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Introduction

<u>SolidProof.io</u> is a brand of the officially registered company MAKE Network GmbH, based in Germany. We're mainly focused on Blockchain Security such as Smart Contract Audits and KYC verification for project teams. Solidproof.io assess potential security issues in the smart contracts implementations, review for potential inconsistencies between the code base and the whitepaper/documentation, and provide suggestions for improvement.

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Project Overview

Summary

Project Name	Nature's Vault
Website	https://naturesgoldtoken.io/
About the project	Introducing the Pistol Lake NFT and NaturesGold Token: Invest in and monetize the preservation of a 400-acre gold deposit without ever mining. The Pistol Lake NFT represents fractional ownership of the mine, while the NaturesGold Token represents the preservation of 1/100th of a gram of gold in the ground There are different tiers of Pistol Lake NFTs, each with their own attributes and allocations of NaturesGold Tokens.
Chain	Polygon
Language	Solidity
Codebase Link	https://github.com/nyamkamunhjin/nature-gold/blob/main/contracts/NatureGold.sol
Commit	29274b211790998755265e4d8a94f08f88e5ada7
Unit Tests	Not Provided

Social Medias

Telegram	https://t.me/naturesvault
Twitter	https://twitter.com/naturesvault_io
Facebook	N/A
Instagram	N/A
Github	N/A
Reddit	https://www.reddit.com/r/naturesvault/comments/u63cb7/natures_vault_official/
Medium	N/A
Discord	https://naturesgoldtoken.io/#
Youtube	N/A
TikTok	N/A
LinkedIn	https://sg.linkedin.com/company/naturesvault



Audit Summary

Version	Delivery Date	Cha	angelog
√1.O	27. July 2023	•	Layout Project Automated- /Manual-Security Testing Summary
∨ 1.1	10. August 2023	•	Reaudit
v1.2	28. August 2023	•	Reaudit

Note - This Audit report consists of a security analysis of the project. This analysis did not include functional testing (or unit testing) of the contract's logic.



File Overview

The Team provided us with the files that should be tested in the security assessment. This audit covered the following files listed below with an SHA-1 Hash.

File Name	SHA-1 Hash
contracts/NatureGold.sol	a5e7e1990db201dfdad9684368fd8622ca1a69cb

Please note: Files with a different hash value than in this table have been modified after the security check, either intentionally or unintentionally. A different hash value may (but need not) be an indication of a changed state or potential vulnerability that was not the subject of this scan.



Imported packages

Used code from other Frameworks/Smart Contracts (direct imports).

Dependency / Import Path	Count
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/access/AccessControlUpgradeable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/proxy/utils/Initializable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/security/ReentrancyGuardUpgradeable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/token/ERC20/ERC20Upgradeable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/token/ERC20/extensions/ERC20PermitUpgradeable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/token/ERC20/extensions/ERC20VotesUpgradeable.sol	1

Note for Investors: We only Audited the contracts listed in the report for the project. However, If the project has other contracts (for example, a Presale contract etc), and they were not provided to us in the audit scope, then we cannot comment on its security and are not responsible for it in any way.



Audit Information

Vulnerability & Risk Level

Risk represents the probability that a certain source threat will exploit vulnerability and the impact of that event on the organization or system. The risk Level is computed based on CVSS version 3.0.

Level	Value	Vulnerability	Risk (Required Action)
Critical	A vulnerability that can disrupt the contract functioning in a number of scenarios, or creates a risk that the contract may be broken.		Immediate action to reduce risk level.
High	7 – 8.9	A vulnerability that affects the desired outcome when using a contract, or provides the opportunity to use a contract in an unintended way.	Implementation of corrective actions as soon aspossible.
Medium	4 – 6.9	A vulnerability that could affect the desired outcome of executing the contract in a specific scenario.	Implementation of corrective actions in a certain period.
Low	2 – 3.9	A vulnerability that does not have a significant impact on possible scenarios for the use of the contract and is probably subjective.	Implementation of certain corrective actions or accepting the risk.
Informational	0 – 1.9	A vulnerability that have informational character but is not effecting any of the code.	An observation that does not determine a level of risk



Auditing Strategy and Techniques Applied

Throughout the review process, care was taken to check the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and compliance with specifications and best practices. To this end, our team of experienced pen-testers and smart contract developers reviewed the code line by line and documented any issues discovered.

We check every file manually. We use automated tools only so that they help us achieve faster and better results.

Methodology

The auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

- 1. Code review that includes the following:
 - Reviewing the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to
 SolidProof to ensure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the
 - smart contract.
 - b. Manual review of the code, i.e., reading the source code line by line to identify potential vulnerabilities.
 - c. Comparison to the specification, i.e., verifying that the code does what is described in the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof.
- 2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
 - a. Test coverage analysis determines whether test cases cover code and how much code is executed when those test cases are executed.
 - b. Symbolic execution, which is analysing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
- 3. Review best practices, i.e., review smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarity, maintainability, security, and control based on best practices, recommendations, and research from industry and academia.
- 4. Concrete, itemized and actionable recommendations to help you secure your smart contracts.



Overall Security Upgradeability

Contract is an upgradeable	X Deployer can update the contract with new functionalities
Description	The deployer can replace the old contract with a new one with new features. Be aware of this, because the owner can add new features that may have a negative impact on your investments.
Example	We assume that you have funds in the contract and it has been audited by any security audit firm. Now the audit has passed. After that, the deployer can upgrade the contract to allow him to transfer the funds you purchased without any approval from you. This has the consequence that your funds can be taken by the creator.
Comment	N/A



Ownership

The ownership is not renounced	X The owner is not renounce
Description	The owner has not renounced the ownership that means that the owner retains control over the contract's operations, including the ability to execute functions that may impact the contract's users or stakeholders. This can lead to several potential issues, including: Centralizations The owner has significant control over contract's operations
Example	We assume that you have funds in the contract and it has been audited by any security audit firm. Now the audit has passed. After that, the deployer can upgrade the contract to allow him to transfer the funds you purchased without any approval from you. This has the consequence that your funds can be taken by the creator.
Comment	N/A

Note - If the contract is not deployed then we would consider the ownership to be not renounced. Moreover, if there are no ownership functionalities then the ownership is automatically considered renounced.



Ownership Privileges

These functions can be dangerous. Please note that abuse can lead to financial loss. We have a guide where you can learn more about these Functions.

Minting tokens

Minting tokens refer to the process of creating new tokens in a cryptocurrency or blockchain network. This process is typically performed by the project's owner or designated authority, who has the ability to add new tokens to the network's total supply.

Contract owner can mint new tokens	X The owner able to mint new tokens
Description	Owners who have the ability to mint new tokens can reward themselves or other stakeholders, who can then sell the newly minted tokens on a cryptocurrency exchange to raise funds. However, there is a risk that the owner may abuse this power, leading to a decrease in trust and credibility in the project or platform. If stakeholders perceive that the owner is using their power to mint new tokens unfairly or without transparency, it can result in decreased demand for the token and a reduction in its value.
Example	If investors drive up the token price, the owner may choose to mint new tokens and sell them on a cryptocurrency exchange to raise funds. If the owner is not transparent and honest about their actions, they may be attempting a rugpull, where they suddenly abandon the project after raising funds, leaving investors with worthless tokens. This can lead to a decrease in the value of existing tokens, potentially rendering them worthless, and causing investors to suffer losses. It is essential for investors to carefully research the project and its developers and exercise caution before investing in any cryptocurrency or DeFi project.
Comment	Only the minter role can mint unlimited tokens in the contract

File, Line/s: NatureGold.sol, L58 Codebase:

```
function mint(address to, uint256 amount) external onlyRole(MINTER_ROLE) {
    _mint(to, amount);
}
```



Burning tokens

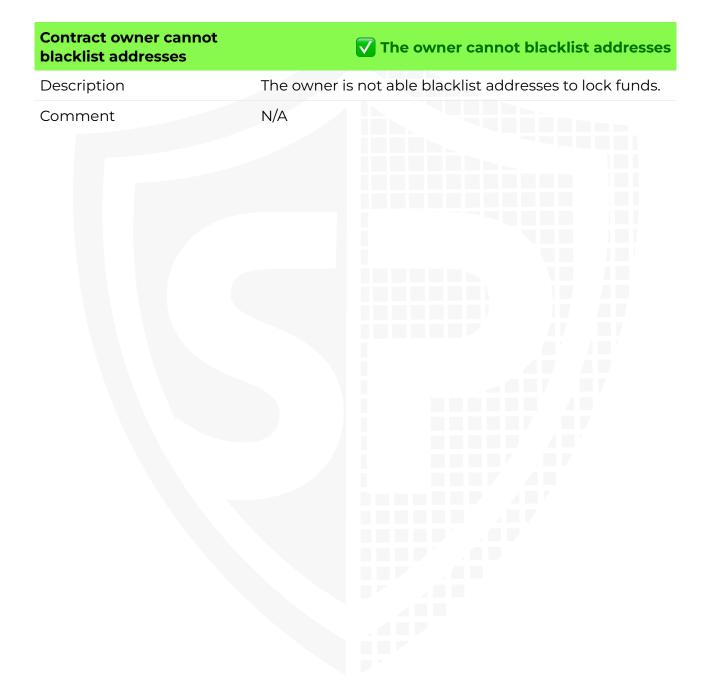
Burning tokens is the process of permanently destroying a certain number of tokens, reducing the total supply of a cryptocurrency or token. This is usually done to increase the value of the remaining tokens, as the reduced supply can create scarcity and potentially drive up demand.

Contract owner cannot burn tokens		The	e owne	er canno	t burn tol	kens
Description	The owner is allowances.	not able	burn	tokens	without	any
Comment	N/A					



Blacklist addresses

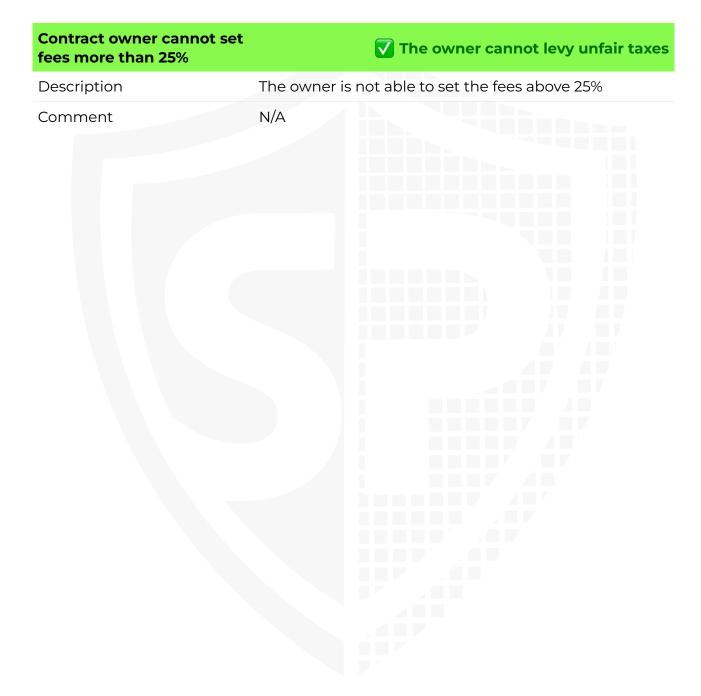
Blacklisting addresses in smart contracts is the process of adding a certain address to a blacklist, effectively preventing them from accessing or participating in certain functionalities or transactions within the contract. This can be useful in preventing fraudulent or malicious activities, such as hacking attempts or money laundering.





Fees and Tax

In some smart contracts, the owner or creator of the contract can set fees for certain actions or operations within the contract. These fees can be used to cover the cost of running the contract, such as paying for gas fees or compensating the contract's owner for their time and effort in developing and maintaining the contract.





Lock User Funds

In a smart contract, locking refers to the process of restricting access to certain tokens or assets for a specified period of time. When tokens or assets are locked in a smart contract, they cannot be transferred or used until the lock-up period has expired or certain conditions have been met.

Owner cannot lock the contract	▼ The owner cannot lock the contract
Description	The owner is not able to lock the contract by any functions or updating any variables.
Comment	N/A N/A



External/Public functions

External/public functions are functions that can be called from outside of a contract, i.e., they can be accessed by other contracts or external accounts on the blockchain. These functions are specified using the function declaration's external or public visibility modifier.

State variables

State variables are variables that are stored on the blockchain as part of the contract's state. They are declared at the contract level and can be accessed and modified by any function within the contract. State variables can be defined with a visibility modifier, such as public, private, or internal, which determines the access level of the variable.

Components

Contracts	E Libraries	Interfaces	Abstract
1	0	0	0

Exposed Functions

This section lists functions that are explicitly declared public or payable. Please note that getter methods for public stateVars are not included.

Public	S Payable
3	0

External	Internal	Private	Pure	View
2	13	0	0	1

StateVariables

Total	Public
4	2



Capabilities

Solidity Versions observed	Experimenta I Features	Can Receive Funds	Uses Assembl y	Has Destroyable Contracts
0.8.9				





Inheritance Graph

An inheritance graph is a graphical representation of the inheritance hierarchy among contracts. In object-oriented programming, inheritance is a mechanism that allows one class (or contract, in the case of Solidity) to inherit properties and methods from another class. It shows the relationships between different contracts and how they are related to each other through inheritance.





Centralization Privileges

Centralization can arise when one or more parties have privileged access or control over the contract's functionality, data, or decision-making. This can occur, for example, if the contract is controlled by a single entity or if certain participants have special permissions or abilities that others do not.

In the project, there are authorities that have access to the following functions:

File	Privileges	
1. NatureGold.sol	MINTER_ROLEmintDEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLEsetMetaURI	

Recommendations

To avoid potential hacking risks, it is advisable for the client to manage the private key of the privileged account with care. Additionally, we recommend enhancing the security practices of centralized privileges or roles in the protocol through a decentralized mechanism or smartcontract-based accounts, such as multi-signature wallets.

Here are some suggestions of what the client can do:

- Consider using multi-signature wallets: Multi-signature wallets require multiple parties to sign off on a transaction before it can be executed, providing an extra layer of security e.g. Gnosis Safe
- Use of a timelock at least with a latency of e.g. 48-72 hours for awareness of privileged operations
- Introduce a DAO/Governance/Voting module to increase transparency and user involvement
- Consider Renouncing the ownership so that the owner cannot modify any state variables of the contract anymore. Make sure to set up everything before renouncing.



Audit Results

Low issues

#1 | Floating pragma version

File	Severity	Location	Status
NatureGold.sol	Low	L3	Fixed

Description

The contract uses a floating pragma version. The contract should be deployed with the same version that they have been tested thoroughly.

Recommendation

Get rid of the "^" sign from the pragma version to use a certain version of what the contract has been tested with. Otherwise, it is possible that the contract cannot be deployed because of any code-specific reasons.



Informational issues

#1 | NatSpec documentation missing

File	Severity	Location	Status
NatureGold.sol	Informational	_	Fixed

Description

- If you started to comment on your code, also comment on all other functions, variables etc.

Recommendation

It is recommended to add a natspec documentation that anyone is able to read and understand the code also, without any knowledge of coding. The documentation helps other developers to read your code more easily.



#2 | Disable initializing

File	Severity	Location	Status
NatureGold.sol	Informational	L19	Fixed

Description

If the owner updates the contract, a disableInitializer call in the constructor must be implemented. This prevents calling the initialize function again to set the state variables in the contract. This should be implemented only if the contract was deployed before. Otherwise, the owner cannot call the initialize function to set the variables.

Recommendation

If the contract hasn't been deployed, remove the disableInitializer in the constructor. Otherwise, you are not able to initialize the contract. When the contract has a deployed version already, leave it as it is.



Legend for the Issue Status

Attribute or Symbol	Meaning
Open	The issue is not fixed by the project team.
Fixed	The issue is fixed by the project team.
Acknowledged(ACK)	The issue has been acknowledged or declared as part of business logic.





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