**Designing integrated forest-agricultural landscapes to enhance multiple livelihood benefits to and from agriculture**

***Information Sheet***

We invite you to participate in and contribute to a research study being conducted by Dr Marion Pfeifer (Newcastle University) together with Dr Deo Shirima (Sukoine University of Agriculture), Dr Susannah Sallu (University of Leeds) and Dr Sergio Milheiras (Newcastle University) entitled *Designing integrated forest-agricultural landscapes to enhance multiple livelihood benefits to and from agriculture*. This project began in April 2019 and will end in March 2021. It is funded by the UK Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council-Global Challenge Research Funds.

Before deciding whether to consent to participate, it is important that you understand the nature of the research, why you are being asked to participate, what your participation will involve, and your rights as a research participant. This document provides the relevant information, you will be asked to confirm that you have understood the information provided and will be given a copy to keep for your own records. Please ask any questions you may have about the project.

**Project aim and purpose**

The primary purpose of this research is to investigate biological and human well-being benefits provided by natural vegetation in the Kilombero Valley landscape. The study sets out to understand how and to what extent management of natural vegetation can enhance benefits to and from agriculture. We hope that research findings will be used to inform how land management might contribute multiple benefits – crop production, soil health, biodiversity (in particular, abundance of pollinators and natural enemies of pests and their interactions with food plants and habitats), and human wellbeing.

**Why are you being asked to participate?**

You have been identified as someone who is currently farming / relying on agriculture in the Kilombero Valley landscape. We are very interested to discuss the way you are managing your farm and how this affects your livelihoods and human wellbeing. We are also keen to discuss your perspective of natural vegetation in and around your farmlands and in the broader landscape.

**What are the benefits and risks?**

There is no immediate benefit to you or your household. However, this research should lead to better understanding of how land management might contribute multiple benefits – crop production, soil health, biodiversity (in particular abundance of pollinators and natural enemies of pests and their interactions with food plants and habitats), and human-wellbeing. There are no risks associated with this research, all researchers have received training to perform the study.

**What will participation involve?**

Participation will involve a answering a questionnaire. Data collection is being coordinated by Dr Susannah Sallu and conducted by the Research Assistants Mr Petro Nnyiti, Ms Lilian Mwanga and Mr Elineema Baraka.

**Information collected and its use**

Your responses will be stored securely and anonymously (i.e. your name will not be disclosed). We will make the results of the research available to the public through reports and publications, but this will be in a completely anonymised form. We will not disclose any personal information about you or members of your household. As a voluntary participant you have the right to withdraw your participation from the research at any point. It is also your right to refuse to answer any question that you do not feel comfortable with.

**Contact Details**

If you have further questions about participation, your rights to withdraw, or if you wish to withdraw your participation, please contact Dr Sergio Milheiras, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, UK. Email: sergio.guerreiro-milheiras@newcastle.ac.uk Telephone number: +255 xxx xxx xxx