

Research Project FR4: Mid-term Evaluation Comments

Project Title	Mapping the environmental impact footprint of cities, companies, and households
Abbreviated Title	Supply chain
Project Leader	KANEMOTO Keiichiro
Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Program 1:Global Environmental Culture Program, Matsuda PD

General advice and comments of the EREC

Now in its fourth year, the project has a very ambitious scope and is delivering a substantial volume of data on high resolution life cycle/environmental footprints from a very large inventory of cities, corporations, and households in Japan, India, the US, and Europe. Progress in the past year is commendable in terms of additional data acquired, connections established with government actors and working groups for whom the data is particularly relevant.

The EREC committee noted that considerably more attention to social science studies that would help interpret the quantitative data would be an important aspect of the project to strengthen. How could the data and its interpretation be input into growth strategies and lifestyles in each country? The committee strongly recommended considering the development of reflections on and interpretation of the data to provide a more strategic output of the project.