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## AAS

The re-written extension proposal is acceptable. A notable effort was made by AAS to address systematically and conscientiously all the comments of the CO and ISPC through the re-write. There are still issues that could have been better addressed, but overall, the re-written proposal is acceptable. In addition to the rewritten proposal, AAS has submitted a point by point response, to comments from the CO and from ISPC's. They thus have covered all the bases and are very obviously taking very seriously the comments they received.

There is one comment from ISPC with which they disagree: that they should not expand to further sites. The reasons presented in their point by point response to ISPC are cogent and I support their decision. All CRPs need to have a minimum of diversity of conditions encompassed across their sites in order to make more rapid progress, in addition to the points made by AAS about the need to work alongside with other CRPs at some of their sites.

The resubmitted proposal now presents research questions, hypotheses supporting their theory of change and they have clarified the scientific content of most of what they do, including that they do work on increasing the productivity of aquatic systems, in addition to their own interpretation of work on innovation systems. Over the 2 year extension they are going to:

- Start operating in 2 additional sites in Myanmar and Ghana where other CRPs are located (GRiSP, WLE and Livestock and Fish) so they will design collaborative activities with them;
- Produce an assessment of productivity improvement technologies for aquatic systems in AAS target systems, and ensure that their partners also use the results of this assessment in the appropriate systems;
- For the Asian mega deltas, they will identify opportunities for improving productivity in an equitable and sustainable manner and will pilot the relevant practices and technologies, with partners, using their interpretation of research in development approaches;
- For South East Asia and the Pacific Islands they will facilitate a regional consensus on community-based resources management approaches and will work with national and regional partners to scale up the innovations in community based resources management;
- For African inland waters, they will identify sustainable and equitable technologies and practices that increase productivity and will start piloting some of these technologies and practices through a research in development approach.

Recommendation to approve.