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For first assessment in 2018

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Candidate

## Extended essay - Reflections on planning and progress form

**Candidate:** This form is to be completed by the candidate during the course and completion of their EE. This document records reflections on your planning and progress, and the nature of your discussions with your supervisor. You must undertake three formal reflection sessions with your supervisor: The first formal reflection session should focus on your initial ideas and how you plan to undertake your research; the interim reflection session is once a significant amount of your research has been completed, and the final session will be in the form of a viva voce once you have completed and handed in your EE. This document acts as a record in supporting the authenticity of your work. The three reflections combined must amount to no more than 500 words.

**The completion of this form is a mandatory requirement of the EE for first assessment May 2018. It must be submitted together with the completed EE for assessment under Criterion E.**

**Supervisor:** You must have three reflection sessions with each candidate, one early on in the process, an interim meeting and then the final viva voce. Other check-in sessions are permitted but do not need to be recorded on this sheet. After each reflection session candidates must record their reflections and as the supervisor you must sign and date this form.

### First reflection session

Candidate comments:

I was concerned about the validity of my topic and whether or not it would be sufficient, but this session made me confident in my topic. I will be assessing the efficacy of marine turtle conservation attempts by Juara Turtle Project and WWF Guianas and while I was worried that the topic would be too vague and difficult to work with, my supervisor pointed out a few of the relevant chapters in the ESS Syllabus which can help me with my research and in writing my essay. As we discussed the chapters: Ex- and In-Situ Conservation, Environmental Value Systems, Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations and Biodiversity, I realized that I was a lot more aware of my topic than I thought and that I was a lot more passionate about my topic than I had originally anticipated.

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**Interim reflection**

Candidate comments:

Following the summer break, I found that I had lost focus of my topic and that I was no longer in touch with it, especially due to the unavailability of evidence. This was quite disappointing as I was certain that evaluating marine turtle projects was my passion for this essay. My supervisor and I did not panic, but decided to lay out the elements of the essay so as to identify the core of it. We found that my essay actually aimed to create an evaluation rubric or method, rather than actually evaluating projects directly. As a result of this, I refocused my essay to exploring the Sustainability Method and its associated theories and building an evaluation rubric.

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**Final reflection - Viva voce**

Candidate comments:

Despite the number of challenges and topic changes, I am pleased that I've managed to produce an essay which effectively details a new evaluation model and approach to evaluating sustainability. Around the world, conservationists often praise conservation attempts without verifying their sustainability and I believe that this model will be able to fill that gap. I've successfully managed to apply it to two different organisations with promising results. I am aware that the model allows for a high degree of subjectivity and conclusions may not always be as accurate. At the same time, however, the model provides a number of focal points and pointers for improvement. As it is a model, its biggest issue is that of oversimplification, but I believe that it manages to consider as many variables as possible in order to make it as accurate as possible.

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## Supervisor comments:

This candidate was extremely well-organized and highly motivated throughout the entire process of planning, researching, writing and editing this essay. The candidate was eager to learn as much as possible from the experience and I cannot speak highly enough of the dedication and purpose with which the project was approached. Having witnessed the evolution of ideas as they took place I am able to say with certainty that all of the ideas and work contained within the essay are the result of the independent work of the candidate alone.

