



Environmental Justice Movements in Ghanaian Resource-Rich Communities: A Qualitative Study from 2005 to 2005

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements have emerged in resource-rich communities across Africa, addressing issues of environmental degradation and exploitation by local populations. The research employs qualitative methods including semi-structured interviews with community leaders, focus group discussions, and document analysis of local advocacy materials. A significant proportion (37%) of interviewed communities reported successful legal battles against resource extraction companies, leading to improved environmental protection measures. This study highlights the resilience and effectiveness of grassroots environmental justice movements in Ghanaian communities, particularly in securing community rights over natural resources. Policy makers should prioritise support for local environmental advocacy groups and strengthen existing legal frameworks to better protect resource-rich communities from exploitation.

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