



Environmental Justice Movements in Guinea-Bissau: A Comparative Study in Resource-Rich African Nations

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Abstract

Environmental Justice Movements (EJM) in resource-rich African nations have gained prominence as a response to environmental degradation and social inequalities exacerbated by natural resource exploitation. The study employs qualitative research methods, including interviews with activists and archival analysis of government documents, to explore the dynamics of EJM in Guinea-Bissau. Findings indicate that EJMs in Guinea-Bissau have successfully pressured the government into implementing more equitable resource management policies, particularly in coastal regions affected by artisanal fishing activities. The study concludes with a nuanced understanding of how EJMs can contribute to sustainable development frameworks in resource-rich African contexts. Recommendations include strengthening legal frameworks that protect environmental rights and fostering greater collaboration between EJM activists, policymakers, and civil society organizations. Environmental Justice Movements, Resource-Rich Nations, Guinea-Bissau, Sustainable Development

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