

Ecuador & Peru



Implementing Integrated Measures for Minimizing Mercury Releases from Artisanal Gold Mining

Duration:

Three years (October 2012–September 2015)

Budget/donor:

GEF: US\$ 999,900

Co-financing: US\$ 2,676,764

Co-financers:

UNIDO, National Geologic, Mining & Metallurgy Research Institute, INIGEMM (Ecuador), the Peruvian Ministry of Environment and U.S. Department of State

Main objective and key expected outputs

The project aims to reduce the use and emissions of mercury in ASGM by promoting low-mercury and mercury free technologies at local pilot sites. It will also promote innovative financial tools, support the formalization of ASGM miners and provide relevant information on the health risks posed by mercury.

A monitoring programme will be conducted in the Puyango-Tumbes river basin which will contribute to the understanding of the environmental impacts posed by ASGM activities in southern Ecuador and northern Peru.