



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Nations: A Focus on the Republic of Congo

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements have emerged in resource-rich African nations as a response to perceived injustices related to exploitation of natural resources and environmental degradation. The research employs ethnographic methods including participant observation, semi-structured interviews with key informants from environmental justice groups, and document review of relevant policies and reports. Data analysis involved thematic coding to identify patterns and themes in movement activities and challenges faced. Findings indicate that environmental justice movements in the Republic of Congo operate primarily through advocacy campaigns targeting government officials and corporations responsible for resource extraction projects. This study highlights the resilience and effectiveness of environmental justice movements in challenging corporate and governmental practices, albeit with significant obstacles posed by vested interests. Recommendation is to strengthen collaboration between local communities and international NGOs to enhance advocacy efforts and leverage global pressure on affected corporations and governments.

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