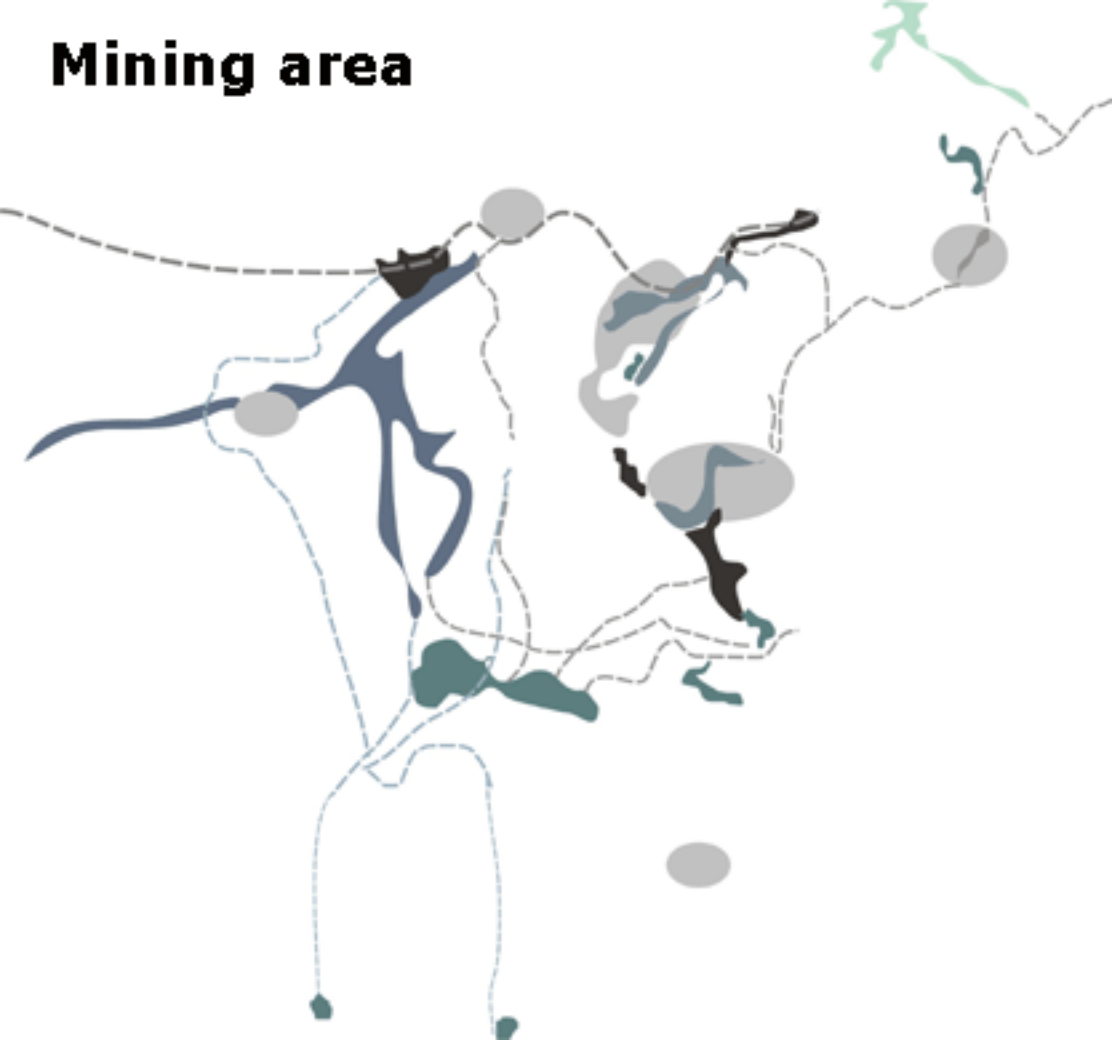Mining area