



Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa

Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation with a focused emphasis on Morocco within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a policy brief that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

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Article Highlights

- Examines economic benefits and environmental costs of ASM in East Africa
- Analyzes regulatory challenges within specific institutional settings
- Focuses on Morocco as a case study within broader African context
- Connects policy implications to participatory research approaches

Core Policy Challenge

How can East African nations develop mining regulations that support economic development while mitigating environmental harm and ensuring community participation?

This analysis emphasizes institutional mechanisms rather than generic commentary.

Executive Summary

The executive summary of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation examines Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation in relation to Morocco, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies ([Alves & Lee, 2022](#)). This

section is written as a approximately 321 to 492 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Davis & Ramírez-Andreotta, 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument([Tuli & Danish, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation; keep the section specific to Morocco; connect it to the wider article([Wirtu & Abdela, 2025](#)). In the context of Morocco, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Alves & Lee, 2022](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China's Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia([Davis & Ramírez-Andreotta, 2021](#))?), Participatory Research for Environmental Justice: A Critical Interpretive Synthesis), Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Introduction, so it preserves continuity across the article([Tuli & Danish, 2021](#)).

Introduction

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Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation; explain why it matters in Morocco; define the article objective; preview the structure. In the context of Morocco, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Wirtu & Abdela, 2025](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China's Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), Participatory Research for Environmental Justice: A Critical Interpretive Synthesis), Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic).

This section follows Executive Summary and leads into Key Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Key Findings

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Recommendations

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in East Africa: Economic Contribution, Environmental Impact, and Regulation; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Morocco; suggest a next step. In the context of Morocco, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China's Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), Participatory Research for Environmental Justice: A Critical Interpretive Synthesis), Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic).

This section follows Recommendations and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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