

SPATIAL PATTERN AND CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMERCIAL MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS IN KURA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, KANO STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

This study examined the operational characteristics of commercial motorcycle operation and mapped out their spatial pattern of their parking stations in Kura Local Government, Kano State. The study employed descriptive survey research. Three wards out of ten in the local Government were selected as sampling area with a sample size of 245 and shared proportionately. Convenience sampling technique was applied to determine the respondents in each of the study site. Primary data was obtained via structured questionnaire. Descriptive statistical tools of data analysis and Arc GIS were used to analyze the data. The findings of the study shows that majority of commercial motorcycle operators spent 6-8 years in the operation and earned N4000-above, mostly engaged in hire purchase contract without driving license. There are twenty-five (25) parking stations of commercial motor cycle operators randomly distributed in the area. The study recommended that; there is need for the government at both federal, state and local government to provide more motor cycles to the teeming youths in order to continue supporting transport demands of the population in the area. There is also the need for the Commercial Motor Cycle Association in collaboration with the local government area council to provide more parking stations of commercial motor cycle operators in Kura Local government area.

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