

Review of: "The Political Ecologies of the Tonle Sap: Global, Regional and National Framework for Conservation and Development"

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The manuscript "The Political Ecologies of the Tonle Sap: Global, Regional and National Framework for Conservation and Development" requires extensive English language and grammar revision, to allow the flow of the text and cohesion in presenting the sequence of facts and deductions. It is visible the author invested a considerable amount of work in preparing this manuscript, therefore it would be a shame not to correct the language, and be coherent with the rules i.e. "Situated in Cambodia, the TSL (TSL) is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia and the Mekong" the use of TSL should be "Tonle Sap Lake (TSL)", also many other cases throughout the document.

The introduction should clearly state the objectives of the study, instead the author describes each of the problems underlying the subject "Political Ecology" "Conservation" and "Development" without clearly establishing a parallel with the study and why this study is necessary for the literature on the subject. Despite saying this I think this paper has potential, not in the current state.

The methodology is rather confusing, dates do not match the claimed periods, and the author mentions structured interviews without stating how many questions, and what was the intent of applying such a questionnaire. The author mentions Figure 3, "One FGD in each Ramsar

Site was participated by 12-15 rangers and staff of the Ramsar site (Figure 3)." Where no indication of Ramsar exists in Figure 3.

Results and discussion, a series of statements, behaviours, policy and land management is sectioned with little or no connection in certain cases, lacking connection to any of the previous sections of the manuscript. This section involves interesting aspect of conservation by defining Biosphere and Ramsar categories as strategies, which require a considerable political courage, and this could be the core of the manuscript instead of trying so hard to focus on Political Ecology. Meaning, Political Ecology is a consequence and not the driving force behind conservation and development.

Conclusions are not conclusions, just a set of facts observed throughout the survey.

All in all, the manuscript requires a lot of work, however, I recommend the author to get a co-author to help with the English and the flow of the study. If the methodology and results are clearly defined the remainder of the document will come naturally.

