

Côte d'Ivoire



Reducing Mercury Risks from Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in Côte d'Ivoire

Duration:
Two years (August 2012–August 2014)

Budget/donor:
Co-financing: US\$ 191,300

Co-financers: Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Quick Start Programme Trust Fund

Main objective and key expected outputs

The project aims to reduce the risks associated with mercury use in ASGM while improving the environmental and economic performance of the sector. This objective will be achieved by building capacity within the country to promote sound management of mercury in ASGM, to carry out inventories of gold mining sites and to design and implement a National Action Plan on ASGM.

The obligations surrounding ASGM under the Minamata Convention on Mercury play a key role in guiding this process.

Low-mercury and mercury free methods are available for the ASGM sector, but socio-economic conditions are often barriers to the adoption of better practices.