

Review of: "Agritourism: a source for socio-economic transformation in developing economies"

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Review on Agritourism Article

1. Page 2: There is need for correct referencing to van Zyl and Merwe (2021) and Chase (2020).
2. Page 2: There is a 2008 reference on contribution of agritourism to American economy. It is followed by an assumption that the same contribution could have doubled or tripled by now. The authors can surely do better by getting a more recent reference that tells a more realistic position of agritourism in American economy.
3. Page 2: A sentence on Tanzania and Covid 19 sound contradictory to the idea of positive impacts of agritourism to societies. It needs to be revised or removed altogether.
4. Page 3: A paragraph starting with 'Because' does not sound proper. Why not restructure to "Agritourism is treated as an ancillary to the primary tourism industry as it does not compete with hotels and similar businesses".
5. Page 3: References Cigale etc must all be in brackets as they feature after the reference statement separated by semicolon.
6. Page 3: Italy is referred to as a State yet it is officially a country. Needs revision
7. Page 3: Last paragraph. There is a citation of Japan without a reference.
8. Page 4: Section 3.1 Location. A list of what is required to make a location attraction is given without any reference yet this paper a literature based. Where did you get this list from? The same list is followed a citation from Chigora et al (2020) being said to be concurring with the list, Proper writing does not allow old literature to concur with recent literature but rather recent literature concurs or supports what is already in existence.
9. Page 5, Section 5.2. The last sentence is a duplication of sentences captured earlier in the same paragraph. Consider removing or restructure as a concluding sentence in the paragraph.
10. Page 5: Figure 1 gives the impression that each element of the framework is connected to only two other elements and therefore does not have a direct relationship with other elements. For example funding is directly connected to Marketing Strategies and Policy Support but it is not directly connected to Location, Infrastructure and Quality Products. For funding I feel it has a direct link with Quality Products and Infrastructure. The model may need revisiting. From the discussion that follows the model from section 3.1 to section 3.6, I think your model should be such that all elements around agritourism are interacting to and from the centre without a direct link between them
11. Page 6: Section 3.4. The word website in that section sound misplaced as the core theme in the paragraph seem pointed at agritourism where the farm or ranch is the exact location where it will be taking place and hence need to be marketed using various means including website.

12. Page 6: Section 3.6. There is a closing bracket in the paragraph without an opening bracket.
13. Page 7: Second paragraph last sentence tells us of examples coming from Europe, Africa and Asia. However in the next section only examples from Africa are given, making the statement above a misrepresentation of facts. Needs to be revised.
14. NOTE: General in-text referencing need to be revisited and consistently done according to the journal expectations. Basic things citing three authors e.g. Ben, John and Peter (2020) are sometimes captured as Ben, John, and Peter (2020) and sometimes captured as above.
15. Page 9: Section 4.4. Second last sentence “..... get income through tourist” should read “.... get income through tourism” or “.....get income from tourists”.
16. Page 10: Paragraph starting with Chikuta, the link between the Chikuta study and the Kenyan example are not well connected. They sound like two strange sentences forced into a paragraph.
17. Page 9: paragraph starting with Zimbabwe, there is a reference Baipai that was opened with two Brackets and closed with one. Revisit.
18. Page 10: Last paragraph, a statement that says “similar practices can be” should be revisited to reflect the correct tense. E.g. could read “similar practices were observed in Italy and USA (.....2004).
19. Page 11 and Page 13 contains tables 1 and 2 that are not connected to the contents of the paper, that is they are not referenced anywhere in the write up.