

## **Research Project FR1: Mid-term Evaluation Comments**

Project Title	Fair for Whom? Politics, power and precarity in transformations of tropical forest-agriculture frontiers
Abbreviated Title	FairFrontiers
Project Leader	Grace Wong
Project Period	4 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	3rd phase program: Taniguchi DDG

### **General advice and comments of the EREC**

The EREC Committee is very positive in the topic of fairness in the transformations of tropical forest-agriculture frontiers. Despite travelling restriction due to COVID-19, the PL and her team have been impressively productive. In addition to the scholarly publications and conferences, the project team published methods papers and tools, such as Codebooks, which may be useful to others.

The general framing of the project is interdisciplinary effort between social sciences and ecology, fitting with the RIHN vision. However, the concepts, methods and activities are almost exclusively within the realm of the social sciences. It would be useful to see more information on the biological implications of the forest frontier changes in subsequent reports.

Covid-19 conditions have led to the project being constrained to complete its work in four, rather than five years. Wisely, a realistic appraisal of the limitations on researchers' time and effort commitments to collapse the time frame is acknowledged and will need to be managed.