



## Resource-Rich Togo and the Struggle for Environmental Justice

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### Abstract

Togo is a resource-rich country in West Africa, with significant natural resources such as oil and gold. Environmental degradation and social inequality have become pressing issues. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with semi-structured questionnaires was employed to understand the dynamics of environmental justice advocacy in Togo. Findings indicate that while there is a strong grassroots movement, they face significant challenges including weak institutional support and limited resources for legal action against polluters. The analysis highlights the need for increased government engagement with these movements to foster more effective environmental policies and ensure equitable resource management. Recommendations include strengthening governmental frameworks that facilitate collaboration between environmental justice groups and regulatory bodies, as well as increasing public awareness campaigns on sustainable practices.

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