

Artisanal Diamond Mining in Sub-Saharan Africa

Taking Stock of the Bigger Picture

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- Events in Angola (UNITA)
- Meeting in May 2000 in Kimberley, Northern Cape
- In December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/55/56 supporting the creation of a certification scheme for rough diamonds
- KP is not working





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- Kimberley Process
 - Porous borders
 - Low levels of monitoring
 - Lack of focus on artisanal mining in the KP 'space'

Before We Start...

Who is this guy?

- Leading authorities on ASM
- 3 months a year on the ground
- 15+ years
- Published 200 papers on ASM and try to convert all of my students into miners
- Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Mali, Tanzania, Malawi, Guyana, Suriname
- Consulted for the donor community (World Bank, UN, USAID, DFID, GIZ), NGO Community (WWF Guianas, IIED, OXFAM, ARM) and Private Sector (Gold Fields, Newmont)
- Child labour, the environment, legalization, ASM-farming linkages, ASM-large-scale mining relations, gender
- Draw on these experiences
- Kind of seen it all...



Before We Start...

I like the KP...it could be really good...(honestly)...

The low level of priority given to ASM on the development agenda, and ASM's policy treatment

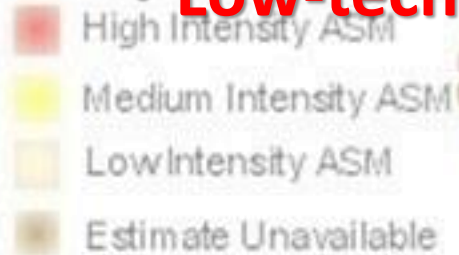
Where's the foundation?

Overview

1. Background
2. Reason 1: A Mining Issue or a Livelihoods/Development Issue?
3. Reason 2: Archaic Policy and Perceptions
4. Reason 3: I Really Love Large-Scale Resource Extraction
5. Conclusion: What do I know?

Background

- **20-40 million people directly**
- **200+ million dependent on the sector**
- **All over the world and in sub-Saharan Africa, largely poverty-driven**
- **Alluvial or near-surface hardrock deposits**
- **Low-tech, labour-intensive branch of the mining sector**



For details, please see:
"ASM Map Documentation.pdf"

Background

- **Links with agriculture (Kono, Akwatia)**
- **Small-scale diamond mining and small-scale gold mining linked**
- **Mostly unlicensed (licenses, inappropriate policies)**
- **Neglected sector (policies designed without the sector in mind)**



Background

But...

- **A lot of energy in the donor and NGO space to formalize ASM but they don't know what to do**
- **Acute shortage of information about small-scale miners.**



Reason 1: A Mining Issue or a Livelihoods/Development Issue?

Mining issue →→ Livelihoods

Who's around the table?

Maendeleo Diamond
Standards™

FAO

The Mindset...



Reason 2: Archaic Policy and Perceptions

- 'Get Rich Quick'
- Start Conflicts
- Africa Mining Vision: *Boosting Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining*
Poverty-Driven?
- Working Group on Artisanal and Alluvial Production (WGAAP)
Youngest Working Group
2007
I don't care: it's there...

Reason 2: Archaic Policy and Perceptions

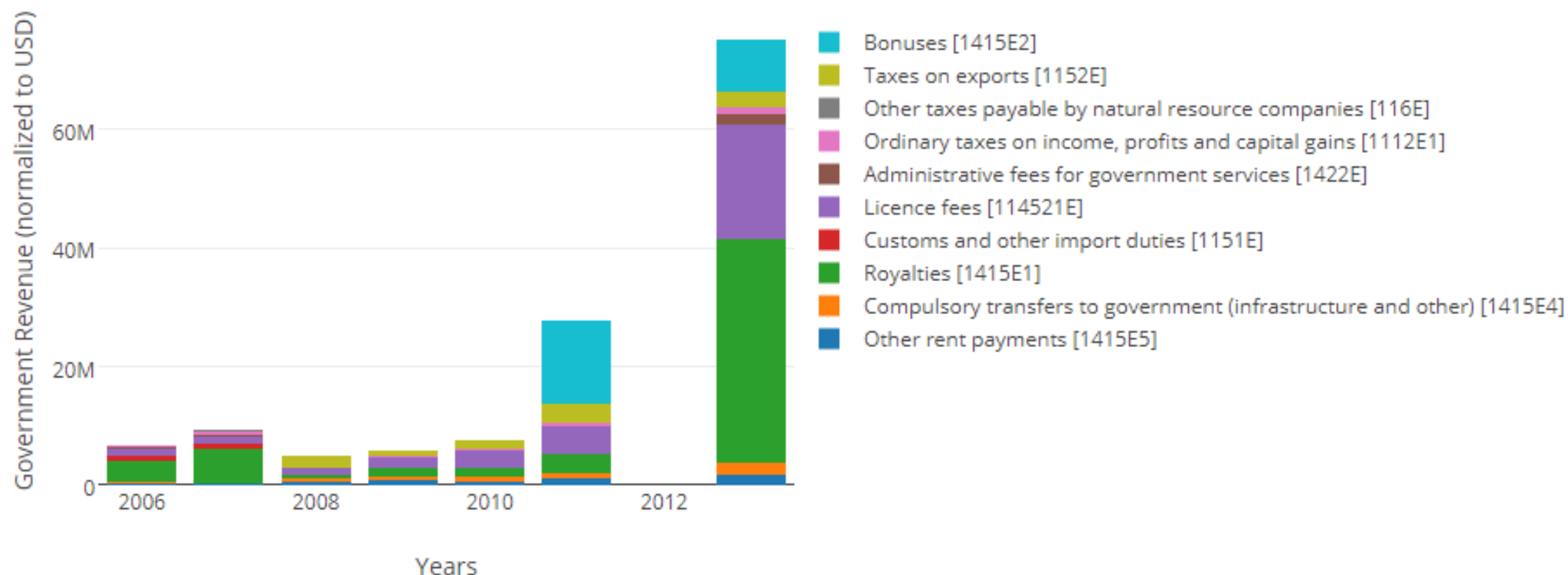
- 'Why?
- Communities and Small-Scale Mining (CASM)
- Yaoundé Declaration/UNDESA
- Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Project
- Global Mercury Project
- ZEEERRRRROOOOOOOO Momentum...

Reason 3: I Really Love Large-Scale Resource Extraction

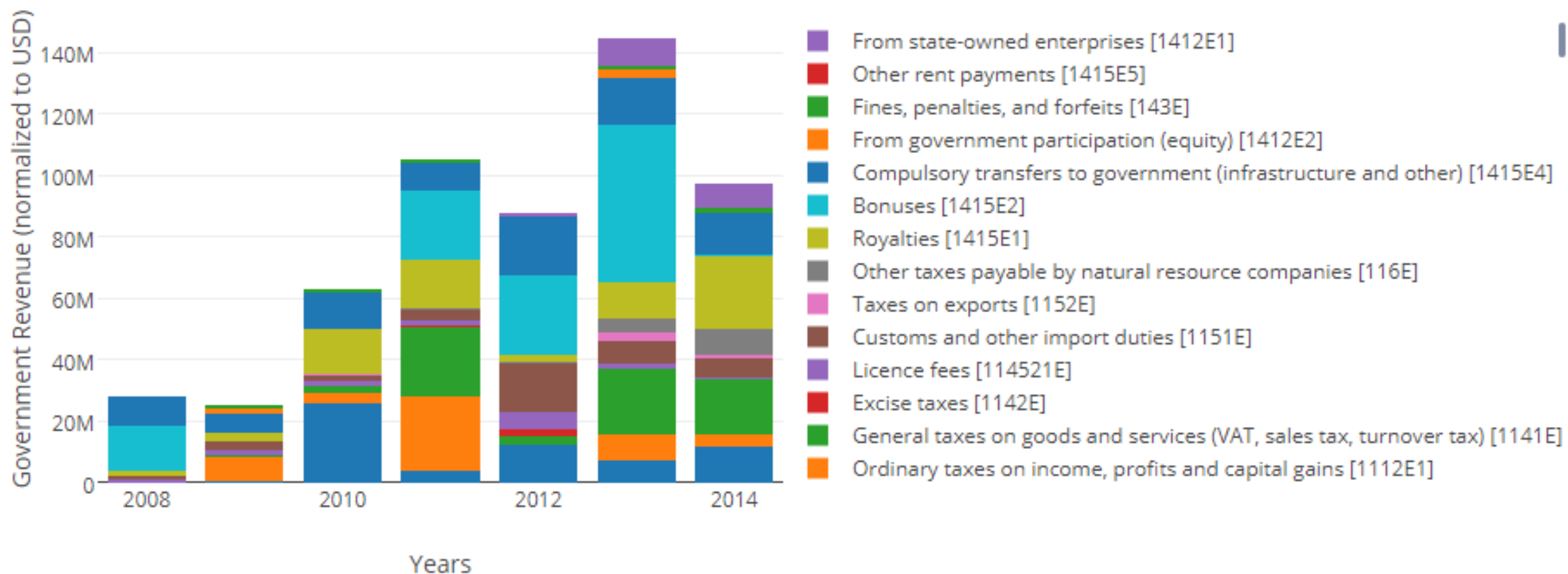
- Host Governments
- Lazy, 'Sloth' Governments
- Angola: In 2015, exported US\$34.2B (95% oil)

The latest EITI disclosures (2014 Report) show that Sierra Leone received USD 58 million in revenue from its extractive industry operations. 85% of these revenues came from the mining sector, with the rest mainly stemming from exploration activities in the petroleum sector. Revenues were mainly collected through mineral royalties (57%), mining licences (9%) and signature bonuses from the award of oil blocks (7%).

Government Revenues



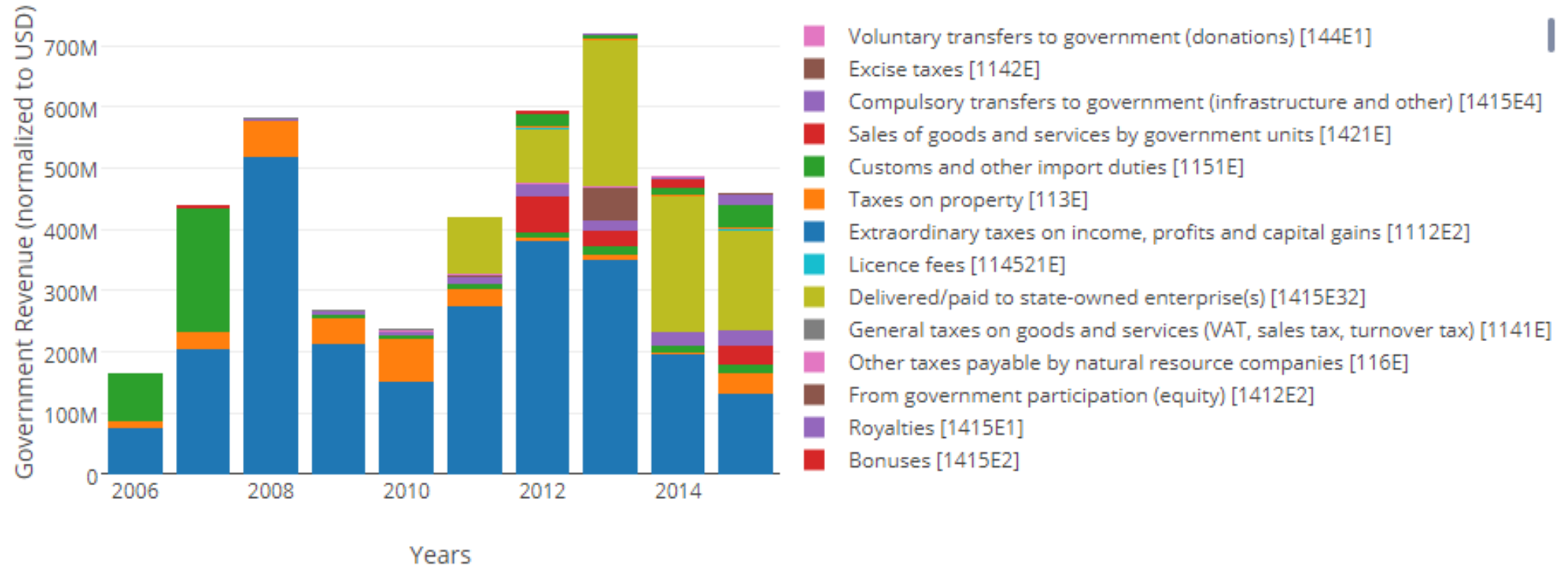
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Disbursed Revenue (2007 - 2014)

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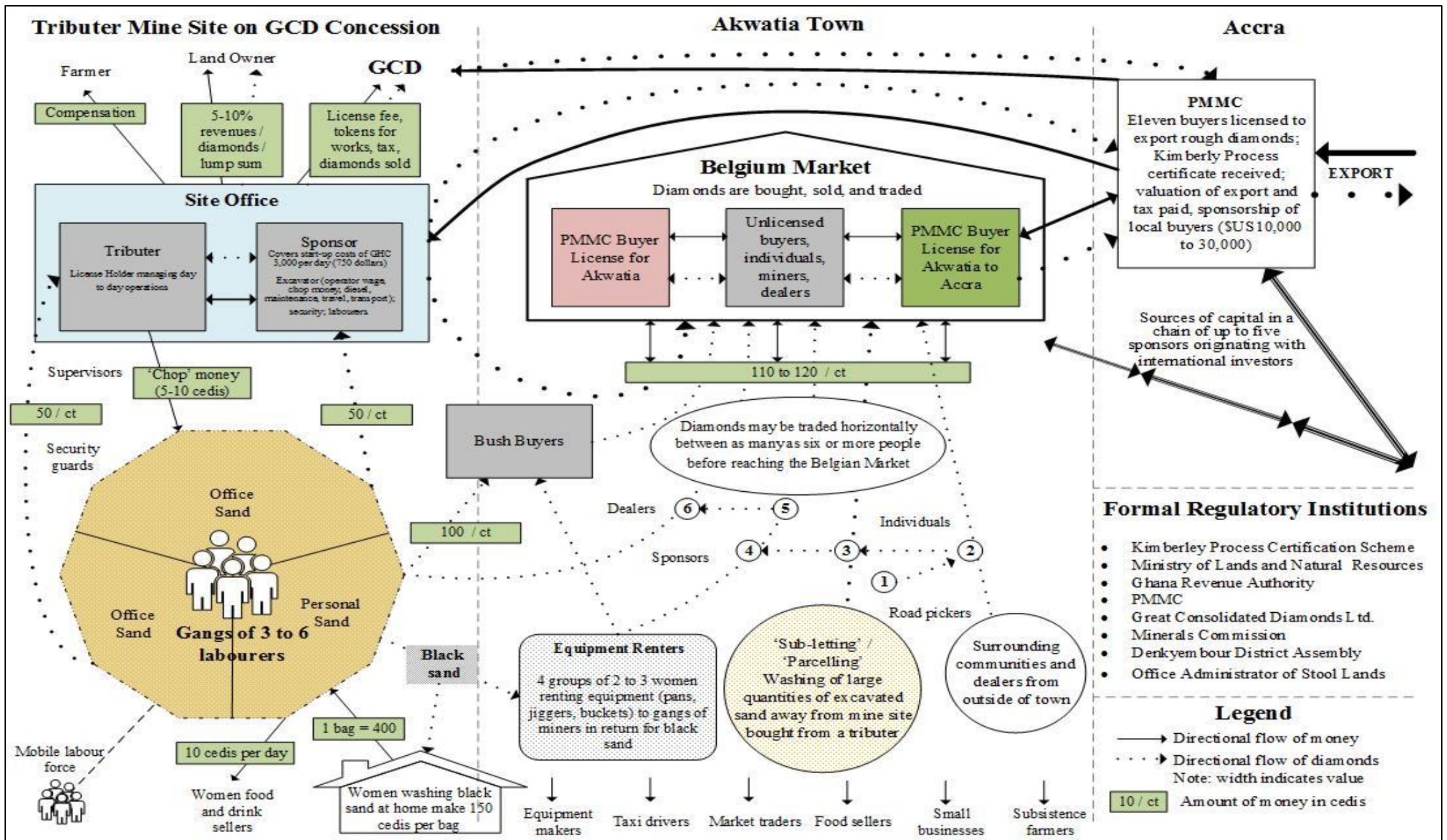
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- Akwatia and the Global Production Network (GPN)
- CIRDI and IGC
 - Financial Diaries Methodology
 - Alluvial Diamond Miners – Financial Transactions
 - Following for one year

Thank You