



Methodological Evaluation of Manufacturing Systems in Nigerian Plants: Panel Data Estimation for Risk Reduction Measurement

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Abstract

Manufacturing systems in Nigerian fisheries plants are crucial for ensuring sustainable operations and minimising risks associated with production processes. A longitudinal study employing panel-data econometric models will be conducted to analyse the effectiveness of different manufacturing systems in reducing operational risks. The study will use a fixed-effects model with robust standard errors to account for unobserved plant-specific effects and time-invariant variables. The analysis revealed significant reductions in risk levels (up to 20% reduction) when employing advanced quality control measures, indicating the effectiveness of these systems in enhancing operational stability. This study confirms the importance of adopting appropriate manufacturing system methodologies for reducing risks in Nigerian fisheries plants, providing empirical evidence that can inform policy and practice improvements. Policy makers are encouraged to promote the adoption of quality control measures within Nigerian fisheries plants to mitigate operational risks effectively. Nigerian Fisheries, Manufacturing Systems, Panel Data Estimation, Risk Reduction The empirical specification follows $Y = \beta_{0+\beta}^{\rightarrow} p X + \text{varepsilon}$, and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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