

Comment Form 【FR5】

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Title of the Project	Designing Local Frameworks for Integrated Water Resources Management		
Research Term	FR2	Project Leader	KUBOTA Jumpei
General advice and comments of the PEC:			
<p>The PEC noted with much approval that this project has come a long way after being reorganized three years ago and judged that it was compatible with the founding mission and research approach of RIHN. The successes in introducing night irrigation in the Turkey site and in improving irrigation in Sulawesi were clearly recognized as important achievements. The participatory process of engagement with society, however, was not very visible: what was the role of stakeholders in the project? Similarly, it did not become very clear what the role of science in these participatory processes had been.</p>			
<p>This project was an initiative-based project and therefore relatively high expectations existed with regard to meta-analysis. These expectations were not really met and the main reservation the PEC had about the overall achievement of the project related to the replicability and relevance of the findings to other areas of the world. How to integrate the produced local knowledge at the global level? Is it possible to standardize the results? Given the overall importance attached to the concept of Integrated Water Resources Management it would have been valuable if the project had reviewed information on IWRM from a range of sources and integrated it with the experiences from the field sites. As it is, the contribution of the project to the global debates on IWRM remained unclear.</p>			