

## Supplementary Questionnaire 1

After introducing the interviewers, explaining why we wanted to hold an interview, and asking for the interviewees consent to conduct the interview, we began by asking the interviewee's name, age, and occupation. We would then ask the following series of questions, frequently deviating onto different topics as the interviewee directed the conversation in a particular direction.

### A) The religious significance of *Ficus* trees

1. Do you believe ghosts or spirits inhabit fig trees?
2. Do you believe gods inhabit fig trees?
3. Are figs associated with temples or other religious buildings? Why?
4. Do you harvest items used in religious ceremonies or worship from fig trees?

### B) The benefits provided by *Ficus* trees

5. Do you harvest food from fig trees for human consumption?
6. Do fig trees provide a good source of food for livestock?
7. Do you gather firewood from fig trees?
8. Are fig trees harvested for their timber?
9. Do you harvest products used in medicine from fig trees?
10. Are fig trees used to demarcate land ownership boundaries?
11. Do you think fig trees are beautiful?

### C) The problems associated with *Ficus* trees

12. Is the shade provided by fig trees beneficial?
13. Do you think fig trees play a role in regulating the climate?
14. Do fig trees regulate the availability of water?

### D) Whether *Ficus* trees were cut down in the area

15. Are fig trees cut down in this area? Why?

### E) How people could be encouraged to plant more *Ficus* trees

16. Are fig trees planted here? Why? By who? Where should they be planted?
17. Would providing free saplings increase fig planting?
18. Would providing free bamboo guards increase fig planting?