



# Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich Central African Republic: A Comparative Analysis

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## Abstract

Environmental justice movements (EJM) are gaining traction globally as a response to environmental degradation and social inequality exacerbated by resource extraction in resource-rich regions. Qualitative comparative analysis is employed to explore the dynamics between EJM and state policies, with case studies from three major resource sectors: forestry, mining, and agriculture. A significant proportion (60%) of surveyed community leaders reported instances where EJM successfully pressured local governments into implementing more equitable environmental regulations. While EJM have demonstrated resilience and strategic capabilities in Central African Republic, their impact on broader policy reform remains limited by institutional barriers. Enhanced collaboration between EJM and international development agencies could amplify the movement's influence towards achieving meaningful policy changes.

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