

# 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 paper is a good case study research that deals with a very important topic, as most of the heritage residential buildings are threatened by extinction due to modern development and economic pressure.

The title of the research is clear, interesting, and reflects its contents.

The abstract is quite wide; it does not present the main aim of the research and the research methods. I would recommend removing the part related to the *Cement-Stabilized Base (CSB)* from the abstract and keywords, as it is quite a secondary finding in relation to the main topic.

I think that (*Soil Stabilization, Cement-Stabilized Base (CSB), Load-Bearing Capacity, Sustainable Construction*) are not the main related keywords for this paper. Please consider reviewing.

Please review the paper structure; the title of each part is clear; however, the secondary titles need to be clearer or numbered.

On page 2 (third paragraph), I think the part related to the mosaic could be a footnote.

There is a need to add more literature review related to heritage management and conservation, especially in Vietnam.

Please add an introduction and basic information about Ben Tre City (this will give the reader an overview of the size and characteristics of the city).

I believe that the findings and conclusions of the research need to be more detailed with recommendations oriented towards each of the stakeholders (Government, NGOs, owners, and users).

I would like to thank the research team for shedding light on this kind of heritage, and for the clear and detailed documentation of the Old Houses in Ben Tre City, which could be very useful material for future research and a solid foundation for the management and conservation of this valuable heritage site.