



Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security Implications in East African Protected Areas

Power, Agency, and Structural Change

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security Implications in East African Protected Areas: Power, Agency, and Structural Change with a focused emphasis on Kenya within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a policy analysis article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Illegal Wildlife Trafficking, East African Protected, African Protected Areas, Protected Areas Power, Areas Power Agency, Illegal Wildlife*

Article Highlights

- Examines power dynamics and agency within East African protected areas
- Analyzes security implications of illegal wildlife trafficking in Kenya
- Proposes structural changes for institutional and policy reform
- Foregrounds African context in addressing transnational environmental crime

Core Contribution

An African-centred policy analysis linking wildlife trafficking to security, power structures, and institutional change in protected areas.

Focuses on Kenya as a case study within broader East African dynamics.

Introduction

The introduction of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security Implications in East African Protected Areas: Power, Agency, and Structural Change examines Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security

Implications in East African Protected Areas: Power, Agency, and Structural Change in relation to Kenya, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies(Efstathopoulos, 2023)(Efstathopoulos, 2023). This section is written as a approximately 200 to 288 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Islam, 2024)(Islam, 2024). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Setzer & Higham, 2024)(Setzer & Higham, 2024).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security Implications in East African Protected Areas: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; explain why it matters in Kenya; define the article objective; preview the structure(Sullivan, 2023). In the context of Kenya, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Sullivan, 2023). Key scholarship informing this section includes Global IR and the middle power concept: exploring different paths to agency), Maritime Security in a Technological Era: Addressing Challenges in Balancing Technology and Ethics), Global trends in climate change litigation: 2023 snapshot).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Policy Context, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Context

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This section follows Policy Analysis Framework and leads into Results (Policy Data), so it preserves continuity across the article.

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This section follows Results (Policy Data) and leads into Policy Recommendations, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Recommendations

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Discussion

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Illegal Wildlife Trafficking and Security Implications in East African Protected Areas: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Kenya; suggest a next step. In the context of

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This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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