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BALANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WITH BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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Abstract

Rapid worldwide renewable energy adoption is essential for reducing climate change and reaching net-zero emissions, but as it spreads, habitat loss, ecosystem upheaval, and fragmentation might seriously endanger biodiversity. In order to combine literature, policy papers, and case studies published between 2016 and 2025 from international databases and organizations including IRENA, IUCN, and IPBES, this study uses a qualitative, review-based approach with a descriptive and analytical research design. Using both global and Indian settings, thematic analysis was used to evaluate mitigation measures, identify geographical conflict zones, and analyze the ecological implications of solar, wind, hydropower, and bioenergy projects. The necessity for biodiversity-sensitive planning is highlighted by findings that show recurrent conflicts in biodiversity hotspots including the Western Ghats, the Amazon, the Mekong basin, and the habitat of the Great Indian Bustard in Rajasthan and Kutch. To guarantee that the growth of renewable energy and the preservation of biodiversity progress in tandem, it is advised that ecological zoning, GIS-based site selection, community involvement, and technological advancements such as bird-friendly turbines, agrovoltaics, and sophisticated hydropower designs be used.

Keywords: Renewable energy, biodiversity conservation, habitat loss, ecological zoning, spatial planning, solar energy, wind power, hydropower.

Introduction

One of the most important ways to combat climate change and reach net-zero emissions objectives is to accelerate the world's switch to renewable energy. The goal of renewable energy technologies like solar photovoltaic, wind, hydropower, and bioenergy is to lessen reliance on fossil fuels and the greenhouse gas emissions that come with them. These technologies are growing quickly all around the world. Although the growth of renewable energy systems can present serious hazards to biodiversity due to habitat loss, fragmentation, and disruption of ecosystems supporting a variety of species, these technologies also lessen climate-related concerns. Wind turbines, for instance, have been connected to bat and bird deaths, while massive solar farms can disturb terrestrial ecosystems.[1]

It is thus a complicated twin task to increase renewable energy while also protecting biodiversity. A key cause of biodiversity loss globally is the climate issue, which is worsened by emissions from fossil fuels. As a result, renewable energy is crucial to the long-term survival of nature. By contrast, conservation efforts can be undermined if energy infrastructure expansion is not well managed, leading to the degradation of important ecosystems. The significance of incorporating ecological factors into renewable energy project planning at every stage from site selection to design and operation in order to reduce negative consequences and maximize positive ones on the climate is highlighted by this contradiction.[2]

The need of multisectoral frameworks that incorporate scientists, conservationists, politicians, and local stakeholders in efficiently aligning energy and biodiversity goals is becoming more apparent. Creating marine habitats surrounding offshore wind farms or replanting native flora around solar arrays are two examples of biodiversity-friendly designs that can have a positive impact on ecosystem resilience. Also, finding low-conflict zones to build renewable infrastructure can be helped by using spatial technologies like GIS for ecological risk mapping.[3]

Importance of renewable energy in combating climate change

Since greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are the main cause of global warming, renewable energy is essential to the fight against climate change. Renewable energy sources including solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, and biomass provide electricity with little to no direct carbon emissions while in operation, in contrast to fossil fuels. By reducing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other GHGs, this transition to cleaner energy sources helps to slow down temperature increases and mitigate climate change.[4]

Reducing reliance on limited fossil fuels increases resilience to market swings and geopolitical threats, which further promotes energy security and sustainable development. In order to prevent the worst effects of climate change, increasing the proportion of renewable energy in the world's energy mix is in line with international climate targets to reach net-zero emissions and lower temperature anomalies. Up to 90% of the electricity industry might be decarbonized by 2050, according to projections, greatly reducing carbon emissions and bolstering international climate pledges.[5][6] Furthermore, by encouraging sustainable land use, expanding access to energy, and bolstering economic resilience in areas that are at risk, renewable technologies help both mitigate and adapt to climate change. Renewables are becoming more successful at providing clean energy at competitive prices thanks to advancements in technology and improved energy efficiency, which further solidifies their crucial position in the climate transition.[7]

Objectives of the study

- To analyze the environmental and ecological impacts of renewable energy development on biodiversity, focusing on solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy projects.
- To identify key conflict zones and challenges where renewable energy infrastructure overlaps with biodiversity-rich or ecologically sensitive areas.
- To explore and recommend sustainable planning strategies, policy interventions, and technological solutions that can harmonize renewable energy expansion with biodiversity conservation goals.

Literature Review

(Rehbein et al., 2020)[8] Stopping human-caused climate change requires a shift away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy sources. Unfortunately, renewable energy installations can have a significant influence on conservation areas and land usage. It is unclear if the cumulative effect of energy transitions constitutes a serious danger to biodiversity on a worldwide scale. Within three significant conservation regions—protected areas (PAs), Key Biodiversity regions (KBAs), and Earth's remaining wilderness—we evaluate the level of renewable energy infrastructure linked to onshore wind, hydropower, and solar photovoltaic generating, both present and projected. There are 2,206 renewable energy installations that are up and running and 922 more that are in the planning stages inside these conservation areas. The degradation of 886 PAs, 749 KBAs, and 40 separate wilderness areas is being caused by these facilities. There are two tendencies that are quite worrisome. First, protected areas in Southeast Asia, a world-renowned biodiversity hotspot, are gradually intersecting with renewable power plants that are now under development, despite the fact that most historical overlap has occurred in Western Europe. Secondly, the number of PAs and KBAs affected is expected to rise by around 30% with the upcoming wave of renewable energy infrastructure, and the number of wilderness areas that may be affected might rise by about 60%. There will be more and more pressure on these regions to permit infrastructure construction if the global shift towards renewable energy sources proceeds at its current rate. To prevent conflicts that might jeopardize their respective aims, it is crucial that renewable energy growth and biodiversity protection be planned in tandem.

(Popescu et al., 2020)[9] The rapid development of renewable and unconventional energy sources, which are being used to combat climate change, has outstripped our ability to assess their effects on biodiversity, highlighting the difficulty of striking a balance between protecting biodiversity and promoting economic prosperity. Using three metrics—greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, electricity cost, and overlap between future development and conservation priorities for various fish and wildlife groups—small-bodied vertebrates, large mammals, freshwater fish—and undisturbed landscapes—we assessed the potential conflict between biodiversity protection and future electricity generation in British Columbia (BC), Canada from renewable (wind farms, run-of-river hydro) and non-renewable (shale gas) sources. Among all energy options, wind energy has the least present trade-offs in terms of global vs regional biodiversity conservation due to its low greenhouse gas emissions, low-moderate overlap with top conservation goals, and competitive energy cost in British Columbia. Shale gas emits one thousand times more greenhouse gas than renewable energy, and run-of-river hydro shares many conservation goals with small-bodied species. When looking at all species groups at once, run-of-river hydro showed a moderate amount of overlap (0.56), but top conservation priority were low for shale gas and onshore wind, at 0.23 and 0.24, respectively. Energy planners should include in trade-offs based on a wider variety of criteria to account for the potential negative impact of dispersed energy sources on regional biodiversity.

(Winemiller et al., 2016)[10] The building of hydroelectric dams is booming, especially in the world's three most biologically varied river basins: the Amazon, the Congo, and the Mekong. While these projects do help with energy demands, proponents tend to exaggerate the economic benefits while ignoring the extensive impacts on biodiversity and vital fisheries. New, highly-resolution environmental data and robust analytic tools can help governments and financing organizations analyze potential dam construction locations and shed light on the trade-offs between engineering and environmental aims. The cumulative effects on hydrology and ecosystem services caused by the construction of further dams within a watershed are mainly disregarded by current site-specific evaluation methodologies. In order for new project evaluations to be really sustainable, they need to include not just the local consequences, but also potential synergies with existing dams, changes in land cover, and projected climate alterations. We demand hydropower plans that are more comprehensive and advanced, and that validate technology meant to lessen their negative effects on the environment. When messing with the ecosystems of the world's greatest rivers, shouldn't anything less be demanded?

(Haga et al., 2020)[11] Renewable energy (RE) must be implemented if a sustainable society is to be built. However, there may be tensions between energy production and the preservation of biodiversity due to RE. For the watershed of the Bekambeushi River in northeastern Japan, this research used scenario analysis to assess possible conflicts in the nexuses of energy and biodiversity. There is a lot of unpredictability in this region due to the rising incidence of pastureland abandonment caused by a decrease in the number of farmers. Using these degraded pasturelands, two separate renewable energy (RE) projects were chosen, each with its own strategy for meeting regional energy plan objectives and, consequently, its own set of ecological effects on a larger scale. The 31 RE introduction scenarios included different rates of pastureland abandonment growth and different ratios of installed solar photovoltaic (PV) plants to biomass energy use. The two IPCC representative concentration pathway (RCP) scenarios, 2.6 and 8.5, were used to superimpose these, yielding 62 scenarios. These were then categorized into three categories according to the ecological implications and the balance between the supply and demand for renewable energy. These scenarios were simulated from 2016 to 2100 using the LANDIS-II model. The findings show that changes in tree species variety and the habitat appropriateness of raptors were significantly affected by the pace of pastureland abandonment and the ratio of the two RE sources. For energy generation, pioneer species-dominated forests replaced abandoned pastureland that had been converted to tree biomass. Depending on the climatic situation, transitional woods' plant species composition changed. By 2100, the RCP 8.5 scenario's increased temperatures would have changed the habitat compatibility of Ketupa blakistoni blakistoni, reduced the variety of tree species, and prohibited Betula platyphylla from establishing. Although the three environmental indices improved, the amount of energy produced by biomass power plants fell short of expectations. Although solar photovoltaic systems exceeded area energy needs, two raptors' habitat compatibility indexes and tree diversity also decreased. But the regional energy demand was met and ecological conditions were maintained using an acceptable blend of the two RE sources. Considering energy-biodiversity nexuses in land-energy planning can help achieve a balance between decarbonization and biodiversity protection, according to our research.

(Sonter et al., 2020)[12] In order to put a stop to climate change and the corresponding losses in biodiversity, renewable energy generation is essential. However, new mining dangers to biodiversity will emerge as a result of the increased production of numerous metals driven by the generation of the necessary infrastructure and technology. In this study, we examine mining regions using a map and determine the extent to which they overlap with locations and priorities for biodiversity protection. A total of fifty million square kilometers might be affected by mining operations. Among these areas, eight percent overlap with protected areas, seven percent with areas of critical biodiversity, and sixteen percent with remaining wilderness. places that overlap with Protected sites and Remaining Wilderness include a larger density of mines compared to places that overlap with other materials. This indicates a greater threat severity, as 82% of mining sites target minerals essential for renewable energy generation. More and more mines are shifting their focus to renewable energy sources, which poses additional risks to biodiversity that, without careful planning, may eventually outweigh those already prevented by efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Research Methodology

This study examines the connection between biodiversity protection and the development of renewable energy using a qualitative, review-based methodology. The study's main objectives are to analyze the body of current knowledge, pinpoint major problems between ecological preservation and clean energy initiatives, and offer tactical solutions based on regional and international best practices.

Research Design

In order to give a thorough grasp of the connection between the growth of renewable energy and biodiversity protection, the study uses a descriptive and analytical research approach. By analyzing the ways in which renewable energy technologies such as solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy interact with ecosystems, this study design aims to investigate the environmental effects of these technologies. The study also aims to comprehend how advancements in renewable energy affect wildlife habitats, biodiversity hotspots, and larger ecological systems. In order to identify current governance structures and gaps in addressing biodiversity problems within renewable energy projects, a comprehensive study of national and international policy frameworks will also be conducted. Lastly, in order to ensure that environmental preservation and energy objectives are successfully matched, the research attempts to provide integrative methods that can balance the expansion of renewable energy infrastructure with sustainable biodiversity conservation measures.

Data Collection Sources

The study uses secondary data gathered from a variety of reliable sources to guarantee a thorough comprehension of the subject. Primary sources include peer-reviewed journal papers from reputable websites like ScienceDirect, Springer, Scopus, and PubMed that offer information on the most recent scientific findings on biodiversity and renewable energy. International perspectives and policy frameworks are also examined through official reports and white papers from important organizations such as the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). For information particular to India, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, and National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) are consulted. The study also highlights real-world applications and problems by referencing pertinent case studies and real-world examples from India and outside. Governance structures and their alignment with biodiversity conservation goals are also examined through the consultation of policy papers, biodiversity assessments, and strategic environmental impact studies.

Literature Selection Criteria

A number of important factors were taken into consideration when choosing the literature for this study in order to guarantee its dependability and relevance. First, the growth of renewable energy and its conflicts with biodiversity conservation are the main topics that are directly addressed by the chosen sources. The inclusion criteria were limited to articles that examine the ecological, social, and environmental effects of renewable energy technology. In order to guarantee that the data represents the latest advancements and patterns, only articles from 2016 to 2025 were taken into account. With this time range, the study is certain to include current research and reflect the most recent developments in biodiversity protection and renewable energy technology. The chosen literature also emphasizes research that draw attention to important topics including ecological effects, conflict zones between energy projects and places with a high biodiversity, and sustainable planning techniques meant to lessen these conflicts. Finally, in order to provide a thorough grasp of the problems and solutions in both domestic and global contexts, a balance between global viewpoints and India-specific contexts was sought.

Method of Analysis

The information collected from several sources was methodically arranged and examined using a theme analysis approach. This method made it possible to find and classify important topics that were pertinent to the study's goals. The study examined the type-specific effects of renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy, on ecosystems and biodiversity. This was the first of many main focuses of the investigation. Second, it looked at the spatial conflicts that exist between biodiversity-rich places and renewable energy projects, finding locations where ecological preservation is seriously threatened by energy development. The third subject focused on sustainable planning techniques and mitigation measures, exploring how various ways might assist reduce adverse effects on biodiversity while promoting the expansion of renewable energy. The study also examined governance and policy integration issues, evaluating how well current regulatory frameworks balance environmental preservation with energy development. Comparative frameworks were employed to compare effective, biodiversity-conscious renewable energy techniques across nations in order to strengthen the analysis's robustness. This gave researchers a more comprehensive understanding of international best practices and how they may be applied in local settings.

Results

Environmental Impacts of Renewable Energy Development

Solar Energy:

Large-scale land usage for solar energy can result in habitat loss and fragmentation, especially in ecologically delicate regions like shrublands and deserts. By turning natural or semi-natural landscapes into industrial locations, large-scale solar farms disturb native plant and animal habitats, making it more difficult for indigenous species to move around and survive. For instance, by uprooting them from their natural habitats, solar projects in the Mojave Desert have put endangered animals like the desert tortoise in peril. Additionally, solar panel installations change microhabitats and soil conditions, which may lessen plant variety. These impacts can be lessened by carefully choosing a location that uses land that has previously been disturbed or exploited by humans.

Wind Energy:

Wind farms directly kill wildlife; collisions with turbine blades have been known to kill birds and bats. According to studies, wind turbines cause millions of bird fatalities every year. Wildlife behavior and breeding habits may be disrupted by noise pollution and habitat disturbance caused by turbine operating and related equipment. Additionally, wind development can alter the migratory paths of airborne species and fracture landscapes. Although they cannot completely prevent them, technical methods like changing the color of the blades and limiting operations during high-risk times might lessen deaths.[13]

Hydropower:

Hydropower dams and reservoirs have significant impacts on river ecosystems and aquatic biodiversity.[14] They disrupt rivers, change water flow patterns, and obstruct important fish migratory routes, which impacts feeding and spawning habits. Changes in sedimentation and nutrient cycles may occur downstream in floodplain zones, affecting both terrestrial and aquatic environments. Additionally, impounding water alters its oxygen content and temperature, which may be detrimental to local fish and invertebrate species.

Bioenergy:

The development of bioenergy carries concerns associated with monoculture plantings, soil erosion, and deforestation. Natural forests may be replaced by large-scale biomass production, which would decrease their potential to sequester carbon and provide habitat. Bioenergy crops grown on monoculture plantations reduce biodiversity and make crops more susceptible to pests and illnesses. The intensive farming methods needed to keep bioenergy crops growing also deteriorate soil quality and can cause nutrient runoff, which is bad for ecosystems in the area. Reducing these effects requires integrating bioenergy crops with natural landscapes and using sustainable management techniques.[15]

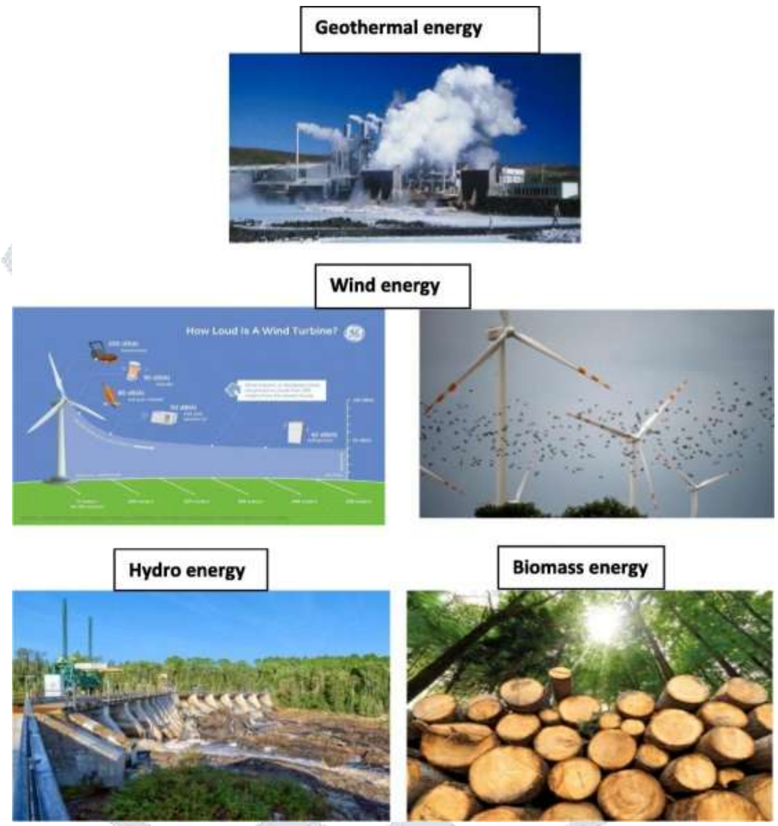

Figure 1

Conflict Zones Between Renewable Energy and Biodiversity

In India and beyond, conflict areas where biodiversity and renewable energy development intersect provide serious obstacles to the growth of sustainable energy without endangering ecosystems.

Biodiversity Hotspots and Conflict Zones:

In India, large-scale solar and wind energy projects frequently overlap with biodiversity-rich and ecologically sensitive areas such as:

- **Gujarat (Kutch region) and Rajasthan (Jaisalmer and Jodhpur):** Important habitats for threatened species, such as the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), may be found in these dry regions. Transmission lines and other infrastructure associated with solar and wind projects pose a hazard to GIB survival because to habitat loss and direct power line death. Although the economic viability of these conflicts is still up for question, court decisions have addressed them and mandated mitigating measures like underground cabling and bird diverters.[16]

- **Western Ghats:** Renewable projects put strain on this internationally recognized hotspot for biodiversity, particularly when wind farms are located close to protected forests and wildlife sanctuary boundaries, which may have an effect on endemic and endangered species (such as the area around Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary).[17]

Conflicts also occur on natural ecosystems and agricultural areas; research indicates that over 19% of current solar projects in India are situated on natural habitats such as forests, scrublands, and wetlands that are important for biodiversity, while roughly 68% of solar projects are situated on agricultural lands. Ecological integrity, food security, and community livelihoods are all at stake because of this overlap.

International Examples:

The Amazon, where hydropower and bioenergy projects imperil tropical forests and riverine biodiversity, and the Mekong River basin, where hydropower dams affect aquatic ecosystems and fish migratory pathways, are two examples of comparable conflicts that occur globally. Solar development also clashes with desert ecosystems and endangered species in the southwestern deserts of the United States, illustrating the spatial tensions between biodiversity protection and the growth of renewable energy.[18]

Ecological Consequences by Energy Type

Energy Type	**Ecological Consequences**	**Key Impacts on Biodiversity and Ecosystems**	**Notes on Mitigation/Management**
Solar Energy	Extensive land use converts natural or semi-natural terrestrial habitats into industrial sites. Habitat fragmentation impedes movement and migration of terrestrial wildlife. Altered microclimates under panels affect vegetation and insect populations. Disruption of	Loss and fragmentation of desert, shrubland, and grassland ecosystems. Interference with terrestrial and migratory species' lifecycles and connectivity.	Careful site selection on degraded or previously disturbed lands. Habitat restoration and wildlife-friendly design around solar arrays.

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	migratory routes for birds and insects due to loss of stopover habitats.		
Wind Energy	Mortality due to collisions of birds and bats with turbine blades, especially near migratory corridors. Noise and operational disturbance affect behavior and breeding of wildlife. Habitat fragmentation and disruption of aerial migration routes.	Millions of bird deaths annually linked to wind farms (varies regionally). Disturbance of local avian and bat populations, including endangered migratory species.	Turbine blade modifications (color/shape) to reduce collisions. Seasonal curtailments during peak migration. Siting away from known migration corridors and breeding sites.
Hydropower	Alteration and fragmentation of river ecosystems due to dam construction and altered flow regimes. Disruption of fish migration pathways, affecting spawning and population dynamics. Changes in water quality: temperature, oxygen levels, sedimentation impact aquatic life. Flooding of terrestrial habitats that become reservoirs.	Loss of aquatic biodiversity, including native fish and invertebrates. - Degradation of downstream floodplain habitats important for wildlife.	- Fish ladders and bypass systems to facilitate migration. - Environmental flow releases to mimic natural hydrology. - Management of reservoir habitat complexity.
Bioenergy	Land use change from natural ecosystems or agriculture to bioenergy crop plantations.	Generally negative impacts on biodiversity when natural ecosystems	Use of marginal or degraded lands instead of forest conversion. - Adoption of perennial bioenergy

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	Deforestation, habitat loss, monoculture risks threaten local biodiversity. Soil degradation and nutrient runoff from intensive cultivation practices. Alteration of hydrological cycles and water quality due to fertilizer and pesticide use.	are replaced by bioenergy crops.[19] Reduced species diversity and abundance in monoculture plantations. Soil carbon loss, impacting soil quality and ecosystem functions.[20]	crops with lower ecological footprints (e.g., Miscanthus). Best management practices to limit nutrient runoff and maintain soil organic carbon.[21]

Solar Energy: Large-scale solar farms take up a lot of space, frequently in grasslands, shrublands, or deserts, which results in habitat loss and fragmentation that impacts plant groups and terrestrial animal migrations. Important stopping habitats are lost by migratory birds and insects, which may change their survival and movement dynamics. Soil moisture and biodiversity may be impacted by altered ground microclimates underneath panels.

Wind Energy: Bird and bat collision mortality close to turbines, especially in migratory flyways, is a serious ecological issue. Local biodiversity, wildlife behavior, and reproduction are all impacted by noise and habitat disturbance. Although turbine curtailments and design modifications are part of mitigation, deaths cannot be completely prevented.

Hydropower: Dams break up rivers, obstructing fish migrations and modifying aquatic ecosystems through changes in oxygen levels, water temperature, and sediment movement. As a result, native fish populations decline and floodplain biodiversity is impacted, which has long-term effects on aquatic and terrestrial species.

Bioenergy: Growing bioenergy crops frequently results in the conversion of forests or other natural areas, which degrades the soil and significantly reduces local biodiversity. Monocultures raise the danger of pests and decrease species diversity. Waterways may get contaminated by nutrient runoff from heavy fertilizer application. Perennial crops on marginal areas, however, may lessen these effects, and sustainable development can be enhanced by prudent management techniques.[19]

Identification of Key Areas for Mitigation

Technological Innovations

- **Agrovoltaics:** Optimizing land usage, minimizing habitat destruction, and preserving biodiversity by promoting pollinators and native plants are all possible when solar photovoltaic electricity is combined with agricultural or natural vegetation beneath and around solar panels.
- **Bird- and Bat-Friendly Wind Turbines:** Collision mortality among flying wildlife is decreased by innovations such altered blade designs, painted blades to improve visibility, and operating restriction during peak migration. AI-powered wildlife monitoring enables dynamic turbine shutdowns to stop fatalities by detecting sensitive species in real time.
- **Advanced Hydropower Designs:** The negative effects on river ecosystems and aquatic biodiversity can be lessened by controlling reservoir habitats, preserving natural flow regimes, and improving fish passage options (fish ladders, bypass systems).

Policy Initiatives

- **Biodiversity-Sensitive Planning:** Embedding ecological criteria into energy project policies fosters site selection that deliberately avoids biodiversity hotspots, critical habitats, and migration corridors.[1]
- **Ecological Zoning:** Designating areas based on ecological sensitivity helps concentrate renewable infrastructure in low-conflict zones while protecting high-value conservation areas.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations:** Strengthened and standardized EIAs ensure that biodiversity risks are adequately assessed and mitigated before project approval, promoting biodiversity net gain principles where possible.[2]

Landscape-Level Planning

- **Spatial Planning Tools:** By taking into account species distribution, habitat connectivity, and ecosystem services, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and multi-criteria decision analysis assist in identifying the best locations for renewable energy projects that minimize ecological harm.
- **Regional-Scale Mitigation Strategies:** By controlling cumulative effects and facilitating coordination among stakeholders, planning at the landscape or watershed sizes makes it possible to balance energy development with biodiversity conservation objectives..
- **Community Engagement:** Involving local communities and conservation experts early in planning promotes shared stewardship and adapts projects to socio-ecological contexts, improving sustainability.

Together, these approaches create an integrated framework that aligns renewable energy expansion with biodiversity conservation by leveraging technological advances, robust policy frameworks, and science-based landscape-level strategies.

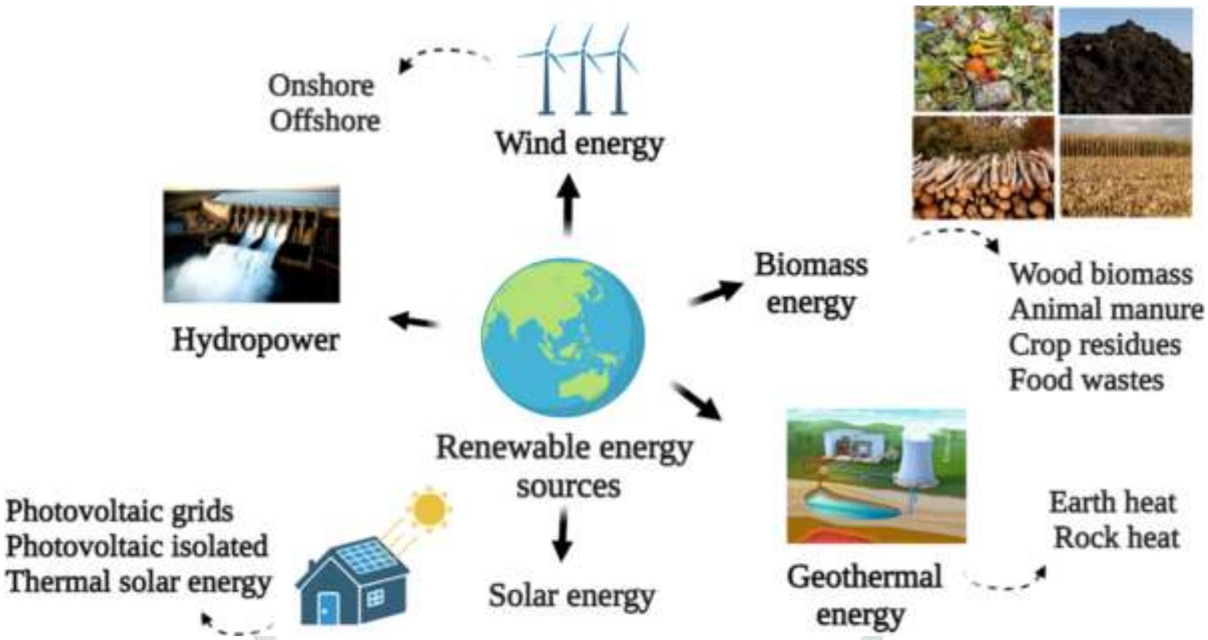

Figure 2

Conclusion

The study demonstrates that although renewable energy is essential for lowering greenhouse gas emissions and halting climate change, its badly thought-out implementation runs the danger of jeopardizing biodiversity conservation by causing habitat degradation and the extinction of species. The need for integrated planning techniques is underscored by the conflicts that arise in India and throughout the world when energy projects intersect with environmentally sensitive regions. In order to reduce ecological harm while achieving energy goals, policies should incorporate biodiversity criteria, use spatial planning techniques, improve environmental impact assessments, and embrace cutting-edge technology. It will need cross-sector cooperation between politicians, scientists, conservationists, and local people to strike a balance, making biodiversity preservation and climate mitigation complementary goals rather than conflicting ones.

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