

**EFFECTS OF POACHING ON WILD FAUNA SPECIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA) FOREST AND NATURE RESERVE, IBADAN, OYO STATE, NIGERIA.**

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**ABSTRACTS**

An enormous amount of animal loss is attributable directly to illegal hunting or poaching which goes on inside the reserve and national parks. It is sad to more that wildlife resources have suffered severe depletion as a result of this indiscriminate hunting capture and killing. Poaching activities were observed in IITA forest reserve and their effects on wild animal species. Some wild animal species such as duiker, tree dassier, civet eat, hare, pangolin and galago are greatly disappearing in the area and their future is threatened. The large population of strawed coloured fruit bat are being decimated. The interview conducted with the hunter association Bale Agbe chapter in Akinyele Local government area also confirmed that the population of wild animals has been greatly reduced by poaching activities in the study area.