Mercury contaminated sites in ASGM sites of Indonesia

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About us

BALIF OKUS • URL: <u>https://www.nexus3foundation.org</u>

• Established in 14 June 2000.



 Re-branding as the Nexus for Environmental Health and Development Foundation (Nexus3 Foundation) as of 2019.



 Works to safeguard public, especially vulnerable populations, from environment, health and development problems, towards a toxic-free, just, and sustainable for future generations.







Indonesian government commitment

Presidential Decree No. 21/2019 of National Action Plan On Reduction and Elimination of Mercury



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Economic losses due to mercury

- Indonesia economic losses due to mercury pollution: approx. US \$961,000 - US\$1,630,000 per year in form of opportunity losses (Trasande, et.al. 2016)
- 18-23% Indonesian miners suffered Chronic Metallic Mercury Vapor Intoxication (CMMVI) (Steckling, et.al. 2016).











Inventory of mercury emissions and releases in Indonesia 2019

INVENTORY LEVEL 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Source category	Estimated	Estimated Hg releases, standard estimates, Kg Hg/y							Percent of
	Hg input, Kg Hg/y	Air	Water	Land	By-products and impurities	General waste	Sector specific waste treatment / disposal	Total releases *3*4*5	total releases *3*4
Coal combustion and other coal use	13,902.0	9,321.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,580.4	13,902	4%
Other fossil fuel and biomass combustion	8,621.8	8,537.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.3	8,622	2%
Oil and gas production	10,987.0	1,644.2	2,167.7	0.0	3,210.3	0.0	3,768.8	10,791	3%
Primary metal production (excl. gold production by amalgamation)	8,880.7	1,142.7	274.7	1.2	3,101.6	825.3	3,535.2	8,881	2%
Gold extraction with mercury amalgamation	244,125.0	77,538.8	3,545.0	83,041.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	244,125	<mark>64</mark> %
Other materials production*6	16,945.7	12,991.1	0.0	0.0	3,390.0	564.6	0.0	16,946	4%
Chlor-alkali production with mercury- cells	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Other production of chemicals and polymers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0%
Production of products with mercury content*1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0%
Application, use and disposal of dental amalgam fillings	1,958.7	39.2	861.8	156.7	117.5	391.7	391.7	1,959	1%
Use and disposal of other products	16,237.7	953.7	1,559.7	5.3	0.0	13,151.2	567.8	16,238	4%
Production of recycled metals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0%
Waste incineration and open waste burning*2	30,966.2	29,815.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,151.0	30,966	8%
Waste deposition*2	146,250.0	1,462.5	14.6	0.0	-	-	-	1,477	0%
Informal dumping of general waste *2*3	110,500.0	11,050.0	1,050.0	88,400.0	-	_	_	22,100	<mark>6%</mark>
Waste water system/treatment *4	26,913.1	0.0	3,549.0	1,345.7	0.0	1,009.2	1,009.2	3,364	1%
Crematoria and cemeteries	44.7	1.1	0.0	43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	45	0%
TOTALS (rounded) *1*2*3*4*5*6	350,280	154,500	99,470	84,590	9,820	15,940	15,090	379,410	100%
		44%	28%	24%	3%	5%	4%		

Source: Kania Dewi and Y. Ismawati, 2019





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ASGM distribution in Indonesia

Heavily polluted, >10 years Mildly polluted, between 5-10 year, some areas still active Low pollution, <5 years, most hotspots still active Hg used approx. 1000-2000 ton per year

1 million miners, >5 millions 30 provinces, 93 regencies Source: BaliFokus, 2018



Sources of mercury in Indonesia (1/2)

Sources of Hg in

Indonesia:

- Cinnabar mining
- Impurities from oil and gas
- Refineries and smelters
- Trade flow: import and export



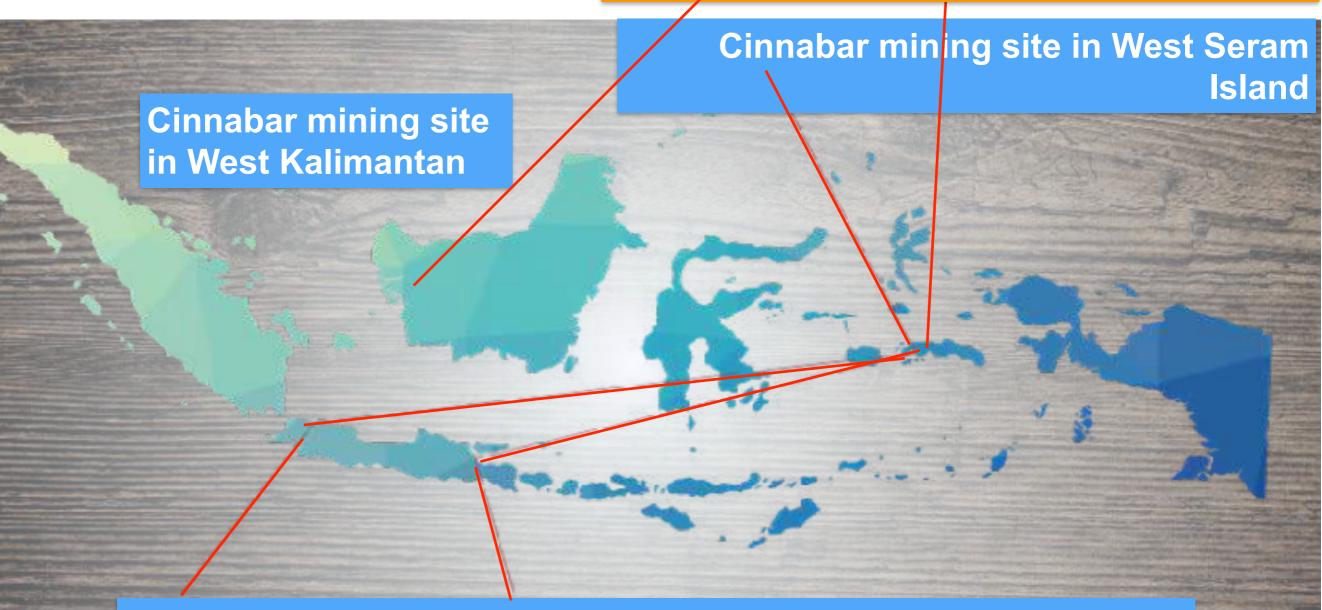




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Sources of mercury in Indonesia (2/2)

Potentially smuggled to the Philippines and then exported globally as dental amalgam (HS 2843)



Ports in Java as entry points for cinnabar processing







Mercury sold in Indonesia

DIJUAL MURAH MERCURY / AIR RAKSA

Hub : Ir Eko Setiawan 0816-1823-953 087-887-5668-51



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Mercury use in ASGM hotspots







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Mercury vapour in an ASGM village



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Mercury contaminated sites: upstream level









Mercury contaminated sites: middle stream 1/2









The way forward

Identification of

contaminated sites

- Characterisation
- Prioritisation

• On-site or off-site

Technology options







Thank you for listening

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