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Short Presentation of Workshops / Open Topics Outcomes

Rice Ecosystem Services

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What new insights came out of the workshop / open topic?

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- In rice ecosystems, in particular in South East Asia, physical, biological, economic, social and cultural incl. spiritual concerns are so closely interwoven that excellent expertise in one discipline is insufficient to answer even the questions from the discipline itself.
- To understand one's own findings, continuous discourse is necessary.
- The discourse must not only integrate research results but be open to modify research questions.
- Local knowledge holders must participate in this process on an equal footing.

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What are the plans for the next year?

- Prepare a book summarising the multi-perspective characterisations of our research sites.
- Integrate the research results along the line of thinking of the ecosystem service cascade, in the process modifying it to suit the cases.
- Publish this integration as
 - an extensive, comprehensive report,
 - a series of papers providing a conceptual basis for the empirical findings,
 - work on multi-author papers on methodology lessons learnt,
 - use the field research experience to further refine the ecosystem service concept for integrated service assessment and management.