

Illegal Mining (DO)

Mining companies must, in most instances, go through a rigorous permitting process to get permission to abstract minerals. However, it is the case that in many jurisdictions, individuals are prepared to ignore the law and attempt to mine without permission from the government. In some instances, this might be a small operation of one or two individuals, but in other instances it can be more significant with small mining companies engaged in illegal mining.

It is in the interest of mine operators and government agencies to ensure that no illegal mining takes places as this will result in a loss of profit and royalties, it will also introduce environmental and safety concerns as illegal miners will generally not operate to appropriate standards.

Relevant EO Products

- [Product Sheet: Land disturbed by mining activities](#)
- [Product Sheet: Building and Settlement Map](#)