

【Evaluations and Comments Sheet (Individual Collaboration FS)】
- Proposal for Full Research Stage –

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Title of the Project	Biocultural Diversity in the Asia-Pacific: Towards Dynamic Transmission of Traditional Ecological Knowledge		
Research Term	FS	Principal Investigator	ONISHI Masayuki
<p>General advice and comments of the PEC:</p> <p>The PEC found the linguistic angle on bio- and cultural diversity fresh and interesting. The erosion of this diversity is an important global problem. Many of the elements proposed are valuable activities in their own right.</p> <p>In the proposal and presentation, the environmental dimension of the project was not quite visible. The PEC would have liked to see a stronger articulation of how biocultural diversity links to global environmental change problems.</p> <p>It was also relatively hard to understand what methodology is planned to achieve the project goals. A clear image of the kinds of research activities planned and the kind of outcomes that might be achieved did not emerge. This in turn made it harder to understand how the different disciplines in the project will interact and how the project relates to actors in the field.</p> <p>While the team has built strong relationships with local communities and actors in some of the sites, there did not appear to be a conscious strategy for obtaining prior informed consent. Some PEC members felt that involving local communities in a meaningful way to co-design the work would help the project achieve transdisciplinary approach. Finally, it was felt that the proposal needs to be based on a more thorough review of the literature.</p>			