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## ABSTRACT

Recreational centres provide the urban population with spaces that promote physical and recreational activities. Thus, there are various factors that can aid in promoting users' satisfaction in these centres besides the facilities in the centres like the landscape design in this context. Landscape design of a place is balanced with various elements like softscape, hardscape and water elements. Although, majority of these recreational centres in Nigeria don't pay much attention to the landscape design of their environment, much attention is targeted towards the facilities in the recreational centre. Thus, the aim of the study is to identify how landscape design of a recreational centre plays a role in the satisfaction of users. To achieve this aim, a close-ended questionnaire was adopted and administered to the selected respondents as well as a well-structured observation guide to study the selected recreational centres. The questionnaires were retrieved, collated and analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Based on survey, it was found that the selected recreational centres made use of the landscape elements identified in literature besides the use of 'Rock Gardens' in their design which was not common in this region. Thus, most of the respondents were satisfied with the existing landscape elements and survey also showed that the landscape design of the recreational centre plays a role in their engagement in recreational activities as well as their satisfaction.

**Keywords:** Landscape design, Recreational centre, User's satisfaction, Landscape elements.