

EVALUATION OF FREIGHT ALONG THE CALABAR-ORON INLAND WATERWAYS CORRIDOR, NIGERIA

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Abstract

This paper examines traffic of inbound and outbound freight along the Calabar-Oron corridor. The corridor has been neglected with inadequate facilities as well as inadequate monitoring by National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA). These have given room for the presence of touts and none adherence to safety measures. The data was collected through field work by observation and interactions with the operators of the boats as well as traders at the terminals. The findings of the study concluded that an appreciable volume of traffic with 15 metric tons of goods valued at ₦ 6.8 billion from both inbound and outbound goods. Also, the inbound goods were mainly fish, crayfish, snail, periwinkle, plantain and banana. While the outbound goods were petroleum product, electronics, provision, cosmetics, drinks, garri, beans and onions. The study recommended the presence of National Bureau of Statistics to document these activities.

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