

# The MMSD Mining and Biodiversity Process

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# Objectives

To identify critical issues that surround mining and biodiversity in a collaborative way

To build on existing experience and understand the range of perspectives on future options

Make suggestions on 'best bets' for a way forward



# Context

**MMSD process.. 'how mining might contribute optimally to the transition to sustainable societies'**

**MMSD final report**

- **The use management and control of land**
- **Sustainable ecosystems**

**Possible separate output**



# How?

Workshops (June & October)

Consulting with MMSD regional networks  
and other partners (NGOs, mining  
companies and governments)

Email discussions

Literature review

Commissioned pieces

Broader review and consultation



# Issues arising - June workshop

Trust and transparency on Categories I-IV

'Other' biodiversity?

Recognising and understanding the real implications of biodiversity impacts

Roles and responsibilities: governments and consumers?

Mechanisms: financial incentives, offsets, land use planning frameworks, decision-making matrices



# Written output

What is biodiversity, & why it is important

Values, world views and rights

Biodiversity 'crisis' and past and present approaches to 'conservation'

Extent, nature and implications of mining - biodiversity impacts (actual, potential; direct, indirect)

Societal responses (policy and practice), their effectiveness and lessons learnt

Conclusions and recommendations on possible ways forward



# Proposed Schedule

- First workshop: June (proceedings early July)
- Identification of critical issues, necessary technical inputs, case study material and other literature: end August
- Dialogue, discussion, first draft: July - late September
- Review of first draft: September – October
- Second workshop: October
- Finalisation of report: October – November
- Final comments: November
- Integration with MMSD report: December

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# The context

- Within broader MMSD context
  - MMSD challenges: 4 (environmental management) and 5 (access to land)
- Acknowledging and understanding the current situation
  - Areas of conflict, areas of consensus
  - Underlying processes and actions
  - Outcomes, on what and for whom?
- Are there areas where trade-offs are possible?
  - What can ensure the trade-offs are suitably balanced (i.e. policies, governance & market mechanisms, etc.)?
- Are there areas where they are not possible?
  - Which ones, why, who decides?