

Review of: "Ancient Trails of the Surigao Gold District: A Preliminary Baseline Predictive Model"

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-The research theme is interesting and the results could guide researchers in archaeological excavations in the future.

However, here are some points for improving the quality of work :

- The summary needs to be strengthened a little more so that it can give the reader an overall idea of the content of the work and the results of the research.

- The problem that justifies this research must be announced more clearly in the text.

-Work on similar themes already done in the region must be cited so that the reader knows something about what has been done and what has not been done.

- The author mentions in the discussion that this baseline model was created based on an algorithm, the author would do well to describe this algorithm a little more in the methodology section and to put a little more emphasis on the technical aspects covered in this research. Otherwise, it remains difficult to see how it is possible to draw these ancient paths solely from the topography.

-The results found in this research remain purely theoretical and await validation and verification in the field, which is what the authors plan to do in what they call secondary analysis. I encourage the author to embark on field work soon.

Good luck.