

Nigerian Environment



AI Overview

Nigeria faces significant environmental challenges, including deforestation, flooding, pollution, and desertification, while government and professional bodies work to promote sustainability and conservation.

Key Environmental Challenges

Deforestation and Biodiversity Loss: Nigeria has lost up to 90–95% of its original forest cover since independence, with deforestation rates reaching approximately 3.5% annually. Cross River State, home to the last significant primary rainforest, lost over 100,000 hectares between 2020 and 2024, threatening over 200 endemic plant and animal species and reducing critical carbon sinks.

Flooding and Water Management: Floods have become increasingly severe, displacing millions and causing extensive damage to farmland and infrastructure. The 2024 floods in Lokoja, Kogi State, submerged homes and schools, while contaminated water sources triggered cholera outbreaks affecting thousands.

Pollution and Health Risks: Communities such as Ogale in Rivers State face decades-long struggles for clean water, with benzene levels in wells reported up to 900 times above WHO safety limits. Poor air quality in cities like Onitsha has forced school closures and exacerbated respiratory illnesses.

Desertification: Northern Nigeria experiences advancing desertification, rendering fertile lands barren and displacing thousands of environmental migrants.

Government and Policy Initiatives

The Federal Ministry of Environment implements policies to secure a quality environment, promote sustainable resource use, restore ecosystems, and preserve biodiversity. It collaborates with domestic and international partners to address climate resilience, land restoration, and environmental governance.

Initiatives like the Debt for Climate Swap aim to fund climate projects while reducing fiscal burdens for developing countries.

Professional and Advocacy Organizations

The Nigerian Environmental Society (NES) is a leading non-governmental body promoting environmental protection, sustainable development, and professional standards in...

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AGNES seeks stronger partnerships to advance e-cooking in Nigeria

A non-profit organisation, Africa Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES), has called for stronger collaboration, increased investment and coordinated implementation to accelerate

Environmental & Biodiversity Specialist at Independent Project ...

Independent Project Monitoring Company Limited (IPMC) is recruiting to fill the position of: Environmental & Biodiversity Specialist. The position is located in Lagos State. Interested candidates

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Stakeholders in Nigeria's water and sanitation sector have called for accelerated reforms, increased investment and stronger collaboration to tackle urban sanitation challenges.

Consultant (To Review Nigeria's Carbon Market Framework for

ActionAid (AA) Nigeria is recruiting to fill the position of: Consultant (To Review Nigeria's Carbon Market Framework for Alignment with Human Rights, Climate Justice and Just Transition

Ministry of Petroleum Resources – Overseeing Nigeria's

The Ministry of Petroleum Resources (MPR) is the government body responsible for formulating and implementing policies that govern the Nigeria's oil and gas industry.

Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria

The Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria (ISPON) is the recognized regulatory body for safety professionals in Nigeria. It is responsible for setting professional standards, certifying practitioners,

PEBEC says 16 MDAs achieved full business reform compliance in

The Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) has announced that 16 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) achieved full implementation of key business reforms

Federal Ministry of Environment (Nigeria)

The Federal Ministry of Environment is a ministry of the Federal Government of Nigeria created in 1999 with a mandate to address environmental issues and to ensure the effective coordination of all

Nigeria Reaffirms Climate Commitment, Launches Net-Zero Plan

The Nigerian Government has reaffirmed its commitment to environmental protection by launching its Net-Zero Investment Plan in Abuja.

Assessing Nigeria's Environmental Policies and Solutions

In the following paragraphs, I will provide a summary of Nigeria's current environmental policies, draw comparisons with examples from other

Nigeria ready to help in global energy solutions – Minister

He said the country had established a stable, competitive, and highly predictable investment environment, charging the global investment community to invest in the country. "Our

NIGERIAN ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

The Nigerian Environmental Society (NES) is a professional, non-profit, non-governmental body which is committed to advocacy and actions

Nigerian Environmental Society – Nigerian Environmental Society

As the premier environmental society and watchdog of the environment in Nigeria, NES is committed to advancing the discourse on environmental issues, sustainable practices, and the conservation of our

NiMet Trains Agricultural Extension Officers on Climate Risk

NiMet and ILRI have launched a Climate Risk Management training for agricultural extension professionals to strengthen climate advisory services, food security, and climate-resilient

Land, soil and climate change: How Nigeria is enhancing climate ...

Increasing climate variability in Nigeria is causing more intense and untimely rainfall. Adding to land degradation, flash floods, landslides, and gully erosion have worsened across one of

Shell & ex Nigerian subsidiary responsible for legacy spills

The High Court has ruled that Shell plc and its former Nigerian subsidiary can be held legally responsible for legacy, or historic, oil pollution

Smoke, soot and toxic fumes: Nigerian families living in shadow of ...

Environmental campaigners say the disaster exposes deeper, systemic failures in Nigeria's environmental governance. "The Niger Delta environment has become a completely sacrificed zone.

"Real Estate Today" TV programme launched to boost public

The Nigerian real estate and environmental landscape received a major boost on Friday, July 3, 2026, as QShelter Limited and M.I. Okoro & Associates formally launched Real Estate Today,

Nigerian Fintechs Divided on Regulation, New CBN

A new CBN report reveals Nigeria's fintech industry is split on regulation. Discover the challenges of compliance costs and licensing delays

Kano merges Water Resources, Environment ministries

The Kano State Government has merged the Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change into a single

Nigeria joins the IEA in major step for global energy governance

Nigeria joins a network of 13 other Association countries that work with the IEA to advance secure, affordable and sustainable energy systems worldwide. As a result of this expansion, the IEA

Why Nigerians don't waste waste

Across Nigeria, young creators are doing something wild, turning the continent's waste problem into one of its biggest creative revolutions. But these three Nigerian creators, they're turning it ...

Nigerian Teens Lead Global Environmental Innovation At 2025

A new generation of Nigerian environmental changemakers has earned global recognition for their groundbreaking ideas to tackle climate and conservation challenges. From pioneering AI-driven

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