

Appendix VI. IFMAT focus group survey



IFMAT III Tribal Public Questionnaire

In 1990 Congress passed the National Indian Forest Resource Management Act (NIFRMA) in order to assure that Indian forest lands were managed in a sustainable manner that benefited tribes and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs was living up to its Trust responsibility in relation to forest management on tribal lands.

As part of NIFRMA, the Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT) process was created. This calls for a once every ten year review of the state of Indian forestry by an objective 3rd party group of forestry experts. The IFMAT III team is currently conducting the 3rd of these assessments, with a report due in fall of 2013.

This survey is a part of that process, and is designed so that the IFMAT team can hear the opinions of the tribal public and to ensure that programs meet the objectives and goals of individual tribes.

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) believes that the information obtained through these questions will be of vital importance to the future of Indian Forest lands and strongly urges you to take the time to personally complete the survey. Your participation, perspectives and opinions will be invaluable. We appreciate your candid opinions. All responses will be reported in terms of trends, ensuring the confidentiality of individual responses. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes.

Background information

Please take a moment to tell us a bit about yourself. This will help us look for trends and patterns in the survey data. All individual information will be kept strictly confidential

1. Please describe your occupation/job

2. Which reservation do you live on?

3. Are you a tribal member of the above-named reservation?

- Yes
 No

4. What is your gender?

- Female
 Male

5. What is your age?

- 18-25
 26-35
 36-45
 46-55
 56-65
 Over 65

6. Please describe your level of schooling

- K-6
 7-9
 10-12
 College

Number of years of college (if applicable)

Tribal Public Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions using a scale from 5 (very concerned) to 1 (not concerned) or 5 (most) to 1 (least)

7. In general, how concerned are you about what happens on your tribal forests?

5 4 3 2 1

8. What do you want from your tribal/association forests

	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Income	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subsistence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of forest resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spiritual values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beauty/Scenery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

9. Which three of the above do you most value?

1

2

3

**10. How well do you think your forests are being managed now for each of the following?
Please rate on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)**

	5	4	3	2	1
Wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fisheries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grazing for livestock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timber of firewood for tribal use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timber for sale or enterprise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water quality and quantity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural site protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forest resource protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non timber forest products (e.g. mushrooms)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obtaining a fair price for timber	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment of tribal members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creation of new enterprises	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food gathering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spiritual values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visual quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection from pollution/waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trespassing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Of the forest resources or activities listed above, which are the three most important to you?

1

2

3

12. What organization has primary management responsibility for your forests?

- BIA
- Tribe
- Equally shared Tribe and BIA
- Don't know

Other (please specify)

13. What organization in your opinion should have primary management responsibility for your forests?

- BIA
- Tribe
- Equally shared Tribe and BIA
- Don't know

Other (please specify)

14. What resources/ activities do you think are being managed best on your forests (list up to three)?

1

2

3

15. What resources/ activities do you think need improvement on your forests, and suggest what should be done about them (list up to three).

1

2

3

16. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about your forests?

Thank you for your comments. Your input is a valuable part of the IFMAT process

If you would be interested in being contacted to help with interpretation and follow-up, please provide the following information (optional)

17. Optional contact information for follow up questions

Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>