

Observation Sheet

A field record for one pixel or plot. Fill in after each visit, significant weather event, or care action. No expertise required – honest observation is enough.

Place / pixel: _____ Date: _____

Weather: _____ Observer: _____

Use this sheet after each visit, planting, pruning, rain event, or change you notice. **Decisive question:** Is this practice giving to life?

1 Soil cover

Is the surface covered or bare?

Covered Partial Bare

2 Vegetation layering

Are multiple layers present?

Layered Partial Flat / mono

3 Water behaviour

Does water infiltrate or run off?

Absorbs Mixed Runs off

4 Succession signals

Is the system becoming more complex?

Advancing Holding Resetting

5 Biodiversity presence

What species are present – plants, insects, birds?

Diverse Some Absent

6 Soil health signals

Smell, texture, earthworms, fungal signs?

Alive Mixed Flat / hard

7 Biomass cycle

Is organic matter returned or removed?

Returned Partial Removed

8 Human rhythm

Is the work rhythm sustainable for the people doing it?

Sustainable Strained Depleted

NOTES Actions, changes, and what to carry forward

Actions since last visit

What the place seems to need next

What changed or surprised you

Sketch / photo reference

Remember: An honest gap is more valuable than a fabricated green. This sheet feeds the PG Ledger – keep it, date it, file it.

Is this practice giving to life?