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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. The manuscript makes important contribution to the body of knowledge by proving the much-needed framework for assessing resilience of socio-ecological systems.</p> <p>2. Yes, the title is suitable in the context of micro-scale (systems level) – Candaba wetlands system.</p> <p>3. The abstract presents a statement: however, the wetland is not secured from recurrent disturbances. We acknowledge, that like the Candaba wetland systems, many other wetlands around the world face similar threats. However, the focus of this study is on an indicator framework...It is expected that right from the introduction of the abstract...the focus should be on indicators for assessing socio-ecological resilience.</p> <p>4. Overall, the subsections and structure are inadequate.</p> <p>a. First, the body does not have a section on methodology.</p> <p>b. Second, the indicators of socio-ecological resilience should have a fifth one: livelihoods - to capture communities' ability to prepare for and adapt to the challenges posed by natural hazards, and the mechanism they have developed to cope and adapt to threats....</p> <p>c. Third, the manuscript talks of Table 1 of indicators (pg 8 – though not numbered), which is missing.</p> <p>5. The methodology is not as rigorous as would be expected. For example, the lack of a methodology for the study: the abstract introduces the methodology as being a review of existing literature, but does not clarify on the protocol utilised in the literature search...the timeframe for the searched literature is not provided, etc. It is expected that the author of the manuscript should have recognized existing frameworks – clearly identifying their strengths and weaknesses. This would have given a firm basis for crafting the indicators for this study...</p> <p>6. Literature and references on existing similar frameworks are missing.</p>	
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