

## Comment Form [PR]

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<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Co-Creation of Sustainable Regional Innovation for Reducing Risk of High-impact Environmental Pollution</b>		
<b>Research Term</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Project Leader</b>	<b>Sakakibara Masayuki</b>
<b>General advice and comments of the EREC:</b>			
<p>The issue of mercury pollution in small-scale artisanal gold mining is a particularly challenging one.</p>			
<p>The methodological approach to transdisciplinary research adopted by the project – involving transdisciplinary boundary objects and transdisciplinary communities of practice – is commended for explicitly addressing the transdisciplinary research process and linking it to substantive issues and specific stakeholders. However, the methodology will need to be specified further and developed in the field. Also, given the magnitude of the challenge, it still is an open question whether this methodology will result in real change on the ground. There is a need to also address larger structural factors including the legal framework, law enforcement and the political economy of gold mining.</p>			
<p>The project understandably focuses on the human health impacts of mercury pollution, but it is recommended that the impact of the pollution on the ecosystem is also assessed.</p>			