APPENDIX I

Interview guide (for informants)

General information

Name: Religion:
Age: Educational qualification:
Sex: Occupation:
Marital status: Place of birth:
Number of household members: Place of residence:
Mother tongue: Duration of stay:
Ethnic identity: Place of interview:

1. What do you understand by forests?
2. Do you think that forests are resources? Why and how?
3. What do you understand by deforestation?
4. Do you think there has been deforestation in Horro Guduru? Yes/No
5. If “Yes”, what do you think about the main causes of the deforestation?
6. Can you mention some sites of deforestation in Horro Guduru?
7. How do you evaluate the rate of deforestation in Horro Guduru? (i) Very low (ii) Low (iii) High (iv) Very high
8. What possible solutions do you suggest for minimising the rate of deforestation?
9. What do you know about process(s) of deforestation in Horro Guduru?
10. How do you evaluate the consequences of deforestation in Horro Guduru?
11. Do you think some forestlands of the Horro Guduru have been converted to other non-forest land use purposes? Yes/No
12. If “Yes”, what do you think were the major factors for the conversion?
13. Can you mention those erstwhile forestlands which have been converted to other land use system(s)?
14. Do you think the lost forestlands would be regenerated and maintained along with the available ones? Why and how?
15. Do you know forest policy? Yes/No
16. If “Yes”, since when do you know it? (i) since 1880s (ii) since 1974 (iii) since 1991 (iv) since 2007
17. How do you evaluate the formulation and implementation of forest policy in view of local peoples’ participation? (i) effective local peoples’ participation in implementation (ii) effective local peoples’ participation in practice (iii) effective local peoples participation in both implementation and practice (iv) I have no idea
18. Do you think there has been effective cross-sectoral linkage between different state policies like agricultural policy, land use policy, and forest policy to safeguard forest resources? Yes/No
19. If “Yes”, how do you evaluate the effectiveness therein?
20. Do you know any state protected forest resource in Horro Guduru? Yes/No
21. If “Yes”, how do you evaluate the effectiveness of the protection? (i) poor (ii) very poor (iii) satisfactory (iv) good (v) very good (vi) I have no idea
22. Do you think that your customs have lived in tune with the sustainability of forests overtime? Why and how?
23. Can you mention some specific evidences of your forest/tree friendly customs?
24. Do you think your forest-friendly customs (if any) have been jeopardized because of some external forces? Yes/No
25. If “Yes”, what major external forces do you see as major problems to your forest-friendly (if any) customs?