Africa: a refuge for incredible biodiversity and ecosystem services

- 8/34 Biodiversity Hotspots (26%)
- 2/5 HBWA (40%)
- Numerous AZE sites
- Ecosystem services: water, soil, bushmeat
Africa’s mineral wealth

Africa holds 30% of the world’s mineral resources including:
- 40% of gold, 60% of cobalt, 90% of platinum, 30% of manganese, 30% of titanium, 72% of chromium, 44% of vanadium, 19% of Zircon and most of the world’s diamonds.

Waiting to be developed in Africa is:
- 10% of the world’s coal, 10% of its Uranium, and 8% of its nickel and specialist, sought-after minerals such as casseterite.
Conservation Priorities and Mining

- UNESCO: “one-quarter of World Heritage Sites listed for natural value have mineral development in or near their borders”

- WRI: “one-quarter of active mines and exploration sites overlap with or are within a 10km radius of protected areas including biodiversity hotspots and high-biodiversity wilderness areas”
Other issues for Africa and DRC…

- Governance
- Human Rights
- Employment
- Equitable Distribution Of Wealth
Opportunities

Investment in social and environmental programs

Chinese mining companies

National policy support