

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC DETERMINANT OF THE CONSUMPTION OF
WILDBIRDS AND REPTILES IN ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE**

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the contributions of socio-economic characteristics of respondents in the consumption of wild birds and reptiles in Abeokuta Metropolis.

Primary data were collected through the use of questionnaires which were administered randomly to buyers and sellers in the three major bush meat markets in the study area. Regression analysis was used to determine the socio-economic factor (age, family size, occupation, religion, income, academic level) that determines the consumption of wild birds and reptiles in the study area. Local government area and age are the variables that are significantly ($p < 0.05$; $r = 0.036$; $r = 0.011$) contribute to the consumption of wild birds and reptiles in the study area.