



Indigenous Forest Management in Ugandan Hillside Communities: Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Conservation Perspectives

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Abstract

Indigenous forest management practices in Ugandan hillside communities are crucial for maintaining ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation. No empirical results were obtained; the study employed a qualitative approach to analyse existing literature and community interviews. While farmers are generally supportive of sustainable forest management practices, barriers such as economic constraints impede wider adoption. Investment in community-based forestry programmes should prioritise providing low-cost or subsidized tree planting materials and training workshops. Enhancing local governance structures could also facilitate better resource allocation for forest conservation efforts.

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