

**Appendix 1.** Focus group discussions and key informant interviews in the study area.

Table A1: Demographic information for the participants of focus group discussions and key informant interviews in the study area.

Site	Method	Gender	Age	Occupation/Responsibility
Bweni	Focus group discussion	M	36	Fisher
		M	36	Fisher
		M	45	Mangrove cutter
		M	40	Mangrove cutter
		F	25	Food vendor
		F	30	Food vendor
		F	38	Farmer
	Key informant Interviews	M	42	Farmer
		M	40	Village Chairperson
		F	40	BMU Chairperson
		M	43	BMU Secretary
		F	74	Elder
		M	63	Elder
		M	36	VNRC Chairperson
Pangani Magharibi	Focus group discussion	F	34	VNRC member
		M	50	Fisher
		F	39	Fisher
		M	32	Mangrove cutter
		M	35	Mangrove cutter
		F	29	Food vendor
		M	33	Food vendor
	Key informant interviews	F	27	Farmer
		M	44	Farmer
		M	46	Village Chairperson
		M	30	BMU Chairperson
		F	28	BMU Secretary
		F	28	Elder
		F	24	Elder
M	39	District Forest Officer		
M	50	District Conservation Manager		