



Green Treasures Interview Guide



Student name: _____ Date: _____

When you have introduced yourself and are comfortable talking with the older person, begin asking questions. Make sure you have something to write with, and do not forget to turn on your recorder if you have one!

Section A. Background Information about the Informant

What is your name? _____

Where were you born? _____

What year was that? _____

Did you grow up there, too? _____

If not, where did you live most of the time when you were growing up? _____

Were you living more in a city or the country? _____

What was your occupation? _____

How long have you lived in Miami/ United States? _____

Section B. A List of Useful Plants

Do you remember any **plants** that were important for you and your family when you were growing up?

(Prompt, if needed: perhaps foods you ate, medicines from plants, plants used in religion, or for weaving, dying or building)

Plants mentioned	Use(s)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____
13. _____	_____
14. _____	_____
15. _____	_____



Section C. A list of potential questions 🌿 🌿 🌿

You may pick any (or all) of the following questions or make up some of your own. The questions below are about what plants have been used traditionally in your interviewee's family. You make take notes on a separate sheet of paper or in your composition books.

- When you were growing up, did your family have a garden? If yes, what kinds of things did you grow?

- Did you have a favorite (plant) food? What other kinds of food did you eat? Was there any fruit or vegetable you especially liked?

- Did you ever gather fruit from trees- in your yard or in the forest? If yes, what kinds? Where were they growing?

- Did you ever help cook?

- Did you ever use foods for medicine? What kinds of foods?

- Did you ever use other plants as medicine?

- Did you use any plants for other things? What kinds of things? Which plants?

- Are there any plants that are special for you here in Miami?

- If you were to grow a typical (American, Cuban, Dominican, Haitian- wherever your senior is from) garden in Miami, what are five things you feel would have to be included?



~Write any other questions you ask in the space below or on the back of this sheet.~
