



# The Curse of Oil Continues in the Great Lakes Region of Africa?

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There is a lot of excellent academic, policy and practice work on the links between natural resources and conflict. There are still different viewpoints in the field of the exact relationship of resources to conflict, as people have summed up as the distinction between greed and grievance. However, I think most people would agree, the exploitation of natural resources has played a central role in the conflict in the Great Lakes region and the DRC. This paper offers a perspective on how to transform conflicts by using resources as “tools for reconciliation and reconstruction in the Great Lakes region.

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