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“Well-being and conservation concerns among indigenous peoples and local communities adjacent to conservation areas : the case of East Cameroon”

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Time : 17:40 ~ 19:10 (JST)

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【Abstract】

Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) living in conservation landscapes depend on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) for their well-being. However, restricted access to these resources within the conservation area often puts pressure on surrounding areas, raising conservation concerns. My research in the Dja Biosphere Reserve aims to understand how Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities rely on natural resources for their health and food security needs within a conservation context.

This presentation illustrates these points by examining their living conditions, the contribution of NTFPs to their well-being, and the impact of conservation on resource availability in the surrounding areas. The final goal of the presentation is to provide an analytical framework for improving the living conditions of communities within conservation areas.

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