

Dear Dr. Natchanon Ketram,

*I am honored to be as a peer reviewer of your SSA report for Dabry's sturgeon. As your requested, the comments based my knowledge and researches on the species are as follows:*

1. Are our descriptions and analyses of the taxonomy, species description, habitat, life history and ecology, historical and current distribution, and population trends for the species accurate?

*Yes*

2. Did we use the best scientific and commercial information available?

*Yes*

3. Did we provide accurate and adequate review and analysis of the factors affecting the species (e.g. habitat loss and modification due to damming and riverbed modification, bycatch, effectiveness of existing regulatory mechanisms including fishing bans, protected areas, restocking, and other factors)?

*Almost. I think some new policies or regulations will bring effects on status of Dabry's sturgeon and also may contribute for your assessment, especially for the conservation scenario:*

- 1) *The conservation efforts for the endangered species have been strengthen these years. Where fishing ban for Dabry's sturgeon were extended from March to June since 2017.*
- 2) *The capture intensity in the Yangtze River will decreased sharply in the coming years from 2017 and almost all fishing will be closed in the natural reserve and the whole river. That means the bycatch will also sharply decreased.*
- 3) *The restocking efforts for Dabry's sturgeon was also taken downstream the Gezhouba Dam in the past few since 2014. The spawning ground for Chinese sturgeon below the Gezhouba Dam were considered also suitable for dabry's sturgeon. The current range of Dabry's sturgeon should also include the Middle reaches of Yangtze river from downstream Gezhouba dam to Hukou, Jiangxi province. Actually we have received bycatch data in the past 3 years.*

4. Are there any significant oversights, omissions, or inconsistencies in this status review?

*NO*

5. Are our conclusions logical and supported by the evidence we provide?

*I agree most of your SSA reports on Dabry's sturgeon. While, as have mentioned above, I think it could be better than you expected for the conservation scenario.*

6. Did we include all necessary and pertinent literature to support our assumptions and conclusions?

*Yes*

The attachment also include:

A. A copy of recent resume/curriculum vitae.

*YES*

B. Copies of any additional publications that you may cite in your review.

*NO*

C. The completed Conflict of Interest form (attached).

*YES*

D. Your peer review comments.

*YES*

*Yours Sincerely,*

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