

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

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The submitted manuscript provides information on the influence that some environmental policies have on fishing and rice-based livelihoods in the Mekong River.

The manuscript looks like an excerpt from a larger paper where the information has been condensed in order to fit the maximum size of the paper. In that sense, the information needs to be organized in a logical way. This type of work does not follow the traditional section outlines of material and methods, results and discussion, but the information should be presented in a logical order to be understandable.

On the one hand, information related to the study site should be presented from a geographical, economic and environmental point of view.

Next, the influences that the different managers and governments have had on the object of study should be presented, presenting the traditional state, and then the French influence, independence, the period of wars and the new economic times.

From this point it would be presented what has been the influences that the manuscript itself intends to study. In this way the information would have a logical and coherent sense with a timeline.

On the other hand, some punctual aspects that should be modified are pointed out.

They should justify that the results obtained during the fifteen years are valid and coherent during the period. From 2007 to 2022 there may have been substantial changes.

Authors should place superscripts and subscripts correctly in the manuscript.

A space should be placed between the numbers and their units.

The protection figures should be placed in the order in which they were promulgated, and should also appear in the description of the study site.

The distribution of fishing areas and their evolution should be presented in cartographic form. This would allow the changes to be appreciated.

The excessive use of abbreviations makes some paragraphs unintelligible.

The symbols of the units should be written correctly, according to the International System.

The authors should check that the decline in 2020 was not a consequence of SARS-2.