Review of: "The Spatial Politics of the Tonle Sap: A Multi-Scale Analysis of Conservation and Development Challenges"

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This paper addresses the intricate intersection of ecological-political challenges faced by the Mekong River and Tonle Sap Lake, located in Cambodia. To tackle this issue, an exhaustive literature review was conducted, and specific case studies in the region were analyzed.

The literature analysis contributes valuable insights, highlighting various definitions of political ecology and related concepts. However, I believe this section could benefit from condensation or a focus on key points, given that the primary goal of the paper is to propose solutions that strike a balance between infrastructure development in the area and ecological preservation.

The quality of Figure 1 needs improvement as the current visualization lacks clarity in details.

The data collection process unfolded in three phases:

From 2007 to 2011, a geographical classification was carried out, dividing the area into zones for commercial fishing and environmental conservation.

Between 2012 and 2013, a specific study focused on the aquatic and agricultural system of Tonle Sap, collecting data from residents of 13 villages. However, the description of the data collection methodology in this phase lacks detail. A more comprehensive explanation is needed regarding the nature of the collected data and the methodology used, including whether surveys or other specific techniques were employed.

In the period from 2022 to 2023, interviews were conducted during an institutional meeting. It would be beneficial to provide precise information on what data was obtained through these interviews.

Concerning the results, the author mentions that they were recorded in Excel files, covering aspects such as good governance, solid design and planning, effective management, and conservation outcomes. However, only one table is presented, suggesting the inclusion of more graphs to effectively illustrate these results.