



Impact Assessment of Community-based Wildlife Conservation Initiatives on Local Livelihoods in Serengeti National Park, Tanzania: A Five-Year Follow-Up Study

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Abstract

Serengeti National Park in Tanzania is a significant area for wildlife conservation and human livelihoods integration. The study employed ethnographic methods including participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and focus group discussions to gather data from local communities living within and around Serengeti National Park. Community-based initiatives led to a 30% increase in livestock productivity due to improved veterinary services and herd management practices. Communities reported higher levels of social cohesion, albeit with concerns about the unpredictability of wildlife conservation outcomes. Further research into long-term impacts is recommended alongside continuous support for community development projects.

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