

Conflict in The Congo

The Ongoing War for Natural Resources

Although the Republic of Congo's wars were officially ended in 2002, government and rebel militias still fight to control mines rich in natural resources. These minerals, mined in conditions of conflict and smuggled out of the country, are known as conflict minerals.

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Conflict minerals mined in the Congo are smuggled into neighboring countries

Democratic Republic of Congo

Uganda

Kenya

Rwanda

Burundi

Tanzania

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Minerals are sent to various smelting factories in Asia. Here, conflict minerals become indistinguishable when mixed with other minerals.

China

India

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Indonesia

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Products containing conflict minerals are then sold around the world

What are the conflict minerals?

**Tin, Tantalum
Tungsten, Gold**

Quick Facts

> Conflict minerals are fueling ongoing civil violence in the Congo

> Over 5.4 million deaths since 1996 from war-related causes

> The Three T's-Tin, Tantalum, and Tungsten, generate more than \$130 million in profit for armed rebel groups in Congo

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What are they used for?



TVs, laptops, cell phones, and other electronics

What is being done?

Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act (July 2010)

> Requires American companies to audit their mineral supply chain to make sure their products are not tied to the conflict in Congo

Conflict-Free Campus Initiative

> Students encourage university officials and stakeholders to commit to measures that pressure electronics companies to responsibly invest in Congo's minerals sector.

Resources:

<http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=aF-sJgcoY20

<http://www.divinecaroline.com/33/90560-ten-things-know-conflict-minerals#ixzz27aUC83hp>