

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 research represents an interesting topic that connects heritage conservation and urban regeneration plans, which is a very important topic that tackles many heritage buildings around the globe. However, the focus of the research is very broad and needs to concentrate on one of the topics (technical part in building conservation, its positioning within the urban development plan, the intangible heritage). The method used is very narrative and lacks an analytical approach.

The introduction is good, but if the reader is not from the geographic location, it will be hard to form a comprehensive view about the project. The case study should be accompanied by maps, photographs, and more in-depth analysis of the materiality and the nature of both the tangible and intangible heritage to give a holistic image to the reader. More literature should also be added exploring heritage management plans and sustainable development.

The findings are very general and can be applied to many heritage conservation plans around the world, not to this specific case study. They should deviate to more focused research findings and focus on this specific case study and how it can be positioned within the urban development plan.