

Review of: "Tourists' Activities and their Impacts on Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site, Zimbabwe"

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The title of the manuscript is well articulated but quality of the research can be enhanced by effecting the following suggestions accordingly.

1. Page 2/17 last paragraph, line 2 reads... offerings that a destination offers (offerings should be replaced with attractions)
2. Page 3/17 paragraph one, lines 5 and 6 reads... In this study tourists' activities are defined by Biernat (2011) that is the total acts and actions of people associated with participation in tourism. (Recast the expression).
3. I suggest the statement of the problem and objectives should be summarized and added to the introduction as the last paragraph.
4. The literature review is too scanty and should not be numbered. It should be reworked. Tourist activities should not be reviewed in isolation of destinations and attractions. For instance in page 3/17, paragraph two, the author(s) reviewed vandalism as tourist activity without relating the act to either tourists and or tourist destination.
5. Page 5/17 methodology...fifteen (15) randomly and conveniently selected tourists at the study site who met during the five (5) day data collection period. (Recast, the expression is not clear)
6. The research methodology should be stated and explained.
7. The study area should be described.
8. The activities permitted in the study area should also be explained. As in the case of page 7/17 which reads... However, some Sangomas are permitted to enter the study site with their pots and apparatus for rituals and are granted access to the caves. It is in such cases that paintings and other forms of drawings are made on the surface as part of cultural traditions or rituals.
9. Page 8/17 paragraph two, lines 1-3, read... From the research participants' views, it is evident that there was also wilful degradation of natural resources through depletion of resources such as air, water and soil; the destruction of ecosystems; habitat destruction; the extinction of wildlife; and pollution at the Chinhoyi caves. The author(s) should state tourist activities responsible for the above wilful degradation.
10. The following authors were cited in-text but did not appear in the full reference:

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