

The Role of Okonko Society in Preserving Igbo Environment**P.U. Nwosu**

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ABSTRACT The issue of protecting the environment through indigenous framework or philosophies is the thrust of this study. The paper discusses the increased rate at which the environment is being destroyed since the advent of Christianity and Islam in Southeastern Nigeria. It highlights the efficient ways Igbo protected their environment before the coming of other religions. These efficient ways were parts of the preoccupation of Okonko Society. It is therefore, the considered opinion of the paper that the fullness of human existence on earth cannot be achieved outside a cordial relation to the environment. The paper argues that ecological crisis of today, engaged the attention of our ancestors and they tackled the problem through the principles of ancestral societies, of which Okonko is prominent. The paper advocates a revival, appreciation, and applications of same principles to enhance the well-being of the community, its fields and general ecosystem.