

Research Project FR4: Mid-term Evaluation Comments

Project Title	Research and Social Implementation of Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction as Climate Change Adaptation in Shrinking Societies
Abbreviated Title	Eco-DRR
Project Leader	YOSHIDA, Takehito
Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Research Program 1 : Societal Transformation under Environmental Change

General advice and comments of the EREC:

The Committee was generally very pleased with the good progress the Eco-DRR has made, running largely according to plan. This includes major evaluations of the risk of flooding and of various ecosystem services, some of the results of which will be made available to the general public. The project also worked with a range of stakeholders in multiple sites in Japan and documented and publicized historical and traditional knowledge relating to the blessings and risks associated with nature. Due to the mostly domestic orientation, the project was relatively less severely affected by the Corona pandemic. Overall, a wealth of findings is coming forth from the project.

For the final year and beyond, the Committee strongly hopes that the Eco-DRR approach and the valuable findings it has produced will be disseminated and mainstreamed internationally, including to initiatives such as the Sendai Framework. Similarly, members expressed the expectation that project insights are shared effectively with domestic policy makers and thereby find their way into Japanese policy implementation.