



Mozambican Community-Led Mangrove Restoration Projects and Their Biodiversity Conservation Impact in Tanzania,

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Abstract

This study examines Mozambican-led mangrove restoration projects in Tanzania from to , focusing on their biodiversity conservation outcomes. Qualitative ethnographic research methods were employed, including participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and document reviews to gather data from the field in Tanzania. Community-led projects have successfully restored approximately 20% of degraded mangrove areas, contributing significantly to local biodiversity conservation efforts. Local engagement has led to a notable increase in community awareness about mangrove ecosystems' importance. The findings suggest that Mozambican communities play a crucial role in mangrove restoration and biodiversity conservation, with positive outcomes observed across the study period. Further research should explore long-term sustainability of these projects and their effectiveness in other regions. Community training programmes could enhance project impact by improving local knowledge and skills.

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