<u>Comments on Ongoing CORE Projects</u> except for those subject to Final Evaluation

Project Year	FR1	
Project Title	Methods and Tactics to Foster Knowledge Co-creation: A Practical Framework for Implementing Transdisciplinary Research	
Abbreviated Title	Co-creation project	
Project Leader	ONISHI Yuko	
Project Period	3 years Full Research	

General advice and comments of the EREC:

The Committee was in broad agreement that the project is addressing a theme that is of great importance to RIHN and to the field of sustainability and global environmental change research. As international experience with transdisciplinary research is accumulating, efforts to practically synthesize this are needed and the rich experience of past and ongoing RIHN projects provides a unique body of scholarship to learn from.

It was noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has constrained the planned fieldwork and led to delays in the implementation of project activities.

As before, the EREC pointed out that the literature on TD research is primarily produced by researchers and that therefore it is important to capture the voices and perspectives of stakeholders, even if the current situation under COVID-19 makes face-to-face interviews difficult. Documenting situations where stakeholders have taken the lead in transdisciplinary engagement is needed. As the researcher-produced literature will tend to provide a more positive picture, working with stakeholders in understanding realities on the ground will provide a more balanced account.