

Appendix 1:

List of questions selected for the main study of social attitudes towards the E. bison. Questions are grouped into 5 subjects.

Subject	No	Augustowska Forest, Romincka Forest	Knyszynska Forest, Borecka Forest
0. Starting questions	1	Are there any benefits from living in the vicinity of the forest complex?	
	2	Are there any limitations from living in the vicinity of the forest complex?	
	3	If you could, would you change your place of living (to far away from this forest complex)?	
1. Attitudes towards State Forests	4	Do State Forests bring benefits to local societies (if yes – what kind)?	
	5	Which activities of State Forests are you dissatisfied with?	
	6	Have you discussed such subjects with State Forests employees?	
2. Attitudes towards nature conservation	7	What is your attitude to nature conservation in the forest complex?	
	8	How do nature protection regulations threaten the interests of the inhabitants?	
3. Attitudes towards the E. bison	9	Will the presence of the E. bison in the forest complex cause any threats?	Does the presence of the E. bison in the forest complex cause any threats?
	10	Will the presence of the E. bison in the forest complex have any benefits, not necessarily material?	Does the presence of the E. bison in the forest complex have any benefits, not necessarily material?
	11	If you could take part in a referendum, would you vote for E. bison to be reintroduced to the forest complex?	If you could take part in a referendum, would you vote for the E. bison population to be (1) eliminated, (2) strongly reduced (by over 50%); (3) weakly reduced (by less than 50%); or (4) maintained in its existing state?
4. Metrics	12	Sex: M/F	

	13	Age: (1) 15 - 24, (2) 25 - 44, (3) 45 - 60, (4) over 60
	14	Education: (1) Primary school, (2) Secondary school, (3) Post secondary
	15	Occupation: (1) agriculture, (2) forestry, (3) pension, (4) other,
	16	Farm area: (1) 0 – 0.5 ha, (2) 0.51 – 5 ha, (3) 5.1 - 20 ha, (4) over 20 ha