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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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MINING AND TRANSITION

SDSG is an
independent,
nonprofit,
research institute
advancing best practices
for sustainable
management
of mineral resources.



“Ukraine’s miners were once heroes of socialist labour. Today, after years of sector-wide neglect and corruption, there are new plans for further mine closures, leaving thousands of people without work.”

V. Atanasov, Dec. 2016

REDUCTION OF COAL EMPLOYMENT HAS SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES

In the Donbass, “for the vast majority, there is only one available form of employment: mining. The prospect of economic integration with Europe to the detriment of Russia, and the adoption of stricter mining standards, **alienated miners and played an important role in sparking the current pro-Russian uprising.** With the region mired in insecurity, its residents don’t even know in which country they will be living in the future.”

Al Jazeera, Dec. 23, 2015

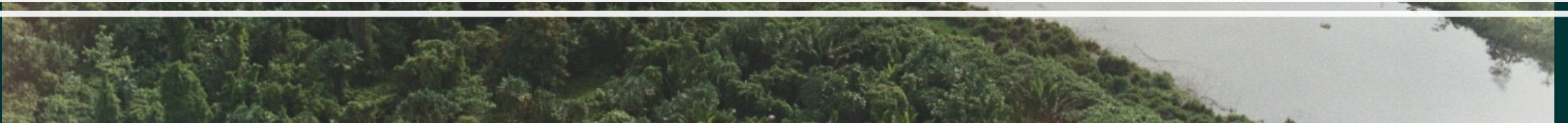




Traditional Subsistence Food – Outside the Cash Economy



Where the environment is degraded, we are cutting off food supplies



MINING PROJECTS WITH SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY ISSUES

Pebble Project	Alaska, USA
Las Cristinas	Venezuela
Cerro Quilish	Perú
Rio Blanco	Perú
Tambo Grande	Perú
Santa Ana	Perú
Junín	Ecuador
Esquel	Argentina
San Jorge	Argentina
Cerro Colorado	Panamá
Imperial Project	California, USA
Mt. Emmons	Colorado, USA
Vedanta Resources	Odisha State, India
Jabiluka	Australia
Tampakan	Philippines
Bougainville	Papua New Guinea
Conga	Perú
Rosia Montana	Romania

THREE PRINCIPLES

If we are to reduce conflict, and prevent delay in increasing production:

1. Adverse impacts must be acknowledged and managed effectively
2. Affected communities must share in the benefits of development
3. Local interests must have a way to participate in decision-making