



Local Community Rights within Natural Resource Governance Laws in DRC Compared to Ghana: An Interdisciplinary Comparative Analysis

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Abstract

This study examines how local communities are granted rights in natural resource governance laws in DRC and Ghana. Comparative analysis of legal texts and scholarly literature from both countries. Local communities in both DRC and Ghana face varying degrees of protection under natural resource laws, with some regions experiencing more equitable rights than others. The study highlights the need for stronger enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with local community rights provisions. Strengthening legal frameworks through participatory processes and monitoring by governmental bodies is recommended.

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