Social and ecological disaster

At the peak of popularity, in 2016, there were about 50,000 people working for illegal amber extraction. Crimes, bribes, anarchy surged.

Lunar Klondike

Thousands of people with motorised water pumps and showels transformed land into lifeless, lunar-like landscapes



What is the real scale of the problem?

We've got some reports and scary pictures, but not much reliable info

What is the real scale of the problem, 2?

Total area of a region is about 75,000 km, the size of Czech Republic

Leprosy of the Land

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