

Table 1 Sacred forest selected as sample areas in the study areas

State	Cluster/Stratum	Location/LGA	Sampled Sacred forest	Community located
Akwa Ibom	(1) Ibibio	(1) Ikono	Abaam Itak	Ikot Efre Itak
		(2) Mkpata Enin	Akoho Itit	Ikot Eti/Ikot Akpa Okop
	(2) Oron	(1) Okobo	Akai Mbiam	Ammamong
		(2) Oron	Akai Uya	Uya Oron
	(3) Annang	(1) Oruk Anam	Akai Anwa Ibok	Ntak Ibesit
		(2) Etim Ekpo	Utai Ikot	Ikot Akpakpan
Cross River	(1) Northern	(1) Obubra	Evat Quna	Okorobe-Ochun
	(2) Central	(2) Biase	Odim Akerot	Abini