

## Comment Form 【FR3】

February 15, 2017

<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Long-term Sustainability through Place-Based, Small-scale Economies: Approaches from Historical Ecology</b>		
<b>Research Term</b>	<b>FR3</b>	<b>Project Leader</b>	<b>HABU Junko</b>
<b>General advice and comments of the EREC:</b> The Committee was very pleased with the progress of the project in its third and final year and regards it as being highly compatible with the founding mission and approach of RIHN. The overall project conception was based on an ambitious combination of Jomon period archeological studies with fieldwork in contemporary sites in Japan and along the American northwest coast with the hypothesis that changes in food diversity are linked to long-term sustainability. While the most evident achievements have been in the archeological field, in some of the contemporary sites valuable contributions in joint discussions of problems with a range of local stakeholders have also emerged. Researchers from a range of disciplines were profoundly engaged in the project, notwithstanding the fact that the integration of the different activities and strands appears to have been challenging at times. The Committee noted that the three-year project duration had made it difficult to achieve all of the initial objectives. It also suggested that RIHN find ways to support the further development and publication of outputs from the project.			