



Cultural Preservation Policies and Indigenous Knowledge Transmission in the Congo Basin of Senegal: A Ten-Year Assessment

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Abstract

This study examines cultural preservation policies in Senegal's Congo Basin region, focusing on their effectiveness in maintaining indigenous knowledge and traditional practices over a ten-year period. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with traditional artisans, focus group discussions with local communities, and document reviews of cultural preservation initiatives. Data analysis involved thematic coding to identify common themes and patterns related to indigenous knowledge transmission and policy effectiveness. Findings suggest that while some policies have shown promise in terms of funding and infrastructure support for traditional practices, challenges such as limited community engagement and inconsistent enforcement persist, impacting the sustainability of these cultural elements. The study concludes that although there has been progress in preserving indigenous knowledge through policy interventions, significant efforts are required to enhance policy implementation and community participation to ensure long-term success. Recommendations include increased community involvement in policy development and monitoring, improved enforcement of existing policies, and the integration of cross-sectoral collaboration for holistic cultural preservation strategies.

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