Evaluation of transition of Domain-based FS to FR (PR)

| Title of the Project | Remediation of Degraded Ecosystem in South-east Asian Tropical |
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| | Rainforest Employing an Ecosystem Approach |
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General advice and comments of PEC

This proposal is well organized, however the concept of remediation should be reconsidered in terms of what local people think about it within the context of their economic activities. Although the project aims to reach out to local people as stakeholders, how to integrate the research outcome is not foreseen. Political and economic aspects of the land use and conservation of biodiversity are not addressed. There are also questions that relate to the benefits for local communities of forest regeneration as opposed to sustainable use of the land in other ways. This requires some input based on fieldwork employed by anthropology or sociology. The emphasis of this project at the moment is rather heavily based on local environment and aspect of ecological management. Therefore, this project proposal is not quite in line with RIHN mission and research goals with its given framework.