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Environmental Justice and Women Empowerment in Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda

Case Study on Kitabi Women Handcrafts Cooperative

This lecture explores the establishment and impact of Kitabi Women Handcrafts Cooperative to Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda, formed in 2011 to empower wives of former hunters. The cooperative's role in economic and social empowerment will be examined, highlighting challenges such as limited participation in decision-making due to a top-down approach, and recommending a partnership approach to better integrate women's needs in conservation policies.



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