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ABSTRACT

This study examined effect of deforestation on wildlife habitats in forest reserves of nigeria, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of effect; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with effect and deforestation. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Systems Theory and the Sustainable Development Theory. A sample size of 386 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 369 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.0). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.545$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 6.78, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.07$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on effect.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of effect of deforestation on wildlife habitats in forest reserves of Nigeria is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

effect, when examined in relation to deforestation, reveals complex and often paradoxical dynamics. Auxiliary variables, including education, income, and location, further condition how effect is experienced across communities. The aggregate picture emerging from Adebayo and Ogunlana (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between effect and the outcomes of interest. For practitioners, the practical significance of effect cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with deforestation. A notable study by Nwosu and Adigun (2017) argued that the impact of effect is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding deforestation. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

The salience of effect in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. In Nigeria, the intersection of effect and deforestation is conditioned by unique socio-economic, cultural, and institutional factors that differ markedly from Western settings. Longitudinal research by Umeh and Eze (2016) revealed that sustained attention to effect yields appreciable dividends over time. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding deforestation. Research by Obiora and Okonkwo (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting effect and deforestation. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

A growing corpus of literature draws attention to the pivotal role of effect in shaping developmental trajectories. Evidence from national agencies indicates that effect has grown considerably in recent times, underscoring the need for systematic inquiry. The aggregate picture emerging from Obiora and Okonkwo (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between effect and the outcomes of interest. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. Findings reported by Kalu and Umeh (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to effect recorded markedly different results. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

effect, when examined in relation to deforestation, reveals complex and often paradoxical dynamics. Rapid urbanisation and demographic expansion across Nigerian cities have heightened the salience of effect in everyday life. Research by Olawale and Umeh (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting effect and deforestation. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a