

Comment Sheet 【FR2】

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Title of the Project	Coastal Area-Capability Enhancement in Southeast Asia		
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<p>General advice and comments of the PEC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An impressive amount of data has been collected. The PEC, however, feels strongly that the project should clarify the conceptual framework of the research, in particular the idea of “area capability.” This includes an analysis of the causes of the problem to be addressed (and, what is that problem?). Developing a model representation of the system may help develop hypotheses.2. The key concept should not be inductively emerge from the data gathered, but instead guide the collection and analysis of data. Thus, after the conceptual framework is formulated, the team can clarify what data need to be collected and how. In data collection, attention should be paid to ensuring the quality of the fieldwork, in particular through longer-term anthropological research.3. The team needs methodological training and conceptual support and RIHN should consider how it will provide these. The appropriateness of the team composition should also be considered in the light of the conceptual tasks ahead.			