

BUSHMEAT CONSUMPTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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Abstract

The strongholds of Nigeria's wildlife resources are in the rural areas and several species constitute important sources of protein supply to both the rural, sub-urban and urban dwellers. The enormity of hunter's returns based on illegal hunting or exploitation and the implications of unchecked perturbation of valuable wildlife species were discussed. Strategic and tactical means for biodiversity conservation were prescribed. Strategies highlighted include wildlife domestication and ranching, legislative empowerment, monitoring of bushmeat trade, wildlife conservation education and public participation on matters of biodiversity conservation.