APPENDIX

APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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RESEARCH GUIDE

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INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR ADULT VILLAGERS LIVING IN

AND AROUND THE SACRED GROVES OF THANE DISTRICT

I – IDENTIFICATION

1.1) BLOCK (TALUKA): ______________________

1.2) VILLAGE: ______________________

1.3) PADIA (HAMLET): ______________________

1.4) SACRED GROVE: ______________________

1.5) DEITY: ______________________

II – PERSONAL INFORMATION

2.1) NAME: ___________________________________________________

2.2) AGE: ______________________

2.3) GENDER: MALE _______ FEMALE _______

2.4) COMMUNITY: TRIBAL _______ RURAL CASTE _______

2.5) EDUCATION: ILLITERATE _____ POST GRADUATE _____

PRIMARY (1 – 4) _____ DIPLOMA _____

SECONDARY (5 – 10) _____

HIGHER SECONDARY (11-12) _____

UNDER GRADUATE _____
2.6) MAIN OCCUPATION ____________________

SUBSIDIARY OCCUPATION ____________________

2.7) ANNUAL INCOME FROM MAIN OCCUPATION ___________________

ANNUAL INCOME FROM SUBSIDIARY OCCUPATION ___________________

III) – ECONOMIC STATUS:

3.1) DO YOU OWN LAND?   YES _____    NO ______

IF NOT IS YOUR LAND RENTED ______

3.2) DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN HOUSE?   YES _____    NO ______

IF NOT IS YOUR HOUSE RENTED ______

3.3) DO YOU OWN A VEHICLE?    YES _____    NO ______

WHAT KIND?  BICYCLE _____

MOTOR BIKE ______

SCOOTER ______

JEEP ______

ANY OTHER ______

3.4) DO YOU SELL OR BARTER FOREST PRODUCE?    YES _____    NO ______

3.5) WHAT PRODUCE?   FUEL WOOD ____TIMBER ____

HONEY _______ FRUIT ______

GRASS _______ GUM ______

MAHUA FLOWERS ______

BAMBOO ______

KARVY STICKS ______

3.6) DO YOU GROW VEGETABLES TO SELL?    YES _____    NO ______

3.7) INCOME FROM THE SAME PER DAY? ________________

IV) LIVING CONDITIONS:

4.1) DRINKING WATER SOURCE     WELL ____ TAP _____ BORE WELL _____

HAND PUMP _____ RIVER _____ STREAM ______

4.2) FACILITY OF TOILETS?    YES _____    NO _____
4.3) TYPE OF HOUSE

KARVY STICKS, ROOF TILES AND MUD FLOOR ______
BAMBOO STRIPS, ROOF TILES AND MUD FLOOR ______
ROUGH BRICK, ROOF TILES AND MUD FLOOR ______
BRICK AND CEMENT ________

4.4) ELECTRICITY FACILITY

AVAILABLE _______ NOT AVAILABLE _______

V) TRANSPORT FACILITY

5.1) IS YOUR VILLAGE NEAR THE HIGHWAY? YES ____ NO ______
5.2) WHAT IS THE DISTANCE OF YOUR VILLAGE FROM THE HIGHWAY?
0 – 5 kms ______ 5 – 10 kms ______ 10 – 15 kms _______ Over 15 kms ______
5.3) WHAT IS THE MODE OF TRANSPORT USED BY YOU?
WALK _____ ST BUS _______ SHARE A RICKSHAW ______
BICYCLE _______ TUMTUM _____ JEEP TAXI ______
5.4) DO YOU FIND TRAVELLING DIFFICULT? YES ____ NO _____
5.5) DO YOU FIND TRAVELLING EXPENSIVE? YES ____ NO _____

VI) EDUCATION FACILITY

6.1) WHAT IS THE EDUCATION FACILITY IN YOUR VILLAGE?
PRIMARY _____ SECONDARY _______ HIGHER SECONDARY _______
VII) HEALTH

7.1) IS THERE A PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IN YOUR VILLAGE? YES ___ NO __

7.2) HOW FAR IS THE NEAREST HOSPITAL?

0 – 5 kms ___ 5 – 10 kms_____ 10 – 15 kms ______ Over 15 kms ______

7.3) DO YOU PREFER TO VISIT THE VAIDU WHEN YOU ARE ILL?

YES _____ NO _____

VIII) DEPENDENCE ON FORESTS:

8.1) DO YOU GO TO THE FOREST TO TAKE MINOR PRODUCE? YES ___ NO __

8.2) WHAT DO YOU TAKE FROM THE FOREST?

Grass _____ Fuel wood _____ Timber _____ Karvy Sticks _____
Honey _____ Medicinal Plants _____ Gum _____ Fruits _____ Bamboo _____

8.3) IS THIS FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION ONLY? YES ___ NO __

IF NOT, WHICH PRODUCT DO YOU SELL? ______________________________

IX) RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GROVE

9.1) WHO IS THE OWNER OF YOUR SACRED GROVE?

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY _____ GROUP OF FAMILIES _____ WHOLE VILLAGE _____
FOREST DEPARTMENT _____ PRIVATE TRUST _____

9.2) IS THE GROVE MAINTAINED BY THE OWNERS ONLY? YES _____ NO _____

9.3) IS YOUR DEITY FIERCE? YES ___ NO _____

9.4) IS THERE A PRIEST TO CONDUCT CEREMONIES IN THE GROVE?

YES _____ NO _____
9.5) WHAT CEREMONIES ARE CONDUCTED IN THE GROVE?
SOWING AND PLANTING (SAATH) _______ HARVEST (SAATH) _______
BOGHADA (MASK FESTIVAL) ________ WAGH BARAS _______
GAON BANDHINI _______ WEDDING BLESSINGS _______

9.6) ARE FUNDS COLLECTED FOR THE CEREMONIES?  YES _____ NO _____
PER HOUSE _____ PER INDIVIDUAL _______

9.7) IS THE AMOUNT FIXED FOR ALL?  YES _____ NO _____

9.8) DO PEOPLE GIVE WHATSOEVER IS AFFORDABLE? YES _____ NO _____

9.9) ARE THE FUNDS SUFFICIENT?  YES _____ NO _____

9.10) WHY DO YOU CONDUCT THESE CEREMONIES?
GOOD HARVEST _____ GOOD RAINFALL _______ GOOD HEALTH _____
HEALTHY CATTLE _____ TO KEEP GODS HAPPY ______
ANY OTHER __________________________

9.11) DOES THE WHOLE VILLAGE MEET HERE? YES _____ NO _____

9.12) DO ALL COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER FROM ALL HAMLETS AROUND THE GROVE?  YES _____ NO _____

9.13) IS THERE ANY PERENNIAL WATER SOURCE IN OR NEAR THE GROVE?
YES _____ NO _____

9.14) CAN YOU USE IT? YES _____ NO _____ ONLY IN EMERGENCY ______

9.15) ARE YOU ALLOWED TO
a) CUT TREES IN THE GROVE?  YES _____ NO _____
b) PICK UP FALLEN LEAVES?  YES _____ NO _____
c) TAKE BRANCHES OF TREES?  YES _____ NO _____
9.16) HOW DOES YOUR DEITY PUNISH THOSE WHO DISOBEY?

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9.17) CAN WOMEN ENTER THE GROVE? YES _____ NO ______
WHEN NOT __________________________________________________________________________

9.18) CAN WOMEN CONDUCT RITUALS? YES _____ NO ______

9.19) DO YOU VISIT THE GROVE REGULARLY? YES _____ NO ______

9.20) DAILY _____ WEEKLY _____ MONTHLY _____ ONCE A YEAR _____

9.21) DO YOU LIKE TO SIT HERE? YES _____ NO ______

9.22) IF YES WHY DO YOU LIKE TO SIT HERE?
PEACEFUL _____ SECURE _____ BOND WITH GOD _____

9.23) WHAT DOES THE DEITY EXPECT FROM YOU?

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9.24) ANY EXPERIENCES YOU CAN RELATE ABOUT THE GROVE AND THE DEITY?
APPENDIX 2
INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR PRIESTS/BHAGATS

TALUKA ______________ VILLAGE ______________ DEITY ___________

NAME OF GROVE ________________________________

Personal Details:   Name ________________________________

                        Age______________ Tribe and Community_________________

1) For how long have you been the priest here?

2) Has your family been the ancestral priestly family here?

3) If yes, for how many generations?

4) If not, who was here before you? What community?

5) What can you tell about the Deity/goddess?

6) Why is the deity in the grove? Why not inside a temple?

7) Is the deity fierce?

8) What does the deity want from the people? From you? From the grove?

9) Does the deity want the grove to remain as it is?

10) Are there any annual rituals and festivals in the grove conducted for the deity? If yes what kind? How often? Who conducts them? Which communities attend?

11) Where do all the funds come for the festivals, for grove and deity maintenance?
12) Are these funds sufficient?

13) Are there any rules, taboos that the people have to follow specifically?

14) What are they?

15) If they do not follow these rules, would the deity punish them? If yes, how?

16) Are the people afraid to disobey?

17) Can you relate some incidents of punishment by the deity in case of disobedience?

18) Are the animal sacrifices conducted by yourself? If not, by whom?

19) Have the rituals to be conducted in a specific manner only? Why?

20) Do you feel that the people have the same reverence for the deity and the grove as they did ten years ago? If yes, why? If not, why not?

21) Is it necessary to protect and restore the sacred grove? If yes, why? If not, why not?

22) Do you know what each stone icon demarcates in the grove/ e.g. ancestors, land owners, etc.?

23) Who looks after the deity?

24) After how many years do you change the deity?
APPENDIX III

INTERVIEW GUIDE

FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSION – YOUTH

Village _______ Taluka _______ Names of Participants: __________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Age of Participants: 12 – 15 years _______ 15 – 19 years _______

1  -  Level of Education

2  -  Opinions on their Sacred Grove and their Deity.

3  -  Value of the same, do you feel this is important. If yes, why yes? If not, why not?

4  -  What do they feel is happening today with respect to the grove?

5  -  Do they participate in annual festivals and sacrifices?

6  -  What do they feel about these?

7  -  Who talks more about the Grove and the deity?

8  -  Who knows more about the Grove and the deity?

9  -  Do you feel that the deity is contributing to conservation (environment)? If yes, how and if not why not?

10 -  Are you taught anything about this in school?

11 -  Are you afraid to disobey the rules of the grove and the deity?

12 -  Do you feel that the community can do without the grove? If yes why yes and if not why not?

13 -  What do you want in life? What are your aims?

14 -  Do you face any problems because you have to obey certain rules and regulations?

15 -  What kind of problems do you face?

16 -  Do you feel that the grove maintenance is necessary?
    If yes, why yes? If not, why not?

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APPENDIX IV

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Taluka ____________  Village ____________  Grove ____________
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FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSION – WOMEN

1 - Is the Sacred Grove important to you? How important?

2 - Are women allowed to go in there?

3 - What about menstruating women? Widows? Childless Women? Women who have delivered a child?

4 - What are the problems faced by the menstruating women?

5 - Why do you think menstruating women are not allowed in the grove?

6 - Do you feel that this affects you adversely in any way?

7 - How often do you go to pray in the Grove?

8 - What is the contribution of women towards the grove?

9 - What tasks do they perform with relation to grove maintenance, annual festivals etc.?

10 - Do any women perform black magic in or around the grove? If yes, what kind? Why?

11 - Are women allowed to conduct rituals in the grove?

12 - Do you feel that women should be allowed to do this?

Name and Age of Participants:
APPENDIX V

INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR CHIEF CONSERVATION OFFICER, THANE

1) What is the forest cover of India today?

2) What is the forest cover of Thane District today?

3) Do you feel that Bio diversity is under threat?

4) Given the current situation, how important is biodiversity conservation today?

5) How much of Thane’s forest cover falls under protected area?

6) Do you know how many sacred groves are there in Thane District?

7) How important do you feel are sacred groves for biodiversity conservation?

8) What is the role of the State in sacred grove protection?

9) What is the percentage of funds allotted for sacred grove protection?

10) Is there a separate department for sacred grove conservation?

11) Are sacred groves in Thane under threat today?

12) What is your view about the Joint Forest Management scheme?
APPENDIX VI

MAP OF THANE DISTRICT OUTLINING THE SACRED GROVES COVERED BY THE RESEARCHER

(SACRED GROVES HAVE BEEN CIRCLED IN BLACK)
APPENDIX VII

TALUKA AND VILLAGE WISE SACRED GROVES COVERED BY THE RESEARCHER (The Villages have been listed as per visit).

Villages with tick mark and in bold lettering are the every 8th Grove chosen through Random Systematic Sampling.

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**APPENDIX VIII**

**SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF INTERACTION WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS**

![Village Gunj Kathi, Wada Taluka](image1)

![Village Nane, Wada Taluka](image2)

![Village Suponda, Wada Taluka](image3)

![Village Suponda, Wada Taluka](image4)
Village Gaigota, Wada Taluka

Village Deherze, Vikramgad Taluka

Village Malvade, Vikramgad Taluka

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Village Dhondamaryachimeth, Mokhada Taluka

All the little children of Dhondamaryachimeth
Interaction with the women, Village Kaasna, Bhiwandi

Interaction with women, Village Saatgaon, Shahpur

In the house of the owner of Shedoba Grove, Murbad Taluka, Village Umbroli – Kurdh.

Interaction with the women and children, Murbad Taluka, Village Umbroli – Kurdh.
Village Kasatvadi, Taluka Jawhar
Village Theronda, Taluka Dahanu, inside Barkat Dev Mandir with children

Village Pola, Palghar Taluka, with some children of Rokhadpada

Village Pola, Palghar Taluka, Viewing the grove with villagers