

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 recommend, for a greater readability, to insert a table with acronyms meaning

FORMAL ASPECTS

- Good way of writing (length, layout)
- The subject of water security is interesting since sustainable development, with all its consequences, cannot be promoted and achieved without attention to water and its effective distribution, making increasingly clear the crucial role played by water security
- It is not necessary to assess the paper consistency with journal aims
- The style used allows clarity, incisiveness and accuracy

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

- Relevance of the cited literature with respect to the subject of investigation: literature is focused and exhaustive, cites several more significant studies, thus creating a well-made state of the art. Perhaps the only note is that it is very long-winded and perhaps it would be appropriate to reduce it in length
- The topics covered (analysis of water security management challenges at the local level with the case study of Hanoi) are presented with sufficient clarity, with a well-defined theoretical choice in the presentation
- The objectives are clear, the scope of the research and the specific aspects analyzed are well defined

SECTION 2 - ASSESSMENT OF WSM CHALLENGES BY SYSTEMS THINKING AND MNS APPROACH

- The methodology section is well written and the subdivision into sub-paragraphs makes it even clearer. The presence of figure 1 (and its description) allows to summarize the approach followed, perhaps it would be better to improve this figure in graphics
- Perhaps, conceptually, I would move section 2.5, with the study area, to the beginning of the section

SECTION 3 - WSM CHALLENGES IN HANOI

- The results derive directly from carried out analyses and they are presented with good organization. As highlighted in the methodology section, also here, it is necessary to use additional materials because of huge amount of data and

maybe this aspect do not allow to have "all" useful informations with a single organic reading of the paper

- There is no comparison with previous studies: including a more detailed comparison with similar studies, especially those similar referred to territory context, would help to contextualize Hanoi's results in a broader framework

SECTION 4 AND 5 - RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

- For practical purposes, recommendations are very useful but perhaps too general
- The authors could combine Section 4 and Section 5: in a unique discourse they could show what may be the future developments and anyway the application effects of the research. In fact, although paper briefly mentions future research lines, it would be useful to highlight how the limitations of this study could be addressed in future research
- The purposes of this first study are very appreciable and, as future directions, the authors could consider the use of green infrastructure and in general NBS (therefore also for example RWH systems) to address the problems related to water management and WS