

MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Thesis: The Impact of Climate Change in The Local Development Of Sids
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Content

Please comment on: aims, structure, methods; depth and quality of analysis.

The master thesis of Nathalia Velasco Cardona is focused on The Impact of Climate Change in The Local Development Of Sids. The topic of SIDS is a very interesting and actual topic. The topic of the thesis fits the scope of the Department of Development and Environmental Studies. The structure of the thesis is quite diverse/remarkable in other theses in this field. The author mixes empirical and theoretical chapters (some parts of the text in chapter 4 have to be in the theoretical parts of the thesis). A chapter Case study is not well described (no characteristics of SIDS by used indicators, geography characteristics). In the whole master thesis, I am missing research questions to determine the whole research. Without research questions, the author cannot make an explicit conclusion.

HDI is mentioned and described in chapter 3, but the author is describing HDI in chapter four again. Some indexes are not well described, for example CVI. In chapter 4 Study case missing a comparison table where all used indexes are included.

Literature and references

Please comment on: literature used and references.

Chapter 2, 2.1. A literature review is quite weak, including just six articles and references. In chapter 2, some references are missing in the text

Formal requirements

Please comment on: language style, consistency, graphic layout, tables and figures, etc.

Different fonts for figures and text.

Paging - pg. 0 is not common in these types of theses.

I am missing references in the text to tables.

In figure 1: Papua New Guinea is missing in the graph.

Not all abbreviations are described. Pg. 8 - the author describes four RCP models 2.6 W/m^2 but is not explained. What does it mean W/m^2 , etc.?

Topics for discussion

Mention questions that may be discussed during the defense. Delete the whole section if you do not have any questions.

Why Belize is included in SIDS when it is a continental country (not an island)?

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

Please comment on your overall evaluation of the thesis. This section should end with a separate sentence (if you do not recommend the thesis for defense, add "not" in the sentence; then the proposed grade must be F):

The topic of SIDS is a very interesting and actual topic, but, in the thesis, I am missing some important rules which a master thesis must have. The thesis is written in the superficial form and I am missing some deeper analyses.

I do recommend the thesis for defense with grade D.

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