

Pastoralism and Camel Raising in Sudan

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ABSTRACT

Pastoralism is the main land use system in arid and semi-arid areas, relies mainly on livestock raising as a main and dominant livelihood practice, and where open grazing system as a dominating pattern of livestock raising. Camels are the main livestock type raised in these areas within an open grazing system. This system is facing many challenges under the prevailing land competition, shrinkage and deterioration of rangelands, conflicts, climate change issues, unclear governance of resources and unsupportive policies. Camel herding under open grazing system is more resilient if compared with the herding of other types of livestock. If sustainability and resilience of the open grazing become debatable question, then the sustainability of camel herding is facing challenges.

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