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## Antioxidant Activity and Phytochemical Constituents of Pawpaw (*Carica papaya*) during Ripening

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*Carica papaya* L. (Pawpaw) is one of the most commonly cultivated fruits in tropical and subtropical countries, especially in Nigeria. Nutritionally, *Carica papaya* is known to be highly nutritious. The effect of ripening on the antioxidant activity and phytochemical constituents (such as alkaloids, flavonoids, phenols, saponins, and tannins) of aqueous extract of two c ...

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## Impact of Socioeconomic Activities on Biodiversity in Gashaka Local Government Area, Taraba State, Nigeria

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Flora biodiversity plays a critical role in sustaining ecosystems, yet anthropogenic activities continue to threaten its existence. This study examines the effects of socioeconomic activities such as logging, farming, and hunting on flora biodiversity in Gashaka Local Government Area of Taraba State. The study employed a combination of descriptive statistics, time-ser ...

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## Energy Retainment from Crystalline Elastomer (CrEI) and Lead Zirconate Titanate (PbZrT)

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Pyroelectric materials that can generate electric charges when subjected to temperature changes dependent on renewable energy . Conventional pyroelectric energy harvesters suffer from low output. In this study, a nanocomposite was generated with crystalline elastomer (CrEI) and pyroelectric lead zirconate titanate (PbZrT) nanoparticles. As a result, a heat harvesting ...

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## Trends in the Tourism Sector of Kyrgyzstan and Problems of Nature Conservation in its Mid-mountain Zone

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The article is devoted to the study of the dynamics of the tourist flow in the territory of Kyrgyzstan, amid socio-political and economic uncertainty , and the study of preventive measures to preserve resources. Its relevance related to the pace of development of this industry in the territory under consideration, which depends on its geographical location, features o ...

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## Iodine Enrichment and Climate Change - How Iodine Shaped our World

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Data arising from the early history of the Earth demonstrates how iodine contributed to the development of life and how iodine deficiency may have led to the disappearance of our Neanderthal predecessors. In modern times, problems such as the incidence of endemic cretinism (severe hypothyroidism) and goitre (thyroid enlargement) associated with iodine

deficiency were ...

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## The Nexus between Waste Management and Disease Prevalence in Offa Local Government Area, Kwara State

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This study investigates the spatial distribution of solid waste dumpsites and their associated health and environmental impacts in Offa Local Government Area (LGA), Kwara State, Nigeria. Utilizing geospatial mapping, a total of 27 major dumpsites were identified and analyzed for their proximity to residential areas and sensitive ecological zones. Nearest neighbor anal ...

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## The Invisible Threat: A Review of Microplastics in Freshwater Systems, Including Their Presence in Water, Sediment, and Aquatic Insects

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Plastic particles, often referred to as microplastics, are less than 5 mm in diameter, and have become an inescapable and highly pervasive threat across freshwater environments. Their occurrence in the water, sediments and biological structures in water are a major ecological and biological concern. The current review has conducted a systematic analysis of their sourc ...

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# Thermodynamic Analysis of Ca-Mg-Al-based Refractory Resistance to Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> Corrosion

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Papermaking black liquor contains Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, which can corrode refractory materials and cause economic losses. It is considered to introduce CaO and MgO alkaline oxides into Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> to prepare calcium magnesium aluminum composite oxides as a substitute for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as corrosion shell materials. Using the FactSage material balance module, the optimal ratio of CaO-MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was ...

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# The Power of Liquid Zeolite: A Dual-Purpose Innovation for Health and Oil & Gas Safety Applications

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A naturally occurring mineral with a distinctive crystalline structure, zeolite has important uses in both industrial and medical settings. Its main applications in the oil and gas sector are gas filtration, wastewater treatment, oil spill cleaning, and refining process catalysis. Zeolite is useful for resource optimization and environmental protection because of its ...

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