

**EFFECTS OF SAND HARVESTING ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MAVOLONI ZONE, YATTA DISTRICT, MACHAKOS
COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The proposal of this study is mainly to assess the effect of sand harvesting on academic performance in public secondary school in mavoloni zone Yatta District, Machakos county, Kenya. The study is guided by the following objectives to determine whether sand harvesting has contributed to deteriorating academic performance in the secondary schools of the area, to investigate to what extent has sand harvesting contributed to low pursuance to university education in the area and also to determine whether creation of awareness to the people of the area can bring a change of attitude. The study will be anchored under the behavior change theory by B.F skinner. Descriptive survey method shall be employed, by sampling few secondary schools in the area of study. Data will be collected using questionnaire and key informal interviews. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentage will be done.