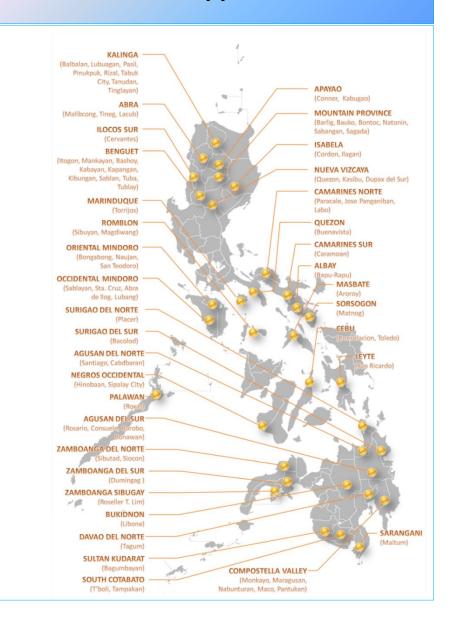
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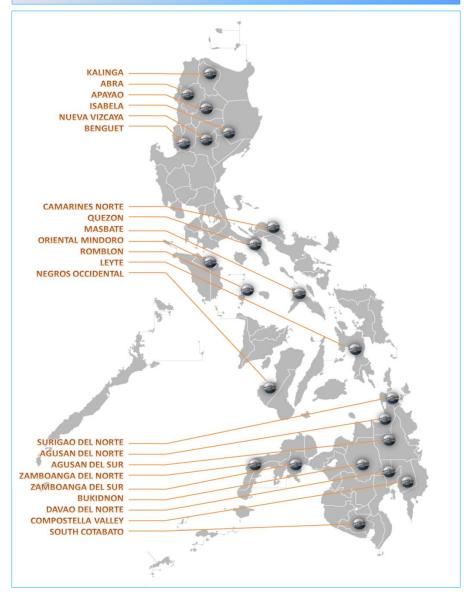
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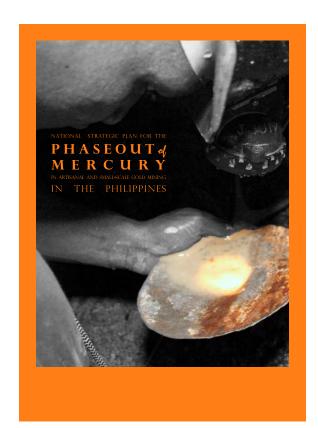




#### Philippine Context

- 1990's to 2010 Government favored large scale mining
- Created an atmosphere of distrust = miners vs. government
- Major mining areas are in conflict areas rebels, religious, tribal
- Government abandoned small-scale mining
- Publicized interventions in mining areas have only pointed at the
- Very strong anti-mining sentiment from civil society
- ASGM sector largely informal





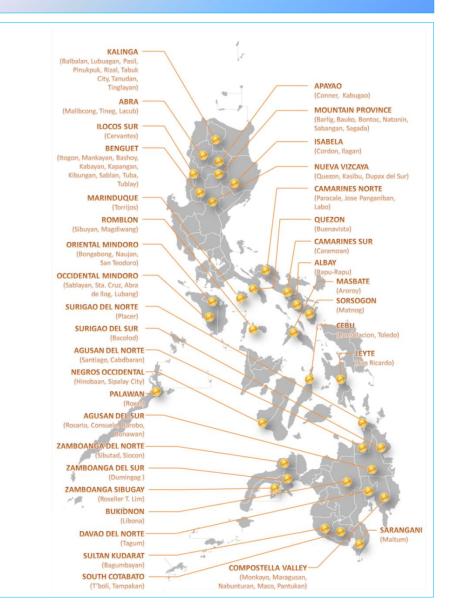
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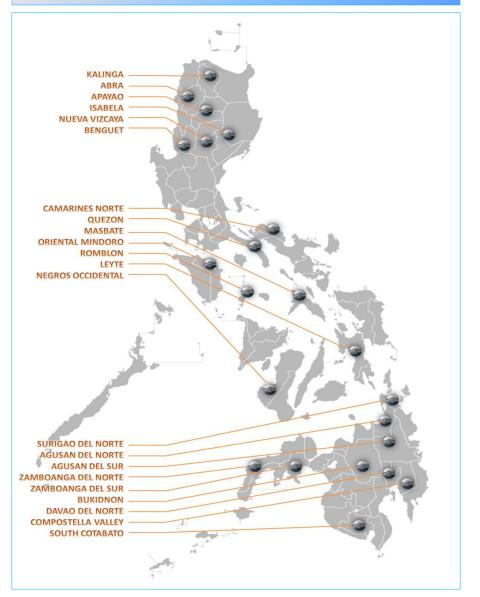
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