

# Review of: "Coconut flower - market potential and future forecast in the Coconut Land (Bến Tre), Vietnam"

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This is a very interesting and important research topic especially considering its benefits to help coconut farmers and on rural development in the area. However in order to present it as a scientific review, the author needs to restructure and revise the manuscripts accordingly and with the aid of an experienced proofreader. Below are some comments with regard to the manuscript:

1. The article is titled "Coconut flower - market potential and future forecast in the Coconut Land (Bến Tre), Vietnam". Is "Coconut Land" the name of the area?
2. The review objectives and questions as well as the methods should be defined at the beginning of the article.
3. The subheadings need to be restructured and rearranged to ensure the presentation of the article flows smoothly.
4. The title is about coconut flower which can be used for different purposes. However, the text is focused only on the coconut nectar.
5. The title is about market potential and future forecast of coconut flower, however no sufficient review, data and analysis related to the market value of coconut flower/coconut nectar and future forecast in the text.
6. The references, figures and boxes should be clearly referred in the text.
7. References should be provided in the text for every data or opinion other than from the author's own opinion or data.
8. The author uses different terms like honey, nectar, sugar interchangeably. It is better for the author to use a consistent term to avoid confusion for the readers.
9. What is the difference between coconut nectar and palm nectar? (under subheading "The indigenous knowledge method")
10. Step 2 in Box 1 is not clear. A picture/diagram is more useful to describe this process.