



Bamboo Harvesting Practices in Community Forest Management Projects Among Yoruba Farmers: Emission Reductions and Sustainable Strategies in Southern Nigeria

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Abstract

Bamboo harvesting practices in community forest management projects among Yoruba farmers are an integral part of sustainable land use and carbon sequestration efforts. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis to gather data from Yoruba farmers involved in community forest management projects across multiple sites in southern Nigeria. Findings indicate that the practice of bamboo harvesting is guided by traditional knowledge systems which emphasise seasonal cycles, sustainability thresholds, and communal decision-making processes. These practices are effective in reducing carbon emissions and align with broader sustainable development goals within local communities. The study highlights the importance of integrating traditional ecological knowledge into modern forest management strategies to enhance emission reduction efforts and promote sustainable bamboo harvesting practices among Yoruba farmers in Southern Nigeria. Recommendations include fostering collaboration between traditional custodians, community leaders, and local government agencies to implement a holistic approach that values both cultural heritage and environmental stewardship. This collaborative framework is essential for achieving long-term emission reduction goals and sustainable bamboo harvesting practices. Bamboo Harvesting Practices, Community Forest Management, Yoruba Farmers, Emission Reductions, Sustainable Strategies

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