

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOREST RESOURCES: A CASE OF OMO FOREST RESERVE

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Abstract

Forest products supply chains can be seen as large networks through which wood fiber is gradually transformed into consumer products. In the various supply chains, the production network is linked to a procurement network that starts in the forest which is the basis of this work. Primary and secondary data were collected for the purpose of the study. The primary data were collected through the use of questionnaire while the secondary data were collected from the records of OMO Forest Reserve and Ogun State Ministry of Forestry. The descriptive research design was adopted for the study. The data collected were analysed using descriptive statistics such as simple percentage and bar charts. Three research objectives were analysed. The findings revealed the various timber and non-timber forest products from the reserve and their socio-economic impact on the stakeholders (merchants, drivers, and operators). The results from the analysis showed that factors such as the consumer demand for forest produce, and the season of the year (dry season) were major determinants of the regularity of supply of forest produce to urban areas.

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