

Comment Form **[FR4]**

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Title of the Project	Creation and Sustainable Governance of New Commons through Formation of Integrated Local Environmental Knowledge		
Research Term	FR4	Project Leader	SATO Tetsu
General advice and comments of the PEC:			
<p>The PEC was again impressed with this interesting project. The project's strength to date lies in the conceptualization of knowledge processes involved in environmental practice and decision-making. There may be some space for further conceptual development, including on the idea of "translation" and the position of science as a knowledge system in relation to ILEK. It was also noted that the "New Commons" concept remains vague.</p>			
<p>Most PEC members also expressed the need for strengthening and making more visible the practical side of the ILEK project. They feel a need for more concrete examples, practical applications and success stories. And how about failures or limitations? At the end of a five-year project, the project needs to be able to show social change as an outcome and provide narrative or quantitative evidence for such change.</p>			
<p>What are the implications for policy and how can the project reach the policy process and public discussion realm during its final year?</p>			
<p>Some PEC members noted the importance of this type of conceptual research and suggested that it would be valuable for RIHN to find ways to continue this line of research.</p>			