



Rainforest Action Group

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MINING OF PROTECTED RESERVES

Many of the mining concessions being handed out in Ecuador are within protected forests and indigenous reserves in outright violation of Ecuador's Constitution. No prior consultation occurred with affected communities.

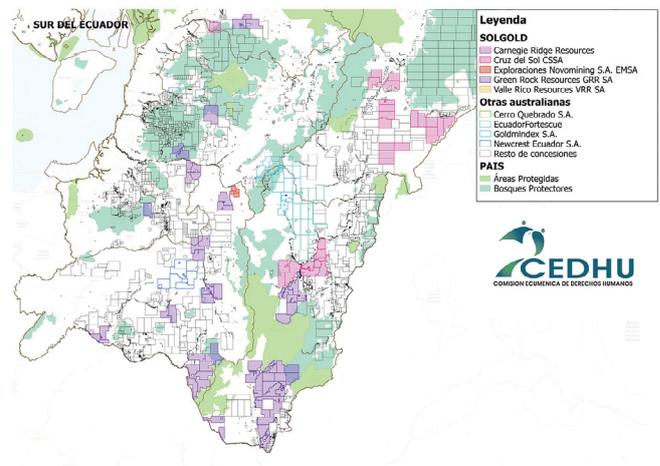
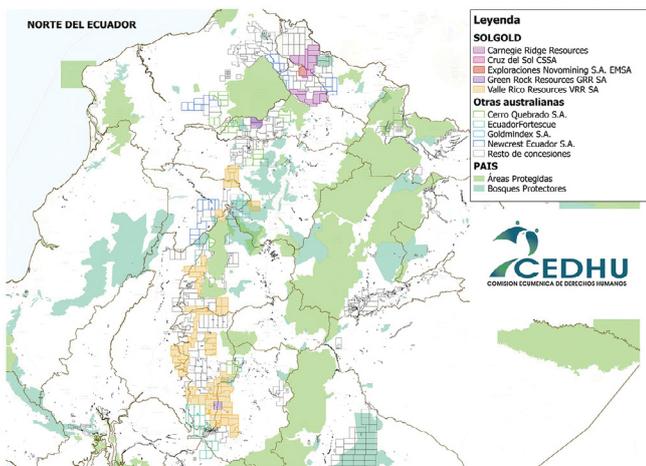
Degradation of protected area risks hundreds of species listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as threatened, endangered or vulnerable.

Mining represents a short-term investment with great long-term costs to the people of Ecuador. We cannot maintain the illusion that mining can be done without grave ecological and human health consequences, consequences that are well documented in scientific literature.



2016 protests against the Rio Blanco mine by local farmers and indigenous communities

At a referendum in February 2018, 67% of Ecuadorians voted to roll back mining, particularly in forested areas. Despite this, mining concessions continue to be handed out.



Map of Ecuador showing concessions in protected reserves and forests
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