



Environmental Justice in Resource-Rich Ghana: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich African nations, such as Ghana, have gained prominence due to the disproportionate impacts of natural resource exploitation on marginalized communities. The study employs a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative data analysis from government reports and surveys with qualitative insights through interviews and focus groups with local activists and stakeholders. Findings suggest that while Ghana has seen some improvements in environmental regulations, ongoing disparities persist between resource-rich regions and more vulnerable communities, particularly regarding access to clean water and healthcare facilities. The research highlights the need for strengthened legal frameworks and community empowerment initiatives to address these inequalities effectively. Recommendations include the establishment of a national environmental justice council and increased funding for community-led projects focusing on sustainable resource management and equitable distribution of benefits.

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