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Surviving Ecological Precarities: Livelihood Responses and Adaptive Capacity to Environmental Degradation in Nigeria's Niger Delta

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The paper argues for the need to halt polluting activities and sustainable restoration of the Niger Delta environment and the creation of opportunities for sustainable livelihood alternatives that can provide for the livelihood needs of the present and future generations. The study interrogates the livelihood responses that households in marginal farming and fishing communities adopt as means of adapting to environmental degradation occasioned by oil spillages and gas flaring in Nigeria's Niger Delta. It demonstrates how local perceptions and understanding of environmental changes help marginal communities frame livelihood responses to ecological precarities in their domain. The study identifies several on-farm and on-fishing adaptation strategies, as well as secondary livelihood diversification practices. It further evaluates the efficacy of these strategies benchmarked against household adaptive capacity. As a result, it proves that these strategies are just palliatives and unlikely to mitigate the long-term ecological effects of oil and gas extraction in the region.

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