

## **Attitudes and perceived barriers to women participating in a proposed community-based conservation programme in Belize**

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL Interview questions administered to 47 participants in January 2015 in communities adjacent to the Vaca Forest Reserve in the Cayo District of Belize. Parentheses indicate interviewer cues.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about the following questions.

1. a. What are some of the major issues and concerns in your community?  
b. Are there any specific environmental concerns?
2. a. Are you aware of the Vaca Forest Reserve? (If no, skip to 3.)  
b. Do you know what protections the Vaca Forest Reserve provides for the forest?  
c. Do you get any benefits or incur any costs because of the forest protection?
3. a. What role do men currently/traditionally play in regard to the forest?  
b. What role do women play?
4. a. Do you know what a conservation programme is? (Explain, if no)  
b. Are you aware of any conservation programmes or groups in the area? What are they?  
c. Are you involved in any conservation programmes or efforts? What are they?  
d. What type of conservation programme might you be interested in participating in?  
e. Are you aware of the Friends of the Vaca Forest Reserve conservation group? (If no, skip to 5)  
f. Do you think that your community is benefiting from this programme?
5. a. Do you think the women in the area would be interested in participating in a conservation programme?  
b. What types of projects do you think the women in your community would be most interested in?  
c. Do you have any ideas of ways women could sustainably use resources that are currently found in the Vaca Forest Reserve for subsistence and profit?  
d. Are there any forest products that you feel could be harvested to make a profit?  
  
(If the respondent is male, use 'women', if the respondent is female use 'you'.)
6. a. What do you believe are the advantages of (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?  
b. What do you believe are the disadvantages of (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?  
c. Is there anything else you would like to share about (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?

7.
  - a. Are there any individuals or groups who would approve of (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?
  - b. Are there any individual or groups who would disapprove of (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?
  - c. Is there anything else you can add about other people's views about (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?
  
8.
  - a. What factors or circumstances would enable (you or women) to participate in a conservation programme?
  - b. What factors or circumstances would make it difficult or impossible for (you or women) to participate in a conservation programme?
  - c. Are there any other issues that come to mind when you think about (you or women) participating in a conservation programme?