

The Environmental Considerations Featuring in the Processing of Coffee in Kenya

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SUMMARY

The wastes from coffee processing in Kenya tended to pose threat to the environmental flora and fauna. To preserve the environment, appropriate technical measures are in existence. Despite their rather positive environmental impact some key factors inherent in the industry, have caused the challenge to persist and is still on. For this reason, further studies on the current environmental impact of these wastes and a thorough search for possible options for overcoming the problem are still in progress. Results of this work mainly indicate that environmental pollution especially by the effluent can only be controlled by a combination of waste minimization and treatment. Considerations in the previous work and the resultant measures so far implemented are discussed with respect to their success and constraints still prevailing. The future goals aimed at in the current research work are also highlighted in an attempt to brainstorm views from world researchers in the same field for a common approach towards overcoming environmental problems from these wastes.