



# Environmental Justice Movements in Zambia: A Qualitative Study of Resource-Rich Nations Context

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## Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich nations face unique challenges related to equitable distribution of natural resources and their impacts on local communities. This qualitative study employs semi-structured interviews with activists, policymakers, and affected communities to gather insights into the development and implementation of environmental justice initiatives in Zambia. A significant theme emerging from the data is the struggle for equitable distribution of benefits from mining activities among local populations versus multinational corporations. Environmental justice movements in Zambia are pivotal in advocating for fair resource management, yet they face substantial resistance and lack of official recognition. The government should implement robust policies that prioritise community participation and benefit-sharing agreements with mining companies to enhance environmental justice outcomes.

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