**Semi-structure interview schedule**

**Small-scale farmers**

**Goal of the study:**

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

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

**Section A:   Biographical Information**

1. Sex

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Male |  | Female |  | Other |  |

1. What is your marital status?

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

1. Age group

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

1. Do you own or rent land?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Own |  | Rent |  |

1. Where do you farm? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many people contribute to the income of the household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you been farming in this area?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section B: Questions on land degradation**

1. What do you think contributes to land degradation and soil quality in Ladybrand?
2. What do you do to manage the soil?
3. In what way is land degradation influencing your of way living and livelihoods?
4. What are you farming with?
5. If you farm with livestock / poultry – where to they graze?

**Section C: Questions on livelihoods**

1. How do you make a living as a small-scale farmer?
2. Is farming your only source of income?
3. How do you adjust your farming activities to ensure an income if you experience sudden changes in the land and / or soil for grazing and growing?
4. Where do you sell your agricultural / farming produce? How often do you sell?
5. What should be done to support small-scale farmers in Ladybrand to look after the land / soil to ensure it can produce a livelihood?
6. What are the challenges of small-scale farmers in Ladybrand?
7. We have come to the end of our interview. Is there anything that you want to add that you think may be of relevance to the study?

**Thank you for your participation in the study.**