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## Integrated Assessment of ASGM in Ghana

Researchers from Ghana and abroad have come together as the ASGM\_Research\_Group to examine the causes, consequences, and correctives of artisanal small-scale gold mining (ASGM) in Ghana, through an interdisciplinary approach known as an Integrated Assessment framework. The findings from this endeavor will help inform Ghana and other parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.



## Project Overview

The Integrated Assessment of ASGM in Ghana seeks to identify policy-relevant solutions that allow the ASGM sector to develop in a manner that maintains water quality for environmental and human health without compromising short- and long-term economic growth.

The Assessment is divided into three primary technical workgroups:

- Natural Science
- Human Health
- Socioeconomics

Workgroup members synthesized available information on ASGM and in many cases conducted independent research on topics related to each workgroup. Based on the information gathered, workgroups have developed overview reports that include potential policy responses designed to assist with the economic development of the ASGM sector while constantly maintaining focus on environmental and human health issues.

Learn more about this project at the [ASGM Research Group](#) website.

## Workgroup Meeting in Accra, Ghana



Integrated Assessment workgroup members met at the University of Ghana - Legon in April 2014 to discuss relevant policy responses based on the qualitative and quantitative assessments conducted. Workgroup members include representatives from academia, government and NGOs from across Ghana. David Buck of BRI attended the meeting as an external adviser for the Natural Sciences workgroup.

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