**Interview Schedule**

**Land care workers**

**Goal of the study:**

To explore and describe the perceptions of communities  (farmers, small-scale farmers, and land care workers)  in Ladybrand about land degradation and how it influences livelihoods.

**Focus group number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Participant number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section A:**

1. Sex

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| Male |  | Female |  | Other |  |

1. What is your marital status?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Single |  | Married |  | Divorced |  | Widowed |  | Live  with  partner |  |

1. Age group

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| 18-22 | 23-27 | 28-32 | 33-37 | 38-42 | 43-47 | 48-52 | 53-57 | 58+ |

1. How long have you been working for land care South Africa? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where area do you live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How many people contribute to the income of the household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section B:  Questions on land degradation**

1. What do you think contributes to land degradation and lowering of soil quality in Ladybrand?
2. Do you think your efforts and methods to take care of the land and protect the quality of the land and soil are working?  Why do you say so?
3. In what way is land degradation influencing your way of living and livelihoods?

**Section B: Questions on livelihoods**

1. How does your land care work contribute to your own and family’s income?
2. What role do you think land care workers play in protecting the land and soil in Ladybrand?
3. What do you think will be the consequences if land care workers are no longer employed in the area of Ladybrand? To what extent will the farmers in the area – commercial and small-scale farmers be affected?
4. What challenges are you experiencing as workers?  What should be done to overcome these challenges?
5. How can the work that you do by taking out invasive plants such as slangbos, contribute to creating other income opportunities for you?
6. We have come to the end of the discussion, is there anything that anyone want to add that I might not have asked you that is relevant to my study?

**Thank you for your participation**