

Research Project FR4: Mid-term Evaluation
Pre-meeting Comments

Project Title	Adaptive governance of multiple resources based on land-sea linkages of the water cycle: application to coral reef island systems
Abbreviated Title	LINKAGE
Project Leader	YASUMOTO Jun
Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Co-creation of the Earth-human System Program, TANIGUCHI PD

General advice and comments of the EREC

The project examines the links between land and sea in (coral) islands, looking at both land use and (ground) water flows. There have been important research advances, notably in establishing the importance of phosphorous (not just nitrogen) and of loading rather than concentrations as affecting coral health; identifying governance gaps and assessing community capabilities. The project's emphasis on adaptive governance is appropriate for the transdisciplinary work, but it would be good to be clear on the project's contributions to understanding adaptive governance, taking into account work on this in other fields, notably forestry and fisheries management.

Now is the time to think about the legacy of the project—what it will leave behind in terms of impact in the communities as well as higher up policies, as well as synthesis publications.