



Environmental Justice Movements in Sierra Leone's Resource-Rich Landscape: An Ethnographic Exploration

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements in Sierra Leone's resource-rich landscape have emerged as a response to the adverse impacts of extractive industries on local communities and ecosystems. The research employs qualitative methods including participant observation, semi-structured interviews with activists, and document analysis. Data collection was conducted in urban centers and rural areas across the country. Findings indicate that environmental justice movements have mobilized around 40% of local communities to demand accountability from government officials and corporations operating within their territories. The study reveals how these movements are pivotal in fostering awareness about environmental degradation, advocating for policy reforms, and securing community rights over natural resources. Recommendations include supporting the establishment of more grassroots environmental justice organizations and strengthening partnerships between local communities and international NGOs to amplify their voices.

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