

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S1

**A. METHODS**

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021 using the Google website as a base (<https://www.google.com>). For the searches withing the Google base, we used the words “oil spill + amazon + fish kill”, “oil spill + Amazon + fish dead”, “oil leak + Peru”, “oil leak + Colombia”, “oil spill + Amazon river”, “oil spill + Brazil”, “pipeline + fish kill”, “Iguacu River + oil pill”. In addition, we combined the name of oil and/or gas producing countries in Neotropical region (*i.e.*, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela) with the key words “oil spills” + “river” or “lake” or “stream” (*e.g.*, peru + oil spill + river). Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were conducted exhaustively only for negative impacts of input of crude oil on Neotropical freshwater fishes. In each search, we considered only the first 20 pages of results. We considered oil spills in gas and oil blocks, oil fields, tank farm, or from pipelines.

**B. SEARCH RESULTS****Andean River to Lake Titicaca (2000):**

<https://apnews.com/article/df10614adc20601990008831f10f08c3>

<https://ejatlas.org/print/desaguadero-oil-spill-transredes-s-a-bolivia>

**Stream to the Barigui and after to the Iguacu River (2000):**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/840379.stm>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2000/jul/19/oilspills.internationalnews>

**Catumbo River to Lake Maracaibo (2001):**

<https://neftgaz.ru/en/news/crime/435570-venezuela-fights-to-halt-river-borne-oil-slick>

**Coatzacoalcos River (2004):**

<https://noticias.ambientebrasil.com.br/clipping/2004/12/24/17439-vazamento-de-petroleo-atinge-praias-do-golfo-do-mexico.html>

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2005-jan-16-fg-mexspill16-story.html>

**Coatzacoalcos River (2011):**

<https://expansion.mx/planetacnn/2012/01/14/limpiar-por-completo-el-derrame-de-crudo-en-veracruz-tomara-un-mes-mas>

**Catumbo River to Lake Maracaibo (2012):**

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/04/ecobreves-venezuela-oil-spill-halts-fishing-in-lake-maracaibo>

**Guarapiche River (2012):**

**Carvajal AC, Oletta JF.** Derrames petroleros y sus efectos sobre la ecología y la salud humana. *Noticia Epidemiológica*. 2012; 1 (35):1–40.

**Coca River (Amazon basin) (2013):**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-22836975>

**Lake - Unknown name (2014):**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2016/09/negotiations-and-protests-ongoing-in-wake-of-oil-spills-in-peruvian-amazon>

**A tributary of the Marañón River basin (2014):**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2015/03/9-months-after-amazonian-oil-pipeline-spill-effects-and-fears-linger>

**Stream - Unknown name (2014):**

**Fraser B.** Oil in the forest. *Science*. 2016; 353(6300): 641–43.

**Stream - Unknown name (2015):**

<https://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/geral/noticia/2015-06/vazamento-em-oleoduto-da-transpetro-atinge-corrego-e-chega-ao-mar>

**Chiriaco and Morona Rivers - 1 (2016):**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-35636738>

**Chiriaco and Morona Rivers - 2 (2016):**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2016/06/breaking-oil-spill-in-peruvian-amazon-puts-local-communities-at-risk>

**Stream - Unknown name (2016):**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2016/06/breaking-oil-spill-in-peruvian-amazon-puts-local-communities-at-risk>

**Tepeyac stream and Coatzacoalcos River (2018):**

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/veracruz-oil-spill-300-evacuated>

**Streams, Sogamoso and Magdalena Rivers (2018):**

<https://www.nsctotal.com.br/noticias/emergencia-ambiental-na-colombia-por-vazamento-de-petroleo>

<https://thebogotapost.com/oil-spill-wreaks-havoc-in-santander/28756>

**Coca and Napo Rivers (2020):**

<https://earther.gizmodo.com/an-oil-spill-and-the-coronavirus-are-creating-a-crisis-1843338899>

**Godineau River (2020):**

[https://trinidadexpress.com/newsextra/oil-spills-into-the-godineau-river/article\\_9ce5ce3c-2a6f-11eb-8102-7f9a11803055.html](https://trinidadexpress.com/newsextra/oil-spills-into-the-godineau-river/article_9ce5ce3c-2a6f-11eb-8102-7f9a11803055.html)

**Shiripuno River (2020):**

<https://es.mongabay.com/2021/02/derrame-petroleo-rio-shiripuno-ecuador>

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S2****METHODS**

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021. Searches of articles published in scientific journals (*i.e.*, excluding gray literature) were conducted in five databases: Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com.br>), Orcid (<https://orcid.org>), ResearchGate (<https://www.researchgate.net>), Science Direct (<https://www.sciencedirect.com>), and Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)). For searches, we combined the following words: “mining + fish”; “mining + fish + country of Neotropical region (*e.g.*, Suriname)”; “Amazon + mining + mercury + fish”; “mercury + Neotropical fish + effects on organs”; “Samarco + fish + Doce River”; “mining + Fundão + Samarco + Brumadinho + fish”; “Lake Batata + effects on fish”, “ecotoxicological + mercury”; “toxicological + mercury”. Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were conducted exhaustively only for negative impacts (*e.g.*, contamination) on Neotropical freshwater fishes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S3****METHODS**

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021. We searched for impacts on fish diversity on Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com.br>), including gray literature. We used as a starting point the name of each major collapsed dam that was listed in Wise (2020) combined with the following words: fish kill; fish mortality; ichthyofauna; fish fauna. In the same search base, we used the combination of the words: “mining rupture + fish”; “tailings dam + collapse”. Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were conducted exhaustively only for negative impacts on Neotropical freshwater fishes.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S4 ON THE CYANIDE AT MINA DO ENGENHO DAM.

### In Portuguese:

<https://g1.globo.com/mg/minas-gerais/noticia/2019/01/31/barragens-com-maior-potencial-de-dano-do-pais-oferecem-risco-de-contaminacao-quimica-a-manancial-na-grande-bh.ghml>

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S5 ILLEGAL MINING IN COSTA RICA.

**In English:** <https://ticotimes.net/2019/12/10/costa-rica-seizes-cyanide-and-mercury-in-operations-against-illegal-mining>

**In Spanish:** <https://www.estrategiaynegocios.net/centroamericaymundo/1340855-330/costa-rica-decomisa-cianuro-y-mercurio-en-operativos-contraminer%EDa-ilegal>

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S6 A. METHODS

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021 using the Google website as a base (<https://www.google.com>) and Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com.br>). For the searches withing the Google base, we used the words “cyanides”, “cyanide” combined with Neotropical countries (*e.g.*, Nicaragua, Brazil), “fish”, or “river”, or “freshwater”, or “mining”, or “gold”, or “spill”. Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were performed exhaustively only for negative impacts of cyanide on Neotropical freshwater fishes. In each search, we considered only the first 20 pages of results.

## B. SEARCH RESULTS

### Bambana River (1978):

**Tolvanen A.** The Legacy of Greenstone Resources in Nicaragua. 2003.

### Omai and Essequibo Rivers (1995):

<http://www.earthtimes.org/pollution/guyana-suspends-gold-diamond-mining-permits/2075>

**Hilson G, Monhemius AJ.** Alternatives to cyanide in the gold mining industry: what prospects for the future? *Journal of Cleaner Production* 2006; 14:1158–67.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/cyanide-from-mine-threatens-guyana-river-1597531.html>

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/1995/aug/23/cyanide-poisons-major-guyana-river-325-million>

### Severl waterbodies (1998):

<http://www.ipsnoticias.net/1998/06/panama-clamor-contramineria-sucia-por-grave-derrame-de-cianuro>

### Lara River (2003):

<https://wp.radioprogresohn.net/una-mina-de-sangre-y-oro-que-destruye-cerros-en-la-union-copan>

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<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/515888-97/honduras-fuga-de-cianuro-cae-al-rio-lara>

[https://www.biodiversidadla.org/Noticias/Honduras\\_nuevo\\_derrame\\_de\\_cianuro\\_al\\_rio\\_por\\_Yamana\\_Gold](https://www.biodiversidadla.org/Noticias/Honduras_nuevo_derrame_de_cianuro_al_rio_por_Yamana_Gold)

### San Sebastián River (Unknown):

<https://noalamina.org/latinoamerica/guatemala/item/9368-confirman-hierro-y-cianuro-en-rio-san-sebastian>

<https://pueblosencamino.org/?p=128>

### Puyango-Tumbes River (Unknown):

**Marshall BG, Veiga MM, Silva HAM, Guimarães JRD.** Cyanide contamination of the Puyango-Tumbes River caused by artisanal gold mining in Portovelo-Zaruma, Ecuador. *Curr Environ Health Rep.* 2020; 7:303–10.

**Tributary of Velhas River (2011):**

<http://g1.globo.com/brasil/noticia/2011/09/em-mg-contaminacao-de-rio-podera-ser-investigada.html>

<https://veja.abril.com.br/brasil/em-mg-contaminacao-de-rio-podera-ser-investigada>

**Several waterbodies (2015):**

<https://archivo.gestion.pe/empresas/barrick-confirma-multa-us-93-millones-y-lamenta-derrame-cianuro-argentina-2156219>

<https://www.rumbominero.com/noticias/mineria/barrick-confirma-multa-de-9-3-millones-de-dolares-y-lamenta-derrame-de-cianuro-en-argentina>

**Piactla River (2018):**

<http://www.mining.com/mexican-environment-officials-visit-mine-following-cyanide-spill>

<https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/Cyanide-Spill-in-Mexico-Traced-Back-to-Canadian-Mining-Company-20180324-0016.html>

<https://www.unotv.com/noticias/estados/durango/detalle/contaminacion-rio-piactla-derrame-cianuro-099325>

**Tapajós River (2018):**

<https://g1.globo.com/pa/santarem-regiao/noticia/2018/09/27/laudo-da-pf-alerta-para-volume-absurdo-de-lama-despejada-na-bacia-do-rio-tapajos.ghtml>

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S7****METHODS**

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021. Searches of articles published in scientific journals (*i.e.*, excluding gray literature) were conducted in five databases: Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com.br>), Orcid (<https://orcid.org>), ResearchGate (<https://www.researchgate.net>), Science Direct (<https://www.sciencedirect.com>), and Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)). For searches, we combined the following words: “siltation effects + mining, agriculture, Neotropical fish”; siltation impacts + Neotropical fish”; and “siltation + fish”. We also verify reference list of articles found; and articles citing articles found. Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were conducted exhaustively only for negative impacts of siltation from mining activities on Neotropical freshwater fishes. For other activities (*e.g.*, agriculture), the search was not exhaustive, and we choose just examples of works found.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S8****METHODS**

Searches were conducted between September 2020 and March 2021. Searches of articles published in scientific journals (*i.e.*, excluding gray literature) were conducted in five databases: Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com.br>), Orcid (<https://orcid.org>), ResearchGate (<https://www.researchgate.net>), Science Direct (<https://www.sciencedirect.com>), and Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)). For searches, we combined the following words: “deforestation + Neotropical fish + erosion + agriculture + mining”; “deforestation in the Neotropical region + effects on fish”; “deforestation + fish”; “deforestation + fish + Neotropical”. We also verify reference list of articles found; and articles citing articles found. Searches were performed using these combinations of words in Portuguese, English, and Spanish; and were conducted exhaustively only for negative impacts of deforestation from mining activities on Neotropical freshwater fishes. For other activities (*e.g.*, agriculture), the search was not exhaustive, and we choose just examples of works found.

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S9

### TRUCK LEAK

**In Spanish:** <https://www.jornada.com.mx/2013/08/28/estados/030n1est>

**In Spanish:** <https://www.eleconomista.com.mx/politica/Confirman-un-muerto-y-derrame-de-cianuro-tras-vuelco-en-Sonora-20130823-0081.html>

**In Spanish:** <https://www.excelsior.com.mx/nacional/2013/08/27/915616>

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