

Review of: "Policy-Based Water Management Challenges at the Local Level Under Non-traditional Security Perspective: The Case of Hanoi City, Vietnam"

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I really enjoyed reading the manuscript, which addresses a subject of extreme relevance, even for those who, fortunately, are not (yet) affected by a serious public health problem in the area of water resources.

I also congratulate the authors for the methodology used, which, being very demanding, but also very stimulating, leads me to recommend that the authors elaborate a little more on the following aspect: a traditional analysis that results from the comparison between costs and benefits can lead to results that, being Pareto improvements, contribute to the increase in inequalities, to the extent that those who most bear the costs and/or enjoy the benefits are those who already place themselves in the position of 'underdog' à la Rawls. Could this happen in the reality discussed in the manuscript? In addition to the aforementioned, I dare to recommend that, as good practices indicate, the concluding section -- which should be renamed "Conclusion" -- also contains the limitations of the study.

Finally, I draw attention to the following minor aspects:

- In subsection 2.2.1, in the sentence "The mathematical relationship between S1, S1, and S3 is [...]", I think that the second S1 should be S2.
- Still in this subsection, I believe that the characterization of C3 is missing in Table 1.
- By the way, about assigning a metric scale for S1, S3, S3, C1, C2, C3 (subsection 2.3.3.) a 5-interval Likert scale was considered. What is the reason for this to be characterized by some asymmetry?

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