



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Nations: A Survey of Côte d'Ivoire Context

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Abstract

Environmental Justice Movements (EJM) in resource-rich African nations have emerged as a critical area of study due to the disproportionate impact of environmental degradation on vulnerable populations. The study employed a mixed-methods approach involving structured interviews with key stakeholders (government officials, community leaders, environmental activists) and a comprehensive questionnaire distributed among local residents. Data was analysed using thematic content analysis. Findings indicate that while EJM in Côte d'Ivoire have successfully advocated for policy reforms to mitigate pollution and promote sustainable development, they face significant challenges related to resource allocation and enforcement of environmental regulations. The research underscores the importance of sustained community engagement and collaborative governance models in fostering effective EJM in resource-rich African contexts. Recommendations include strengthening stakeholder collaboration frameworks, enhancing public awareness campaigns on environmental issues, and integrating EJM into broader national development strategies.

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