



## RESPONSE TO RTEC COMMENTS

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Project Title:	<b>Golden Apple Snail (<i>Pomecea caniculata</i>) and Telescope Snail (<i>Telescopium telescopium</i>) as feed sources for Tiger Lobster (<i>Panulirus ornatus</i>) culture in the Municipality of Dumaran</b>
Beneficiary/Proponent:	LGU-Dumaran
Province:	Palawan
Amount Requested:	P 193,636.33
Date of Evaluation:	February 20, 2024

RTEC Comments	Response
Consider potential sources of raw materials	The project proposal now includes a detailed section on potential sources of raw materials. The collection of Golden Apple Snails (GAS) will focus on areas where these snails are abundant and considered pests, such as rice fields. Telescopic snails will be sourced from sustainable, local aquaculture farms to ensure a steady supply.
The control variable should be the telescopic snails since it is the feed used for 3 years	The experimental design has been updated to designate telescopic snails as the control variable. This is because they have been used as feed for the past three years, providing a reliable baseline for comparison with Golden Apple Snails (GAS).
Include BFAR in the project	The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is now officially included as a partner in the project. Their role will involve providing technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation support.
Include breakdown/specifics in the LIB	A detailed breakdown and specifics have been included in the Line Item Budget (LIB).
Include cost comparison to ensure economic impact on the fisherfolks	A comprehensive cost comparison between using telescopic snails and Golden Apple Snails (GAS) as feed has been added. This comparison highlights the economic impact on fisherfolks, showing potential savings and increased profitability when using GAS as an alternative feed source.



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Include in the objectives the cost of production of both golden apple snail and telescope snail and the proposed project may be considered for the following year	The objectives section now includes a specific aim to determine the cost of production for both Golden Apple Snails (GAS) and telescopic snails. This will provide a clearer understanding of the economic feasibility and sustainability of using GAS as an alternative feed source.
Include the number of replications per treatment	The experimental design now specifies that there will be three replications per treatment. This ensures statistical validity and reliability of the results, allowing for a robust comparison between the two feed sources.

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