Team Project Grading Rubrics

Written Reports:

1. **Problem Identification (20 points)**
   - **Statement of the Problem (5 points)**
     The topic relates to the theme (Food Security and/or Sustainability) of the course. The problem statement is concise and related to the welfare of individuals, communities, environment and/or species/biodiversity and not simply a lack of knowledge about something.
   - **Significance of the Problem (5 points)**
     Who or what is affected. What is the scope and/or scale of the problem? Who cares about it and why?
   - **Documentation and Data Supporting the Problem and Its Importance (5 points)**
     Is the importance and existence of the problem supported by data, research, and/or expert opinion? Are the sources used reliable?
   - **Cross-Cultural Intersections of the Problem (5 points)**
     How does the problem cross cultural and geographical boundaries? If not, how generalizable is the problem to a larger elevation wherein solving it could have spillover benefits that cross these boundaries?

2. **Proposed Solution(s) (20 points)**
   - **Technical Feasibility (5 points)**
     Is the proposed solution technically feasible? Is the technical feasibility supported in the presentation and/or are technical obstacles clearly identified for future exploration?
   - **Societal Feasibility (5 points)**
     Is the proposed solution culturally, economically, and socially acceptable? What are the prospects for adoption and/or are social obstacles clearly identified for future exploration?
   - **Potential for Impact (5 points)**
     If the proposed solution were implemented what would be the impacts? Who would benefit and by how much? Who might “lose” if the proposed solution were implemented? Is the benefit-cost likely to be favorable?
   - **Supporting Documentation and Data (5 points)**
     Is the proposed solution supported by data, research, and/or expert opinion? Are the sources used reliable?
3. **Writing Quality (10 points)**

- Readability and Grammar, etc. (5 points)
  
  *Is report well-written and readable?*

- Organization and Logic (5 points)
  
  *Is the report well-organized and the logical reasoning soundly presented?*

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**Presentations:**

1. *See Part 1 above (20 points)*
2. *See Part 2 above (20 points)*
3. **Presentation Style and Delivery (10 points)**

- Presentation Clarity (5 points)
  
  *Are slides or other visual materials effective in communicating their content? Do presenters clearly present their material and points?*

- Organization and Logic (5 points)
  
  *Is the presentation well-organized and logically presented?*