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Final interview protocol – tribes respondents ethics in climate change project

At start of interview – Virtual via Go To Meeting/Skype/Google Hangout

Hi, my name is [name]. May I call you Dr/Mr/Ms _____?

[WAIT FOR REPLY]

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview. You have already read the consent form. Do you have any questions about the consent form for us?

[WAIT FOR REPLY]

In this interview, we are interested in getting a better understanding of how climate science organisations and Tribes interact. We are specifically interested in your personal experiences and ideas. We have an interview protocol that we have developed to ask you about your experiences [PILOT: ...and we would also be interested in your feedback on these questions.]

Finally, we would like to define two terms for you. In the interview, we use the term **Tribes** broadly to designate diverse Indigenous populations, including federally recognised, state-recognised and unrecognised Tribes or other Indigenous peoples. In addition, we use the term **Tribal** organisation broadly, to designate any Tribal agency, department or other institution that works on governmental, managerial or other Tribal activities.

When we ask questions about **your Tribe** or **Tribal organisation**, we are referring to the Tribe for whom you work or in which you are a member.

Do you have any questions before we begin?

Interview Protocol

1. Please describe how your Tribal organisation works with climate science organisations.

PROBE: Describe your own personal experience working with climate science organisations.

2. Do you think it is important to work with climate science organisations?

PROBE: Please explain why (or why not).

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3. Do you feel that your Tribal organisation prepares its staff to work with climate science organisations?

PROBE (if YES only): Can you explain how?

PROBE: How does your Tribe foster relationships between climate scientists and Tribal members or affiliates?

PROBE: What is your role, if any, in this preparation?

PROBE: Can you think of any other activities your Tribe engages in that might prepare staff to work with climate science organisations?

4. What could your Tribe do differently to prepare climate scientists to work with Tribes?

5. Could you describe any additional activities that you personally engage in to prepare scientists to work with Tribes?

6. What do you know about how climate science organisations or climate scientists prepare to work with Tribal members or affiliates?

7. Imagine that a climate scientist has collected data from Tribal lands. Do you feel that climate scientists are properly trained on how to work with Tribes in the data collection and publication processes?

8. Imagine that a climate scientist receives a grant that features the opportunity to collaborate with a Tribe, and allows monies to be allocated to the Tribe. Do you feel that climate scientists are properly trained on how to work with Tribes in the allocation of grant funds?

9. Do you feel that climate scientists are properly trained on possible conflicts that may occur between scientific deadlines and Tribal protocols?

PROBE (if YES): What tools are being used?

PROBE (if NO): What tools do you think could be used to assist scientists?

10. Are there additional dilemmas related to working with Tribes that climate science organisations should prepare for?

11. How does training assist scientists in avoiding the pitfall of being unaware of treaty rights?

12. How does training assist scientists in avoiding the pitfall of lacking understanding of cultural norms?

13. How does training assist scientists in avoiding the pitfall of advocating for solutions that are inappropriate for the Tribal context?

14. Are there additional pitfalls that you are aware of?

15. How effective is the overall training that scientists working with Tribes receive?

PROBE: How do you know how effective the training is?



- 16. Is there any type of additional training you feel would further benefit the relationship between Tribes and climate scientists?**
- 17. Does your Tribe's official stance on climate change impact how the Tribe engages with climate scientists?**
- 18. Does your personal stance on climate change impact how you engage with climate scientists?**
- 19. Is there anything else you would like to add?**
- 20. FOR PILOTS: Do you have any suggestions for the interview questions?**