

**Comments on Ongoing Research Projects except for those  
subject to Mid-term or Final Evaluation**

Project Year	FR3	
Project Title	Research and Social Implementation of Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction as Climate Change Adaptation in Shrinking Societies	
Abbreviated Title	Eco-DRR Project	
Project Leader	YOSHIDA Takehito	
Project Period	5 years Full Research	
Affiliated Program	Research Program 1 : Societal Transformation under Environmental Change	

**General advice and comments of the EREC:**

The Committee found the project well-organized and progressing smoothly. As the fieldwork takes place in Japan, the project was relatively speaking less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The case for “Eco-DRR” and green infrastructure is argued persuasively, but it was pointed out that the “shrinking society” context did not seem to be taken up explicitly in the research. The project seems to have become more comfortable with documenting historical experience and local knowledge in specific sites. Work on local policy with local governments and stakeholders in three prefectures was also noted positively and expectations voiced about the further potential of such policy development.

It was suggested that it would be valuable to consider how the pandemic is affecting how society deals with risks, in particular the ways in which immediate and more remote risks are perceived and taken into account.