Evaluation Sheet [FR5]

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Title of the Project	A Study of Human Subsistence Ecosystems in Arab Societies: To Combat		
	Livelihood Degradation for the Post-oil Era		
Research Term	FR5	Project Leader	NAWATA Hiroshi

General advice and comments of the PEC:

This project has generated interesting insights in subsistence systems in the Arab world and the PEC regards it as being compatible with the founding mission and research approach of RIHN.

The Committee was further almost unanimous in noting the following two points:

- 1. The "Post-oil Era" sub-title is inappropriate and it is hard to understand why it was not dropped at one point. The research and its results are solid and valuable in their own right, without this "post-oil" framing.
- 2. The strong Japanese-language and general public-oriented publication and dissemination activities (including the exhibition) were felt to be very valuable. Nevertheless, the PEC hopes that the team makes a final effort to integrate their findings across the different field sites and research activities and shares these with the international academic community in the form of peer-reviewed publications. This would add considerable value to the project legacy.