

Appendix 2. Topic guide for semi-structured interviews

This is an outline of key issues and areas of questioning used to structure the discussion with each participant, with its use (flow and wording) guided by the experiences of the respondent:

1. In your opinion, what are the top 5 threats to the system? (If bushmeat hunting is not mentioned, ask where it fits)
2. Looking at the MSE framework (show Figure 1), is there anything you would add to this framework? (do you think all main processes and actors in the system are represented?)
3. What are the main benefits of working with other organizations operating in this system? (Ask specific examples). What about challenges? (Ask specific examples)
4. Where do you think the main information gaps in this system are? Is that currently being addressed? How or why not?
5. What prevents the exchange of information and knowledge between organizations?
6. What constrains applying information/knowledge when implementing management? (Ask specifically about monitoring wildlife and translating this into management changes)
7. Do you think the current management strategies have been effective at controlling bushmeat hunting? (Ask specific examples of strategies, outcomes and why they think that's the case)
8. Do you think the current management strategies have been implemented as planned? Why? (Ask examples of discrepancies between decisions and their realization)
9. Do you think it would be possible to test different management strategies? How? Any expected challenges? (mention modelling if they don't)
10. Do you feel the local communities are being engaged and considered in the current management strategies? (Assess perceptions of what local communities need and should be entitled to)
11. Thank you for your time. Is there anything else you'd like to add or comment?