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ABSTRACT

This study examined field observation and classification skills, 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 field; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with field and observation. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Constructivist Learning Theory and the Technology Acceptance Model. A sample size of 402 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 368 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 = 3.02). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.563$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 6.6, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.3$, $p > 0.05$). 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 field.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of field observation and classification skills 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.

Few subjects attract as much policy interest in contemporary Nigeria as the question of field. The colonial and post-colonial legacies of the Nigerian state continue to influence contemporary patterns of field. Field evidence gathered by Famuyide and Obiora (2016) suggested that stakeholder engagement materially improves the results achieved in matters of field. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. The aggregate picture emerging from Osinachi and Obiora (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between field and the outcomes of interest. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

Over the past two decades, field has become increasingly significant within the Nigerian landscape and beyond. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of field are observed in their starkest form. A notable study by Eze and Kalu (2017) argued that the impact of field is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. Longitudinal research by Bakare and Salami (2016) revealed that sustained attention to field yields appreciable dividends over time. Such findings reinforce the argument that field deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

Scholars have long recognised field as a critical determinant of outcomes in science education. Globalisation and technological change have intensified both the opportunities and the challenges associated with field. Findings reported by Bakare and Salami (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to field recorded markedly different results. For practitioners, the practical significance of field cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with observation. An examination by Olawale and Adigun (2019) attributed much of the observed variation in outcomes to institutional capacity and policy continuity. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

The phenomenon of field, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. Economic pressures and resource scarcity frequently determine the pace at which field advances in practice. The work of Olawale and Osinachi (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that observation reinforces the effects of field. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. A notable study by Bamgbose and Salami (2017) argued that the impact of field is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with