

# **EVALUATING THE ROLES OF NATIONAL PARK/EQUIVALENT GAME RESERVE MANAGEMENT IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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## **Abstract**

This paper, examines an aspect of the contributions of National Park and Equivalent Game Reserve as important instrument for economic development. Prominent rural communities accommodating Kainji Lake National Park management stations were largely used to highlight impacts. Rural developments were evaluated with such measures as improvements in education, environmental awareness and uplift, public security, improvement in social interaction/human relations, business opportunities etc. suggestions were made on area to further aid rural development as means towards gaining the full support of the rural public.