

Comment Form 【FR5】

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Title of the Project	Coastal Area Capability Enhancement in Southeast Asia		
Research Term	FR5	Project Leader	ISHIKAWA Satoshi
General advice and comments of the EREC:			
<p>The Committee found this an interesting and valuable project that is compatible with the founding mission and approach of RIHN. The importance and relevance to global sustainability of the key problem of the decline of small-scale coastal fisheries was made abundantly clear. The core concept that the project put forward, Area Capability (Cycle), has innovative potential, but there is need for it to be theorized and quantified, to include more dimensions and to be differentiated from other concepts and approaches such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management, carrying capacity, local capacity building. This will also help clarify what the contribution of the concept to science is.</p>			
<p>Even though transdisciplinarity was not yet emphasized at RIHN when the project was conceived, there was evidence of strong collaboration with stakeholders, intensive collaboration within the fisheries sector, and close engagement with local communities. Perhaps due to the emphasis on the Area Capability Cycle, the role and results of science were not always very visible and the approach seems to have been mostly applied in the sense that information went from scientists to the community.</p>			