



Community Forest Management Efficiency in East Congo's Indigenous Populations of the Ituri Region: An Ethnographic Study

Gebbru Asfaw^{1,2}, Fasil Tessema³

¹ Department of Research, Jimma University

² Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Addis Ababa University

³ Jimma University

Published: 15 May 2009 | **Received:** 12 December 2008 | **Accepted:** 01 April 2009

Correspondence: gasfaw@aol.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18895386](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18895386)

Author notes

Gebbru Asfaw is affiliated with Department of Research, Jimma University and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Fasil Tessema is affiliated with Jimma University and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Abstract

This study explores community forest management in indigenous populations of the Ituri region of East Congo, focusing on their efficiency and effectiveness. An ethnographic approach was employed, involving participant observation, semi-structured interviews with community leaders and members, and archival research to gather comprehensive data on the governance structures and practices. Community decisions were predominantly influenced by traditional leadership figures who held significant influence over resource allocation. A notable theme emerged regarding gender equity in decision-making processes, where women's voices played a crucial role in shaping forest management strategies. The study concludes that effective community forest management requires strong leadership and equitable participation from all genders to ensure sustainable outcomes. Recommendations include promoting inclusive governance models that empower both traditional leaders and local communities, particularly women, to make decisions regarding forest resources.

Keywords: *African Geography, Indigenous Communities, Ethnography, Community-Based Management, Sustainable Development, Cultural Ecology, Fieldwork Techniques*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge