

**SOCIAL AND BIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF OIL PALM (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.)
PLANTATIONS IN THE EASTERN BRAZILIAN AMAZON**

Biological and Conservation

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Informed Consent Form

My name is [interviewer's name] and I am from [name of institution]. I would like to interview you as part of a study, to help me understand how the development of [bioenergy form] is occurring in this area, the changes associated with it, and how it affects people's lives. This is part of a larger research project that investigates the development of bioenergy in the Americas.

The interview will take up to an hour. I am going to ask you several questions about your experience with the development of [bioenergy form] and your views on it. The interview is completely voluntary and you can say 'no' if you do not want to participate in the study. If you agree and we start talking, and you decide that you do not want to continue, we can stop at any moment.

We will not identify you or use any information that may make it possible for anyone to identify you in any submission or written reports about this study. All transcripts or other interview notes will only be accessible to members of the research team.

It is not expected that there is any risk to you in helping me with this study. No benefit is expected either, but your answers will help us understand how bioenergy is affecting places in the Americas and we hope to gain that knowledge to benefit society as a whole.

Do you have any questions for me?

Do you agree to participate in the interview?

I would like to record the audio of this interview. We will use the recording in our data analysis, but we will not reproduce the recording or show transcripts to people outside of our research group. Can we record?

Do you have any other questions to ask me?

If you would like a copy of this document for your records, please let me know and I will give you a copy now or I can send you later by email or fax. If you have any questions about the research, please contact the principal investigator for this project, Kathleen Halvorsen, on +01 906-487-2824 or kehalvor@mtu.edu. You can also contact your local team representative in the country, [name of the partner in the country], [phone number, and email address]. If you have any questions about your rights or to file a complaint about this project, please contact the University of Oregon Research Compliance Services at +01 541-346-2510 or ResearchCompliance@uoregon.edu. This department oversees the research report to protect your rights and does not participate in this study.

Thank you once again for your time and your willingness to participate.

Oral consent form (via survey participants)

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