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No Longer Profitable but Still Alive: Global Capital Flow in The Case of Apple Snails

This paper explores the intersections between environmentalist discourse on invasive species, post-colonial theorization of hybridity and critical analysis of the global countryside. It studies narrative frameworks produced on Apple Snail (*Pomacea canaliculata*) in Taiwan, mainland China and the Philippines. Apple Snail has become invasive to many East Asian countries since the 1980s; it is among the world's 100 most invasive species. The history of living together with apple snails reveals that while economic opportunities enable apple snails to flow, the loss of their economic values frees the snails to a new life cycle. *How does this help us understand the life-history of objects beyond capital flow? Being widely studied, apple snail yields a rich repertoire of scientific and political narratives.* By reading the gaps between various narratives, the paper reveals the ways Apple Snail is caught within hierarchical knowledge productions in global networks of labor and wealth distributions.