

Comment Sheet 【FS】

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Title of the Project	Biodiversity-driven Nutrient Cycling and Human-wellbeing in Socio-Ecological Systems		
Research Term	FS	Principal Investigator	OKUDA Noboru
<p>General advice and comments from the PEC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This is an interesting proposal to elucidate nutrition issues in a watershed context. It appears most methods to be employed are well-established and it was somewhat difficult to see the uniqueness of the project.2. The natural science aspects of the project overwhelm the human/social side of things. It will be important to engage strong anthropologists to strengthen this part of the research.3. The link between the nutrient research and community governance needs to be clarified. In what sense is the governance adaptive? There is a danger that the governance aspects mainly serve as a mechanism to get local people interested in nutrient issues.4. At the moment, there is no real international dimension to the project.5. There is a need to ensure the project develops in line with RIHN philosophy (including the comments above on social research and governance). The PEC requests that the team develop a concrete plan on how to do this by the next time they report to the PEC.			