

Consent Form

Exploring Traditional Environmental Knowledge and Plant Awareness

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Please read the following statements and, if you agree, check the corresponding box to confirm:

- ☐ I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet for the above study.
- ☐ I freely agree to participate in this study.
- ☐ I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw without giving any reason.
- ☐ I understand that, if I agree to be interviewed as part of this study, an audio recording will be made of my interview for the purposes of digital transcription.
- ☐ I would like to receive a copy of my audio recording and interview transcript.

Data Protection and Anonymity

All data collected as part of this study will be stored and transmitted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Any publication resulting from this work will report only anonymised data. Your anonymised responses may be used by the research team, shared with other researchers, or made available in an online data repository. please note that, once your data have been included in published analysis or data repositories, it cannot be withdrawn.

To preserve information about the traditional uses of plants in the Cayman Islands for future generations, copies of your audio recordings and/or interview transcript will be transferred to the Cayman Islands National Archive (CINA) upon completion of the study. Please select the corresponding box to confirm your agreement:

- ☐ I consent to my **audio recording and interview transcript** being transferred to CINA.
- ☐ I consent to my **anonymised interview transcript** being transferred to CINA only.
- ☐ I **do not** consent to my data being transferred to CINA.

Signatures

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| Name of Researcher | Signature | Date |

This research has been approved by the University of Kent Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or concerns about this research, you can direct these, in writing, to the Chair of the Research Ethics Committee by email at: sacethics@kent.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can contact us by post at: SAC Ethics Committee Chair, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent, Canterbury, CT2 7NR.