

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 article presents the problems faced by 20th-century architecture that are not sufficiently valued, not only in Vietnam but throughout the world.

Although the title does reflect the content of the article, the abstract mentions the study of the effectiveness of the Cement-Stabilized Base (CSB) additive in enhancing soil load-bearing capacity, but this is only marginally alluded to in the development. Likewise, soil stabilization, cement-stabilized base (CBS), and load-bearing capacity are mentioned in the keywords, although they are not the main elements to be treated. The main objective of the study and the methodology are not clear.

It would be more illustrative to have plans and more photographs at an urban level when presenting the case study, to understand the problems of the houses within this context, as well as the location of those that were taken as a sample of the study, since not all readers will be familiar with the geographic area where they are located.

To better understand the values referred to in the article, it would be interesting to have at least a reference to a house, illustrating this with plans and photos, since the ones that have some graphic information are just two, but not complete. In this way, it would be demonstrated how valuable they are as a heritage element that deserves to be preserved.

The structure of the text needs to be organized so that it is clearer and the article more understandable in accordance with the objective pursued in it, which must also be clarified, as I mentioned previously.

In Section 3.2, where Nguyen Thi Hau's opinion is expressed, the textual quote is not correct. The same thing happens with Bui Hoai Son's opinion. Rather than quoting verbatim, it is suggested to summarize what they think.

Regarding the point of the state of conservation and the proposals made, it would be convenient to illustrate the deterioration with photos to better understand the proposed solutions to them and whether they are in accordance with the characteristics of the original materials used.

In Section 3.4, it would be more appropriate to use another word instead of exploitation, maybe use.

The discussion is very short; it should be expanded and not just focused on one part of the article.

Throughout the document, there are repetitions of topics. The text requires better structuring and a review of syntax, grammar, and punctuation.