



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE QUARRYING

### Activity 3.2 - Illegal Quarrying

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE QUARRYING

The recommendations for socially acceptable quarrying and elimination of illegal practices can be summarized as follows:

*a. The aggregates industry should:*

- ✓ Operate 100 % in compliance with the regulatory framework and the Environmental Conditions set, which cover all the aspects of the environmental impact of the extraction activities;
- ✓ Open and sustain the dialogue with the communities in order to adopt the better decisions from the development stage throughout the life of the quarry.
- ✓ Share information about the current operations with stakeholders and engage them in dialog.

*b. The governments should:*

- ✓ Raise the awareness of society's needs for aggregates and consider them a strategic resource not available in abundance as is often assumed
- ✓ Apply more constraints (monitoring) to the industrial operators to make them comply with the regulatory framework aimed at the minimization of the environmental impacts related to extraction activities
- ✓ Update and integrate the legislative framework that regulates the aggregates extraction activities
- ✓ Speed up the licensing procedures. Speeding up procedures will have a positive side effect in preventing illegal quarrying activities
- ✓ Make mid and long term estimates of aggregates demand and complete the designation of aggregate quarrying areas.
- ✓ Always consider alternative sources for aggregates production, secondary aggregates in particular
- ✓ Incorporate the designated aggregates quarrying areas at the regional/local level to land use planning at the national level (strategic level)
- ✓ Grant permissions with a duration in line with the lifetime of the deposit thus allowing extraction activities to carry on in a sustainable way

- ✓ Record all abandoned quarries at the regional level and prioritize their restoration/rehabilitation using multi criteria analysis (e.g. safety hazards, visual disturbance, intensity of the pollution, if any)
- ✓ Develop, sustain and constantly use an efficient monitoring process and tools.
- ✓ Develop and sustain the social dialog to open the communication channels with the local communities facilitating an efficient discovering and stopping of illegal activities.

*c) Local population / local authorities / NGO's should:*

- ✓ Monitor and report illegal quarrying in the area
- ✓ Get involved in remediation of abandoned quarry sites
- ✓ Be actively involved in monitoring of existing quarry operations
- ✓ Suggest remediation models and post quarrying activities of legal operations