

Review of: "Ancient Houses in Ben Tre City: A Multifaceted Approach to Preserve Artistic Architectural Heritage and Boost Local Tourism"

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The paper is an excellent case study research on an important topic, since most historic dwellings require being destroyed by modern development and economic pressure.

The research's interesting, straightforward title accurately sums up its findings.

The primary goal of the study and its methodology are not presented in the abstract, which is fairly broad.

The keywords are good and acceptable.

There is some weakness in the introduction and sub-sets. Since the study mentioned Soil Stabilization, Cement-Stabilized Base (CSB), Load-Bearing Capacity, Sustainable Construction, it would be better to analyse the spatial structure, masonry materials, and architectural art of ancient houses, and then propose targeted conservation strategies based on the results of the above analysis. Additional reviews of the literature are required in the areas of heritage management and conservation, particularly in Vietnam. Moreover, it's needed to look at Amos Rapoport's book and take a look at his theories of retrofitting vernacular architecture.

More information should be included, such as the global context of heritage protection, and more research is required to support the approaches used in the study and the suggested methods.

In summary, the introduction and subsections resemble a technical report written for the general community. The writers should focus on the target population's materials, techniques, and statistical data.

The discussion and results are short. It would be better in this section to focus especially on the components that are already in place (Ben Tre).

Best regards,

