

Appendix 1. Median values of perceived support received from the government and other farmers for the interviewed farmers in the Mekong Delta (interquartile ranges in parentheses).

Farming systems	Support from the government	Support from other farmers
Rice	3.0 (2.0-4.0)	4.0 ^a (2.0-4.0)
Rice-shrimp	2.0 (1.5-4.0)	3.0 ^b (2.0-4.0)
Shrimp	3.0 (2.0-4.0)	4.0 ^a (2.0-4.0)

The values in the table represent a “1-5 Likert scale” standing for: very little (1) to very much (5) support. No significant difference of support from the government between farming systems ($\chi^2(2) = 1.34, p = 0.512$), significant difference of support from other farmers between farming systems ($\chi^2(2) = 8.28, p = 0.016$). The median values with different superscripts are significantly different (p -value <0.05 , Dunn’s test)