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## DIVERSE Project – Consent Form

The #DIVERSE project is about to start interviewing participants! As we begin this exciting phase, we want to highlight that our informants' privacy and security are our priorities.

Below, there is a user-friendly summary of our consent form, explaining what participation involves and how the information will be protected.

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### What is DIVERSE about?

We are exploring how community and grassroots groups use digital tools (like websites, mapping tools, or apps) to defend environmental justice and biocultural diversity. We would love to hear your experiences and ideas to understand what works well, and what challenges exist, when technology meets activism.

### What you'll be asked to do

- Take part in an interview or survey (about 1 hour).
- You can choose the date and hour for an online interview.
- We will ask to record the conversation (audio only) and may use excerpts for a podcast -- you can of course opt out.
- If you agree, we might contact you later to clarify some of your points.

### Your rights

- Participation is voluntary, and you can stop or withdraw anytime.
- No payment is involved.
- You can decide what information the study is able to disclose (e.g., quotes, name, etc.).
- You will have access to a summary of the results, other openly available tools and reports we produce, and priority information about free workshops organized by the project.

### How we protect your data

- At your discretion, your personal data will be anonymised in public communications about the project's outcomes.
- All data files are stored securely (password-protected).
- You can ask to see, correct, or delete your data at any time (email: [dpd@upf.edu](mailto:dpd@upf.edu)).

### Risks and safety

We work carefully to protect all participants, especially activists. We avoid publishing details that could expose individuals or their locations.

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**Consent (tick what applies)**

- I agree to take part in the study.
- I agree to be audio-recorded.
- I agree that parts of my interview may be used in outreach (e.g. podcasts).
- I agree to share information about my ethnicity/political views for research only.
- I'd like to receive study updates and results.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date & Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

This document is part of a comprehensive ethics protocol and summarises an extended version of it. We are happy to provide access to the extended DIVERSE ethics protocol, please contact us for the document.