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**Legal insights to combat the biodiversity crisis**

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**The legal insights to combating the challenge of biodiversity crisis on tourism development in Africa**

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The biodiversity crisis poses a significant challenge to tourism development in Africa in view of the fact that the African continent is home to a large number of unique and endangered species. However, sustaining and preserving the ecosystem is now a herculean task in the wake of tourism development and activities. Given this potential impact, it is imperative for the tourism industry to consider the sustainability of its operations by taking steps to minimize the negative impact on biodiversity. Necessary steps include the adoption of environmentally friendly practices, supporting conservation efforts, and educating the public and tourists about the importance of biodiversity conservation. The legal approach to protecting biodiversity is the creation and enforcement of conservation laws and regulations. The focus of this article is to examine local, national, and regional instruments on the preservation of the ecosystem, and the role of tourism in contributing to the biodiversity crises in Africa. It will also outline the legal strategies for combating the challenges of biodiversity crises in tourism development in Africa. The paper adopts a doctrinal approach and emphasizes the need to apply sustainable tourism development to the preservation of the environment. It concludes with the necessity of addressing the issue by the implementation of legal and policy measures directed at the conservation of the African Ecosystem and recommends a collaboration amongst African states that will ensure implementation and publicity on the steps to ensure further protection and preservation of its ecosystem.