

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

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Dear Authors,

thank you for the opportunity to review the article. You present interesting work about "Tourists' Activities and their Impacts on Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site, Zimbabwe" but there are a few recommendations that might improve your article.

There is no photos or figures of the caves and surrounding area. Please document the area and activities with photographs. For example, some photographs of graffiti, drawings or other in the caves would add value to the article.

There is no map and no mention of geographical location of the caves. Please, add to the text some basic geographical, geological, and other important features of the caves and surrounding area that make these caves a heritage site.

Statement of the problem section is too short. Please describe in more detail what is the main problem with the activities in the Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site? Please describe what is the main value of the caves as a heritage site?

Research methodology: is number of 15 randomly and conveniently selected tourist enough to make conclusions about site and about tourist activities? What do you mean with the sentence that tourists are conveniently selected?

You do not need to repeat sentences about the research objectives in the 5. Results and Discussion section.

Sentences where you define what are graffiti and what are drawings are not relevant for the article. For example, sentences "According to Bates (2014), graffiti comes from the Italian word graffiare, which means 'to scratch on a surface.' It can be considered as a form of art as indicated by Sequera (2016)." can be deleted from the text. In addition, sentences about drawing as an art form can be deleted.

Please explain in more detail about Sangomas and their rituals and their paintings? How rituals are influencing on the value of the heritage site?

There is unnecessary repetition in the article. For example, sentences "Fourthly there is sightseeing where tourists travel to experience and appreciate the religion, culture, historical resources, nature and ecological resources along the road (Lee, 2011)." "According to Lee (2011), viewing is the same as sightseeing where people travel in order to experience and appreciate the religion, culture, historical resources, nature and ecological resources." are repetition. Please delete repeated sentence.

Section 5.3. Strategies to minimize the negative impacts of tourist activities is too short. You only list few strategies, but you do not explain about them, which one are already in use, which one need to be revisited and aligned. In addition, maybe more strategies could be suggested by authors. Also, you could do a SWOT analysis of all positive and negative impacts of tourist activities in the case of Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site caves, and SWOT analysis of strategies devised to

minimize the negative impact.

Hope that you will acknowledge recommendations and that your article will be improved.

Kind regards!