Reviewer’s report

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This is certainly a relatively important topic in SEA and SA, if for no other reason than the donor attention it has gained. While the lack of significant documentation hinders any review like this, it nonetheless is worthwhile. However, I would like the authors to consider the follow, making minor additions/edits accordingly in the paper.

The main concern I have is that of depth of assessment and criteria upon which to base it. That is, although one can find articles and other sources documenting the existence of a EH or OH project, programme, or centre (as in the case of Gadja Madha and Chiang Mai) this doesn't actually confirm that the activity meets any particular criteria or standards. It may virtually on exist in name only.

In this regard, it is not apparent from any material or programme that I am aware of that explicit criteria and standards exist for assessing whether an activity called EH or OH is really so.


These proposed criteria notwithstanding, as the authors already suggest, the documentation available for EH or OH projects is insufficient to gauge the extent to which they met these criteria.

By and large, from my experience and discussions with others it appears that in very few projects did the participants have or gain much depth concerning the core ideas and their implementation, of the key elements of both EH and OH: transdisplinarity, systems approach, and participatory engagement (particular involving the presumed beneficiaries among the public; i.e., villagers)

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