

Title: Effects of Urbanisation on Lagos Wetlands.

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Abstract: The study considered the effects of urbanisation on Lagos wetlands. Exploratory approach was employed in carrying out the study. The study established that urbanisation in the metropolis results from influx from the rural areas which had resulted in the quest for more spaces to provide accommodation or employment for the teeming population. Primary causes of wetland loss in Lagos Metropolis are human activities which include incessant sand filling and conversion of wetland environment to economic uses (construction) and perennial flooding that are common and regular occurrences in the metropolis. These had resulted into direct habitat loss, suspended solids additions, hydrologic changes, altered water quality, increase runoff volumes, diminished infiltration; reduce stream base flows and groundwater supplies, prolonging dry periods to mention just a few. The study therefore recommends that human activities (both individuals and government) should be reduced while efforts should be on those activities that encourage wetland conservation and preservation. Also focus should be shifted from the immediate benefits derived from wetland conversion to future/sustainable benefits derivable from proper wetland management.