

LEGAL ACTION PENDING AGAINST THE PROJECT

Under Guinean law — including the Mining Code, Environmental Code, and Civil Code — companies are legally obligated to prevent environmental harm and to fairly compensate affected communities. Articles 106, 142, and 143 of the Mining Code require thorough environmental impact assessments and safeguards for community health. Article 9 of the Environmental Code reinforces the polluter-pays principle, mandates prevention, and guarantees public participation in environmental decision-making. Despite these legal protections, violations continue unchecked.

A formal administrative lawsuit has been filed the **16th september 2024**, calling for the suspension of WCS's environmental clearance certificate and a halt to its operations. The case is based on multiple breaches: failure to comply with the Environmental and Social Management Plan meant to protect communities from pollution and soil erosion; lack of proper community consultation; and operations that violate Guinea's international environmental commitments — including the Paris Climate Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and international environmental law principles such as the precautionary principle.

The lawsuit is currently pending...