

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

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

Overview: The manuscript presents an important approach to evaluate what is the governance framework for conservation and development of the Tonle Sap floodplain lake system. Considering this stage of its evaluation, I am convinced that some structural changes are necessary to make this manuscript a paper of global interest.

Initially, it is noticeable that the first two paragraphs of the Introduction seems as a "study area description". I suggest a deep change in the Introduction to describe the problem as an issue of global interest. I believe it is not too hard, the manuscript is addressing the case of Tonle Sap but the governance of floodplain systems as an essential strategy to preserve biodiversity and local / regional fisheries is a global issue.

Following this idea, I believe that the results and information of Tonle Sap should be discussed in a broader context, including the threats and governance solutions found in other floodplain systems around the planet.

Some minor questions:

- Use complete name of institutions and agreements for the first time they are included in the text.
- I dare to recommend a complete revision by a native English.
- The item 4.2 "The Global Space of Biodiversity" sounds as an opinion.
- The item 4.6 "Institutional Arrangements" seems as the most important in the context of the objectives of this paper. Please, try to explore it better. For example, could you provide an evaluation of how the arrangements are working at "national, regional, and global level"? and make a comparison among them?
- At the Conclusion, could you provide an insight talking if this model is replicable for other floodplain systems?