Comment Form [Core FR1]

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Title of the Project	Information Asymmetry Reduction in Open Team Science for		
	Socio-environmental Cases		
Research Term	Core FR1	Project Leader	Kondo Yasuhisa

General advice and comments of the EREC:

The project addresses important aspects and common challenges in transdisciplinary research, including information asymmetry among actors, and suggests boundary spanning across their living spaces as a potential conceptualization of ways to address the problem. The Committee noted with satisfaction that this project has made major progress during its first year. While the number and variety of project activities are still considerable, greater coherence and direction seem to have emerged. The Lake Biwa case study around the problem of overgrowth of water weeds was concrete and well-illustrated and helped to put the conceptual approach of the project in context.

As also noted in the comments of the Core Program, there is possibly a role for the core projects in synthesizing RIHN research and developing its research agenda. In this context, the Open Team Science Project might consider to review how the problems at hand were conceptualized and addressed in past RIHN projects.