

Comment Form 【FR1】

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Title of the Project	Toward the Regeneration of Tropical Peatland Societies: Building International Research Network on Paludiculture and Sustainable Peatland Management		
Research Term	FR1	Project Leader	Mizuno Kosuke
General advice and comments of the EREC:			
<p>The Committee noted with satisfaction that the project had taken off quickly in the past year, with strong fieldwork in Indonesia, studies of haze health impact and aerosol formation, and active outreach in many arenas. The concrete fieldwork in and with communities in the field site was much appreciated, as was the research on health impacts of peat fire-related haze.</p>			
<p>EREC members noted with interest the emerging understanding of the socio-economic mechanisms of economic exploitation, centered on middlemen and credit, which sustain poverty and resource use. What are the roles of village level collaborative structures, strengthened tenure rights, payments for ecosystem services schemes and other policies in addressing these problems?</p>			
<p>At the same time, EREC members asked what the role is for science in this project and what research questions can be developed to link the fieldwork to a bigger picture. What is the scientific logic that structures the research? What scientific hypotheses can be formulated to guide the project? What is the role of science in supporting local-level social and policy agendas? What policies has the Indonesian government tried out in the past and what is their relevance for the research and how can the fieldwork in turn be useful in further policy development?</p>			