**Questionnaire for priests**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | What is the forest deity name? |
| 2. | Are there any folk stories associated with the deity? |
| 3. | Who performs the rituals? |
| 4. | How many tribes are associated with the sacred forest? |
| 5. | How often is the deity worshipped? |
| 6. | Is there an annual festival associated with the deity? |
| 7. | Who can participate in the festivals? |
| 8. | If anyone disturbs the vegetation, does the god punish them? |
| 9. | Is there any story associated with punishment given by the deity? |
| 10. | What are the taboos/ restrictions of the forest? |
| 11. | Is there any sacred plants or animals present in the site? |
| 12. | Do you have knowledge about medicinal plants? |

**Questionaire for VSS members/conservation committee**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | Why was the VSS was established? |
| 2. | What is the process of selection of members? |
| 3. | What are the roles of the VSS? |
| 4. | What are the limitations of VSS? |
| 5. | When was the VSS was established? |
| 6. | Do people follow the rules and regulations imposed by VSS? |
| 7. | What are the penalties given by the VSS to the violators? |
| 9 | How many villages participated in constructing the VSS? |
| 10. | Is there any conflict between villages on resource use? |
| 11. | How are conflicts resolved? |
| 12. | What are the problems facing successful conservation? |
| 13. | What should be done for better management? |

**Questionnaire for traditional medicine practitioners**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | What medicinal plants are available in this site? |
| 2. | Are these plants present anywhere else? |
| 3. | What are the diseases that can be treated? |
| 4. | What are the medicinal plant parts used? |
| 5. | What is the method of preparation of the medicine? |
| 6. | What is the mode of administration of individual medicines? |
| 7. | Are you selling medicines or medicinal plant parts harvested from these sites? |
| 8. | How often do you collect the plant parts? |
| 9. | What are the major plants and plant parts you are collecting? |
| 10 | What is the habitat of such plants? |
| 11 | Are these plants available in adequate amount? |
| 13 | Is there any medicinal plant whose density was reduced as compared to the past? |

**Questionnaire for community members**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | What is your perception of the sacred forest? |
| 2. | Do you have any fear of the deity? |
| 3. | How often you visit the site? |
| 4. | What is the purpose of your visit? |
| 5. | Are you extracting any forest products from the site? |
| 6. | How often you are extracting such products? |
| 7. | Are you selling it or is it for personal use? |
| 8. | Is there any restriction on harvesting such products? |
| 9. | Who imposes such restrictions? |
| 10. | Are there any benefits you are getting from the site? |
| 11. | What are the benefits? |
| 12. | How is the forest managed in this site? |

**Questionnaire for forest officials**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | Are you aware of the sacred site? |
| 2. | How is the site managed? |
| 3. | What is the role of forest official in managing the forest? |
| 4. | How does the forest department interact with the VSS in managing the forest? |
| 5. | What are the restriction imposed? |
| 6. | What are the limitations? |
| 7. | How often do you visit the site? |
| 8. | What can be done for better management? |