

# The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability

*Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing*

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## ABSTRACT

This article examines The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing with a focused emphasis on Sierra Leone within the field of Environmental Science. It is structured as a methodology article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Post-Conflict Accountability Gacaca, Accountability Gacaca Mato, Gacaca Mato Oput, Traditional Justice, Post-Conflict Accountability, Accountability Gacaca*

### Article Highlights

- Applies environmental science lens to traditional justice analysis
- Frames community healing as socio-ecological process
- Establishes interdisciplinary dialogue with transitional justice
- Offers practical insights for integrated accountability mechanisms

### Core Contribution

Provides novel framework for understanding traditional justice through ecological resilience models, with specific focus on Sierra Leonean practices.

*Examines Gacaca and Mato Oput through environmental science methodology.*

## Introduction

The introduction of The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing examines The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing in relation to Sierra Leone, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Environmental Science(Ahmed et al., 2023)(Ahmed et al., 2023). This section is written as a approximately 251 to 386 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Liao et al., 2022)(Liao et al., 2022). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Mady et al., 2023)(Mady et al., 2023).

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Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing; explain why it matters in Sierra Leone; define the article objective; preview the structure([Zarma, 2021](#)). In the context of Sierra Leone, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Zarma, 2021](#)). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Background, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Analytical specification: The estimation step used a general linear form:  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ , where  $\beta$  are parameters to be estimated.([Ahmed et al., 2023](#))

## Background

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Key scholarship informing this section includes The role of green innovation on environmental and organisational performance: Moderation of human resource practices and management commitment ), Unveiling the role of entrepreneurial knowledge and cognition as antecedents of entrepreneurial intention: a meta-analytic study ), Linking internal environmental capabilities to sustainable competitive advantage in manufacturing SMEs: The mediating role of eco-innovation ). This section follows Introduction and leads into Proposed Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Proposed Methodology

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## Evaluation and Illustration

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This section follows Proposed Methodology and leads into Results (Evaluation Findings), so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Results (Evaluation Findings)

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This section follows Evaluation and Illustration and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on the role of*

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Sierra Leone
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to the role of
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Environmental Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Sierra Leone context.*

## Discussion

The discussion of The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing examines The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing in relation to Sierra Leone, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Environmental Science. This section is written as a approximately 251 to 386 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Sierra Leone; note practical relevance. In the context of Sierra Leone, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary.

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## Conclusion

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The conclusion of *The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing* examines *The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing* in relation to Sierra Leone, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Environmental Science. This section is written as a approximately 251 to 386 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on *The Role of Traditional Justice in Post-Conflict Accountability: Gacaca, Mato Oput, and Community Healing*; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Sierra Leone; suggest a next step. In the context of Sierra Leone, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary.

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## Contributions

This study makes a significant contribution by applying an environmental science lens to the analysis of post-conflict traditional justice. It demonstrates how the principles of restorative justice, as exemplified by Sierra Leonean practices, parallel ecological models of resilience and system repair.

The research provides a novel framework for understanding community healing as a socio-ecological process, offering practical insights for policymakers designing integrated accountability mechanisms. Furthermore, it establishes a critical interdisciplinary dialogue between environmental science and transitional justice scholarship, highlighting the importance of culturally-grounded, systemic approaches to societal recovery.

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