

ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING



Produces up to **20% of world's gold**



Employs **15 million people** typically in remote **rural areas**



Involves **4 to 5 million women and children**



Takes place in **70 countries** and often in areas where there is **limited economic opportunity**



Releases **35% of all mercury** pollution to the environment



Is often considered as **informal sector**



Artisanal gold mining and biodiversity: Restoring the balance

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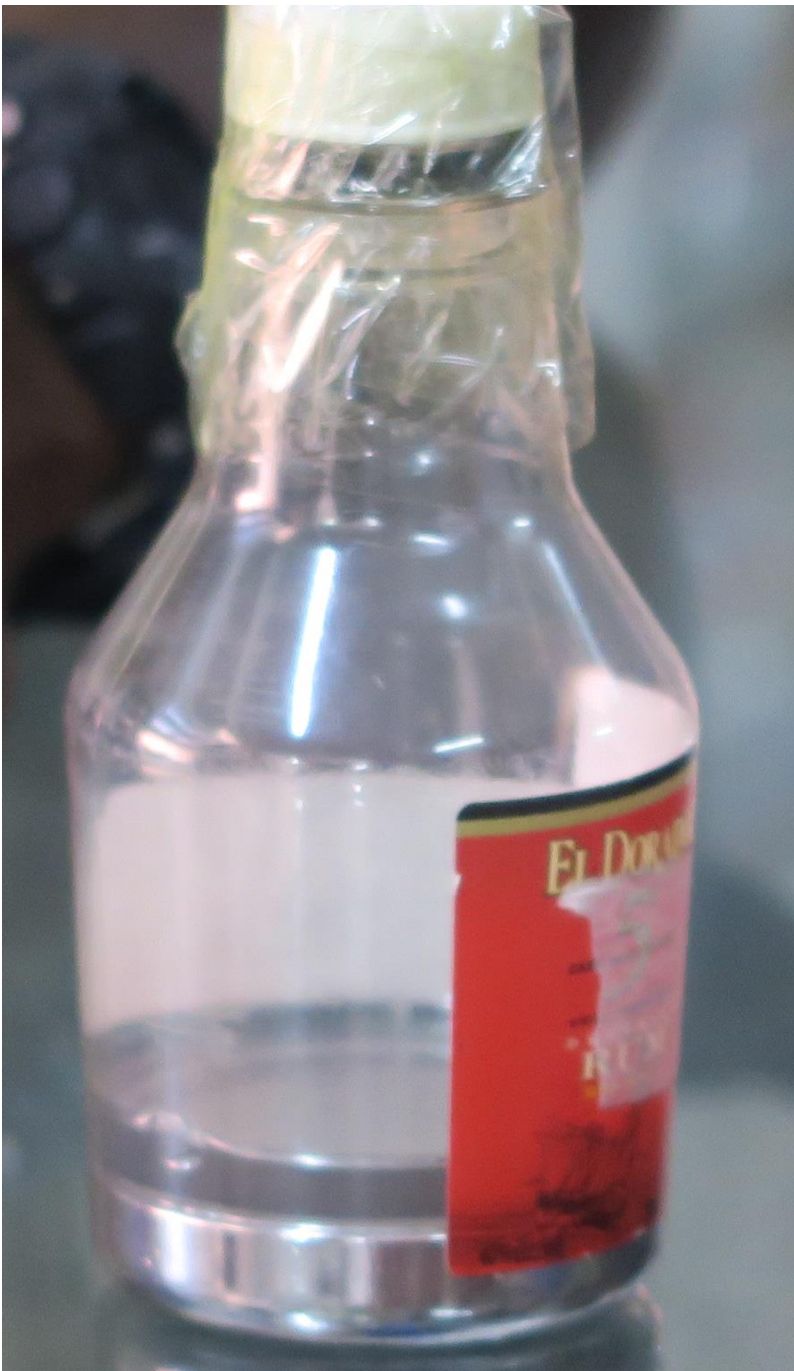
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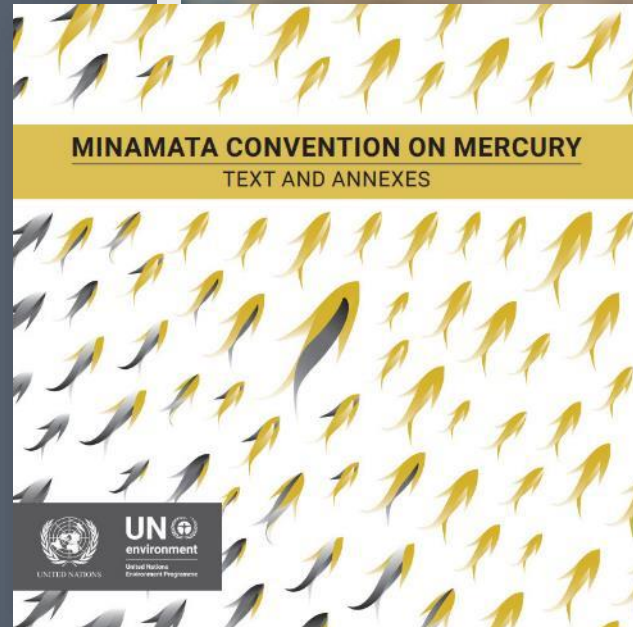




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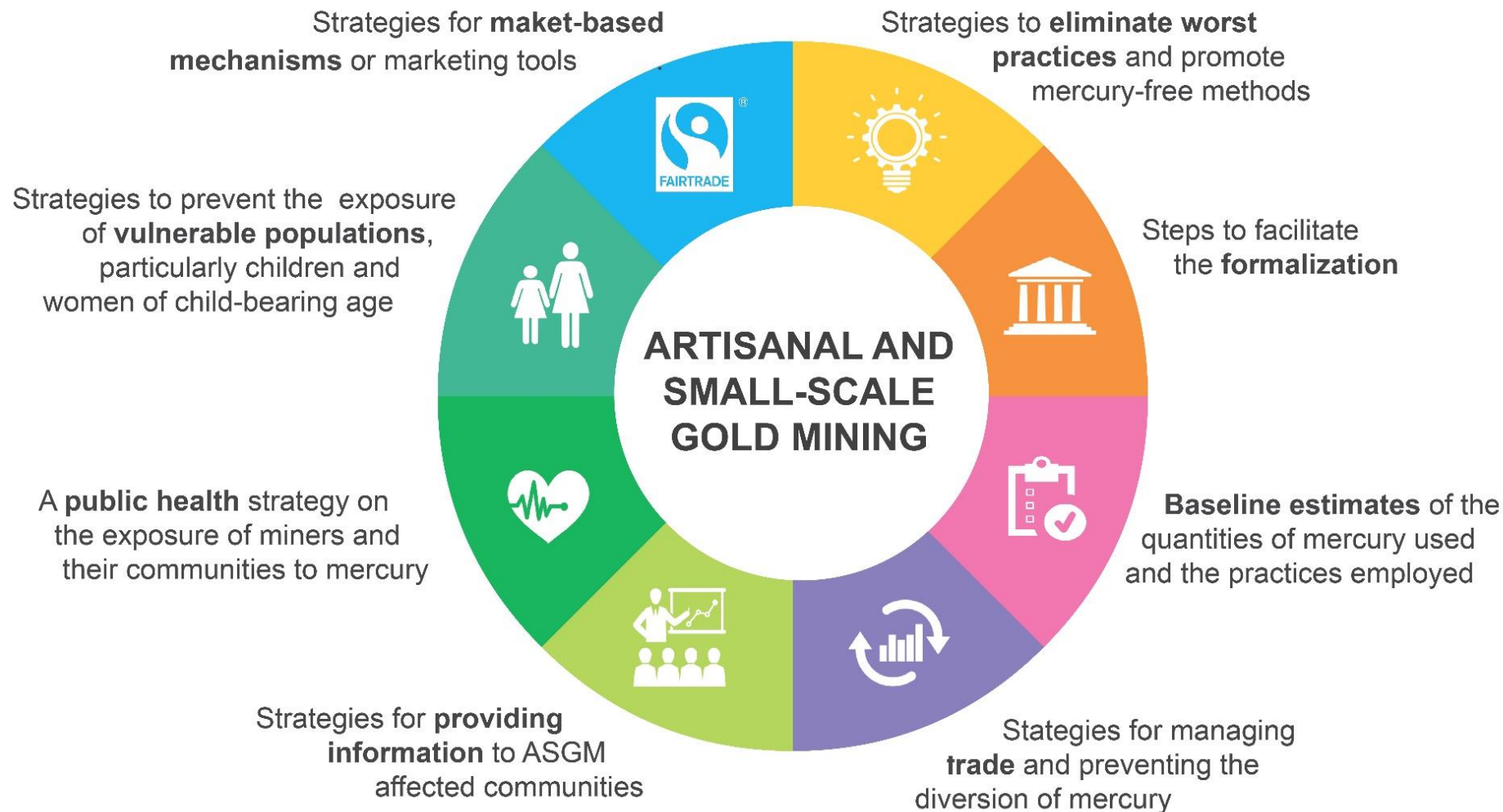
National Action Plan

Under the Minamata Convention, development of NAP is an obligation for each party that determines that ASGM in its territory is more than insignificant



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

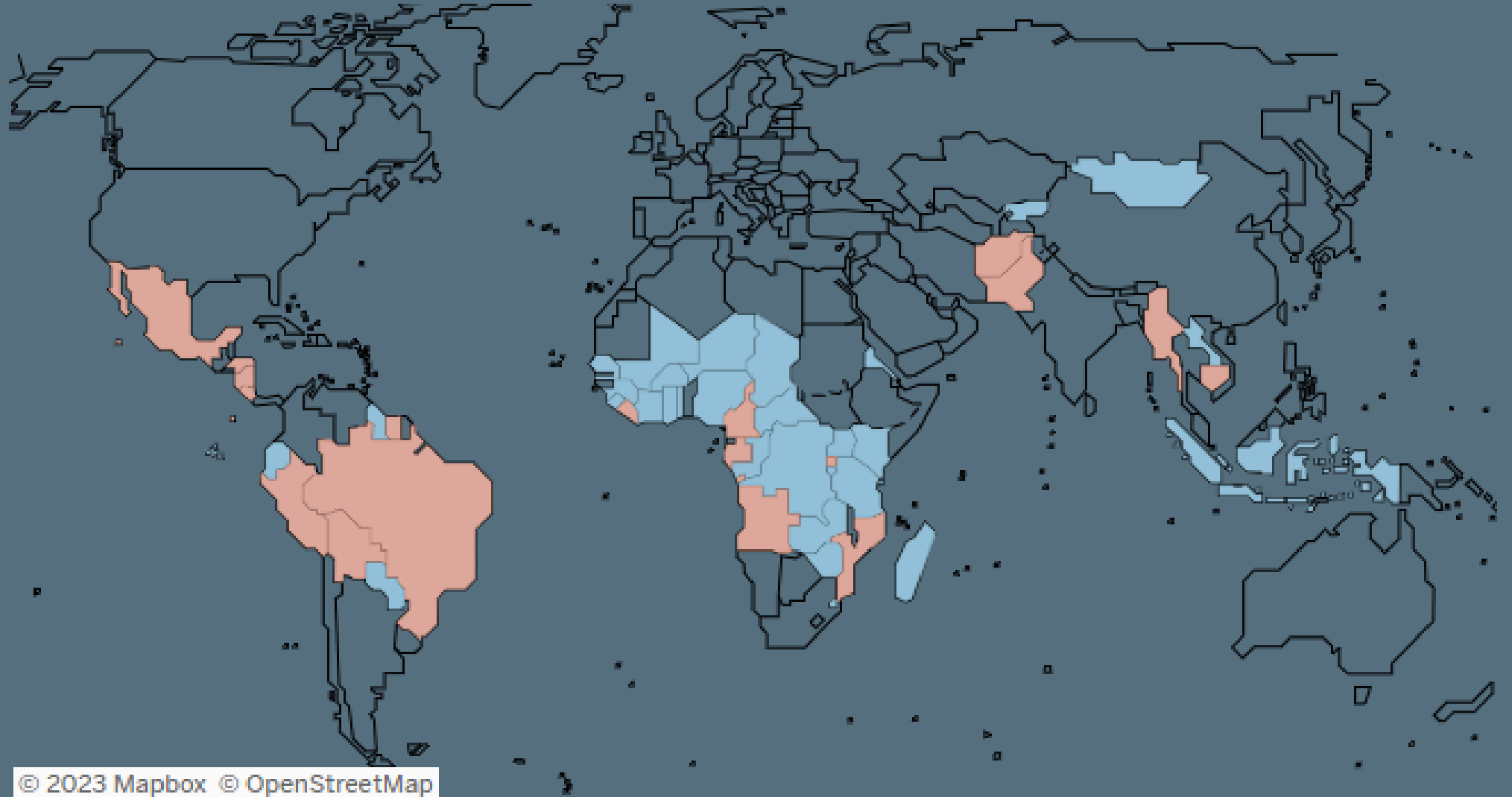
Strategic Content according to Annex C



NAP projects around the world

NAP Status

- in progress
- submitted



ASGM and BIODIVERSITY impacts



Deforestation



Land
degradation



Contamination of water
bodies and soil
mercury, cyanide etc.



Alteration of
the physical
conditions of
watercourses

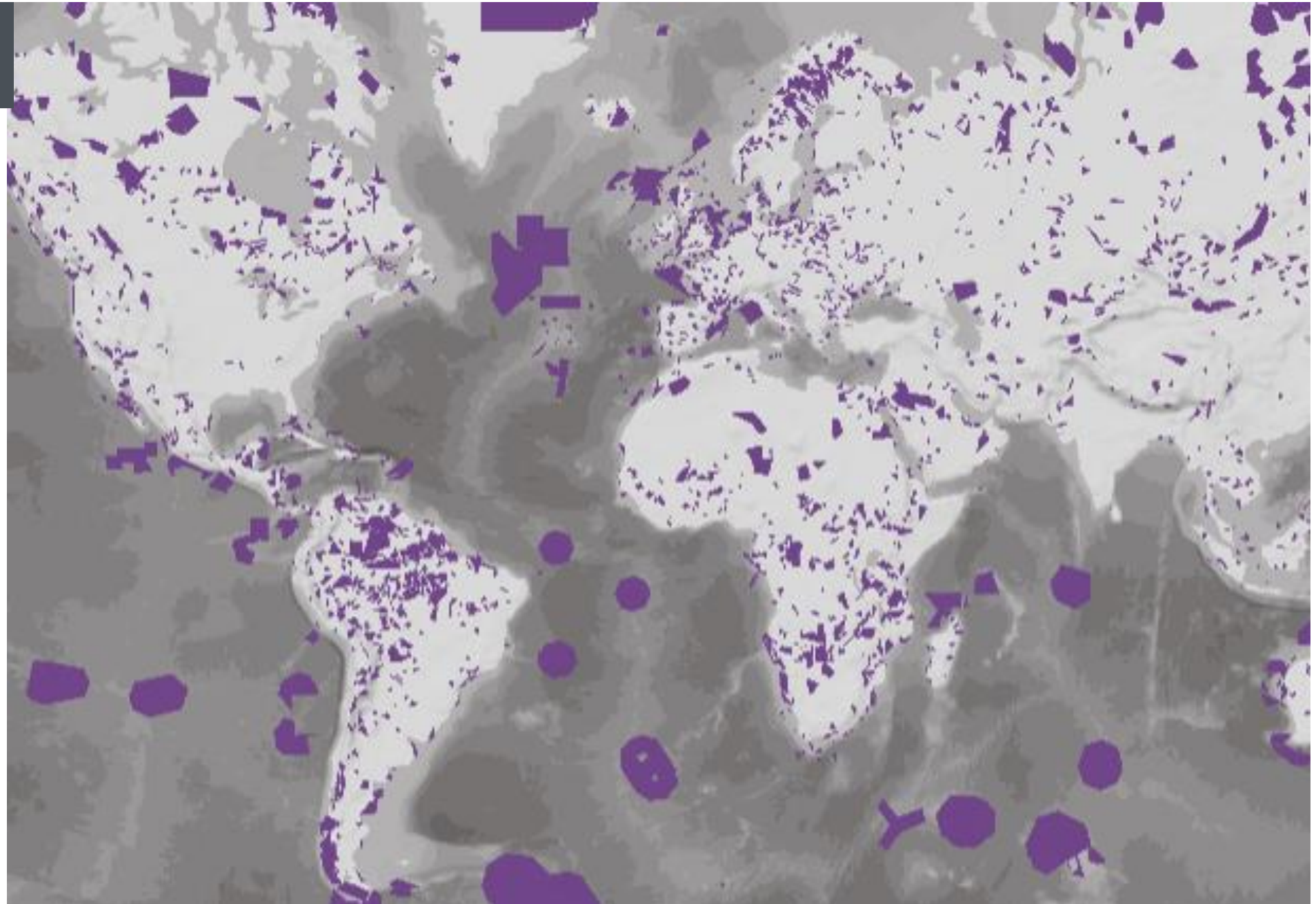
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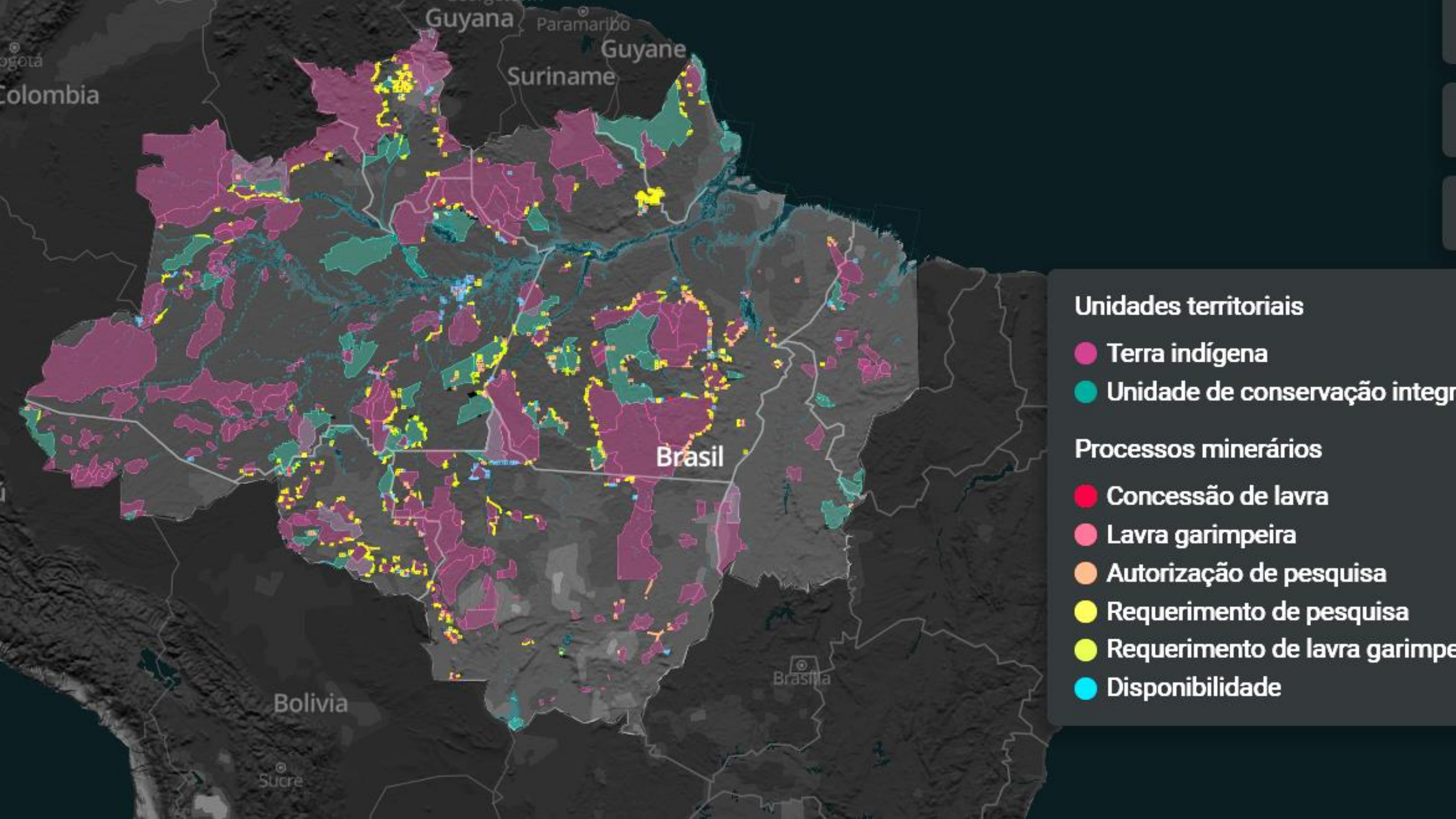


Deforestation





Protected Areas



A landscape photograph showing a dense green forest on a hillside. In the foreground, there is a large area of exposed red soil, likely from a landslide or deforestation, with a muddy pond reflecting the surrounding greenery. The text "Ways forwards" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

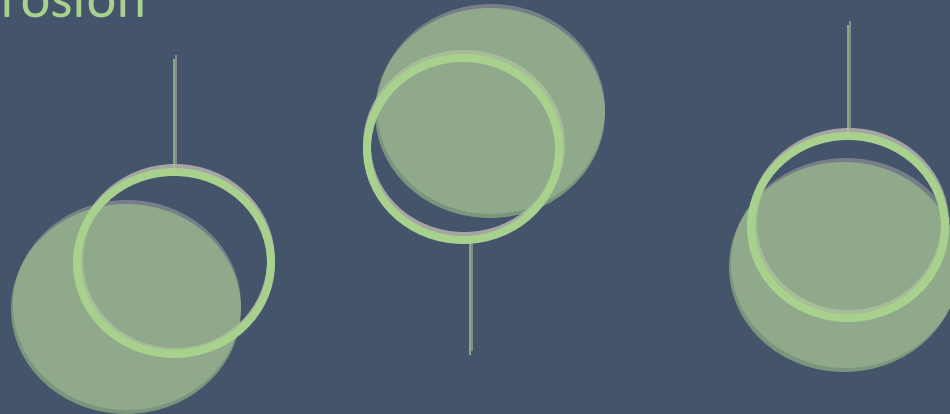
Ways forwards

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION OF MERCURY CONTAINING TAILINGS



Restore the surface grading and **revegetate** the land to reduce erosion

Engage ASGM communities in the restoration plans



Allocate **financial mechanisms and responsibilities** to ensure the sound management of **tailings**

Organize **educational sessions** focused on the benefits of restoration and future restored land use possibilities

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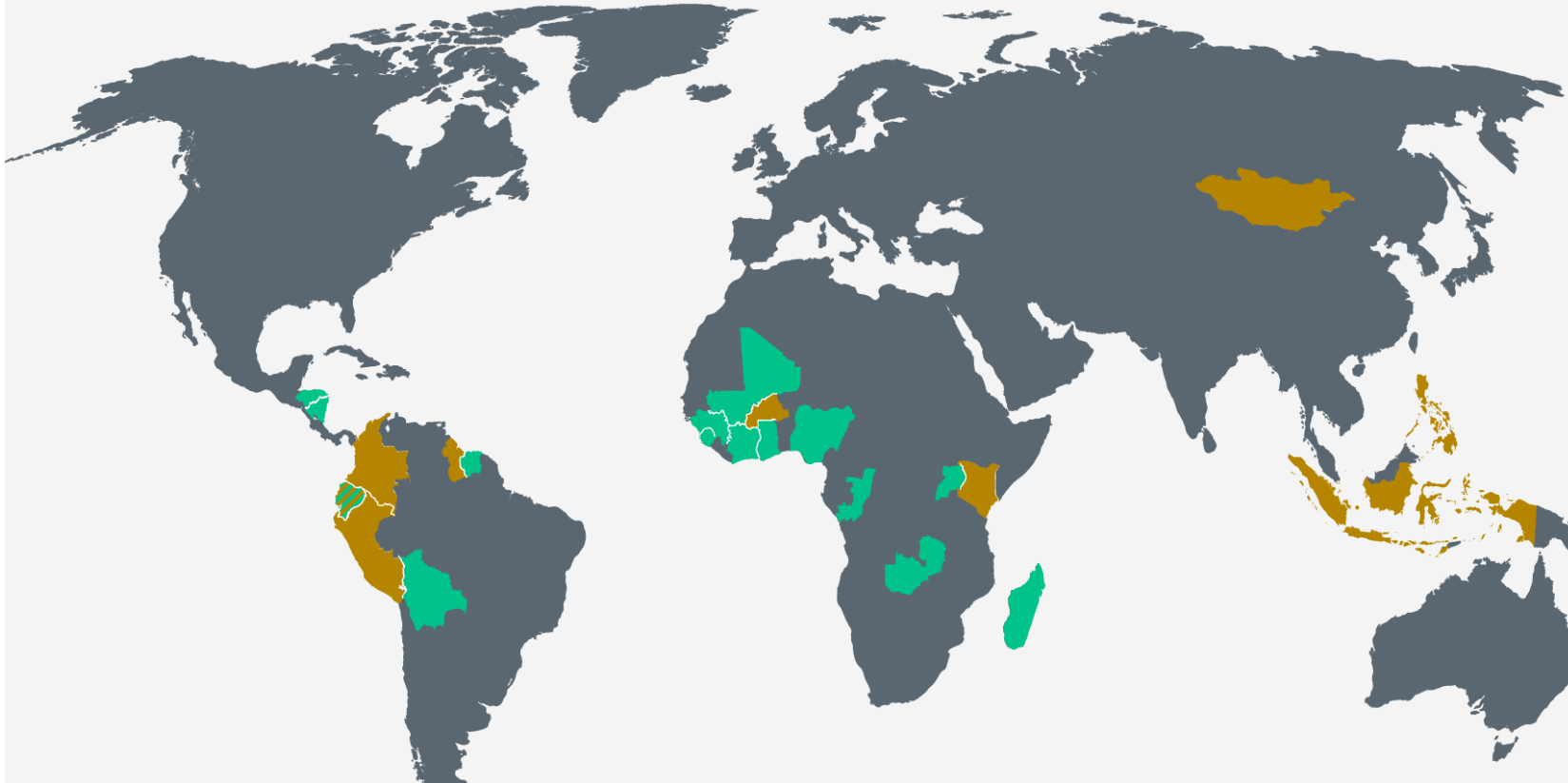
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in small-scale gold mining.



Formalization



Technical
solutions



Access to
finance



Awareness
raising

Apoyado por:



Dirigido por:



En alianza con:



planetGOLD-specific Criteria related to Biodiversity

Minimize impact on biodiversity



With a special emphasis on protecting biodiversity and critical habitats.

Eliminate mercury in the mining process



And appropriately manage mercury contaminated tailings.

Respect and protect the rights of Indigenous Communities



These are requirements of the GEF environment and social safeguards.

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Manoela's slides

Sharing country experience - Uganda

- From Minamata Convention focal point perspective
- And from CBD focal point perspective

- Below - some additional slides – just in case - to reuse images