population decreases?

10- How do you measure or **assess the number** /amount of a certain animal population?

11- Do you **report** to someone if you find changes in the animal population mentioned in No. 1? If yes, to whom? What information is shared?

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Table 1 – Hunting						
¹Type of resources (and purpose)	²Seasonality & Frequency	³Limitations		⁴Permissions		⁵Response to decrease (management actions)
		Rules (made by whom)	To whom does it apply	Rules (made by whom)	To whom does it apply	

Brief introduction to explain the following questions on NTFPs: The following questions aim to understand how people collect Non Forest Timber Products (NFTPs) and to know if they have particular regulations and if they observe or measure change in the availability of these products and take active measure to prevent decrease.

B- Collecting non-timber forest products (NTFPs) (including firewood)

Questions	Position in the table
12. Do you collect forest products (besides wood) which you did not plant? If yes, what do you collect (5 important products)? And for what purpose? (If for selling, ask the price)	Column 1
13. Is there any forest product (besides wood) from the NTFPs mentioned in No. 12 that is prohibited to take? Please mention, if there are some that are prohibited but not mentioned in No. 12	Column 3&4
14. Is there a season/proper time for collecting NTFPs mentioned in No. 12? How often do you collect these products?	Column 2
15. Do you collect these forest product collectively or individually (NTFPs mentioned in No, 12)? Do you share the products you gathered with your family or anyone else in the village?	-
16. Do you share information about NTFPs mentioned in No. 12 (e.g. location where you can collect them)? If yes, with whom do you share this information? What kind of information do you share?	-

17. Are there commonly understood **rules for collecting NTFPs** in your village territory? Are these rules produced by the village community or the government? (if there is any related documents, take a picture) *Column 3 & 4*
- a. Is there any time limitation on **when** you can collect NTFPs mentioned in No. 12 (E.g. prohibition to collect during a certain season, etc.) Please explain. *Column 3 & 4*
- b. Are you allowed to collect NTFPs **anywhere** or are there areas/ places that are limited for collecting NTFPs mentioned in No. 12? If yes, where? (Look at the map to get examples of places where NTFP regulations applied). Please explain this regulation. *Column 3 & 4*
- c. Are there restrictions or limitations for village outsiders to collect NTFPs in your village territory? *Column 3 & 4*
- d- For the above mentioned rules, are there any **sanctions** if someone violates them? *Column 3 & 4*
- In the following questions, we are interested to see if people have active management for NTFPs and what strategy they use to maintain these resources.*
18. Is there any **decrease** in the number of NTFPs mentioned in No. 12? If yes, what could be the reasons? (Seasonality, over-collecting, disease, etc...) How do you respond to these different reasons? Do you take **active measure** to avoid this decrease or to manage this product? *Column 5*

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19. If there is a decrease in NTFPs mentioned in No. 12, explain what prevention activities have been undertaken? If there are no prevention activities, please explain why?

20. *How do you measure the total amount of these NTFPs mentioned in No. 12?*

Column 5

21. *Do you report to the community if there is any decrease in the amount of NTFPs mentioned in No. 12?*

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Table 2 – NTFPs						
¹Type of resources (and purpose)	²Seasonality & Frequency	³Limitations		⁴Permissions		⁵Response to decrease (management actions)
		Rules (made by who)	To whom does it applied	Rules (made by who)	To whom does it applied	

Brief introduction to explain the following questions on timber harvesting: The following questions aim to understand how people are regulating timber harvesting in their village. It is also to understand if there are active management activities of these resources to prevent decrease.

C- Harvesting timber

Questions	Position in the table
22. What kind of trees do you usually cut in your village? (please mention 5 most important and often cut and used trees by villagers)	Column 1
23. What do you use the timber for (main reasons)? (If the purpose is to sell ask the price)	Column 1
24. Where do you find these trees in this village territory (see map to get a picture of locations where people collect these woods)? Are there any particular reasons why they are in those locations?	-
25. How do you select the trees mentioned in No. 22 before cutting? (What criteria do you use)	-
26. Is harvesting timber conducted collectively or individually ? If collectively, do you share the benefits from the timber?	-
	Column 3 &

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| 27. What tools do you use to cut timber? | 4 |
| 28. Are there any commonly understood rules in your village that regulates the amount of trees mentioned in No.22 that one person can collect? And who is making these regulations? | |
| 29. Is there any information or reporting on the amount (volume and price) of timber mentioned in No. 22 which are harvested and used in this village? From where this information available? | Column 3 &
4 |
| 30. Do you take any active measure to ensure that timber mentioned in No. 22 will be available in the village? | Column 5 |
| <i>Here we are interested to see if people have active management over timber and what strategy they use to maintain the tree population.</i> | |
| 31. Do you share information or report about timber or trees availability in the village? If yes, what information? With whom ? How often (frequency)? | - |
| 32. Are any other groups from outside your village that collects timber in your village territory? (From what village? Timber companies? Oil palm companies? Mining companies? NGO organizations? Local or national government?) | Column 3 &
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33. *How do you respond to the presence of these outsider groups mentioned in No. 32? Is there any sanction or request of payment?*

Column 5

34. *What is your **experience in selling timber** to companies or traders outside the village? How much do you sell it for (for timber mentioned in No. 22 and other types? To which company?*

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Table 3 - HARVESTING TIMBER						
¹Type of resources (and purpose)	²Seasonality & Frequency	³Limitations		⁴Permissions		⁵Response to decrease (management actions)
		Rules who made it)	For whom?	Who made it?	For whom?	

Brief introduction to explain the following questions on agricultural practices: The following questions aim to understand the rural agricultural practices and expected trends in the future and to see how those practices might affect forest cover.

D. Agriculture

35. What are the 5 most important main crops that you commonly grow?

36. How do you choose the land to plant these crops? Where is the location?

37. How long do you use the same location for the farming practice? How do you maintain the farming locations? DO you manage your crops individually or in groups? (Starting from land preparation, planting, maintenance, harvesting and selling)

38. Do you have any plans to plant any other crop in future? If yes, what will you plant? Do you need more land? If yes, where will you plant?

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Table 1 – AGRICULTURE						
¹Type of crops (objective)	²Season and Frequency	³Limitation		⁴Licensing		⁵ Response to decrease (management actions)
		Regulations (made by?)	Made for what?	Regulations (made by?)	Made for what?	