Evaluation of the Tourist Impact in the Kartchner Caverns  
(Arizona, USA)

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Kartchner Caverns opened to the public in November 1999. Some preliminary studies have been performed in the cave in its natural status. Arizona Conservation Projects, Inc. (ACPI) established 22 monitoring stations, from these specific areas, measurements of air, water, soil, temperature’s were taken. Humidity and carbon dioxide concentrations were also measured. An evaluation of the impact assessment was obtained and suggestions to improve the present situation were proposed.