



# INAUGURAL PNG ALLUVIAL MINING CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW 2014



**Prosperity through Alluvial Mining  
Education/Regulation/Compliance**

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This inaugural convention is intended to bring together in one venue all local and international stakeholders involved in, or seeking to be involved, in the alluvial mining sector.

Stakeholders will include the alluvial mining communities from all areas of PNG, the regulators (mining, environment, and safety), small and medium business promoters, financiers, joint venture interests, gold buyers, smelter companies and exporters, Provincial and Local Level Governments, lawyers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

**Keynote Speaker:** Hon Byron Chan MP, Minister for Mining

**Presentations by:**

- Regulators
- Small and Medium Business Promoters
- Financiers
- Gold buyers , Smelters and Exporting Companies
- Suppliers

**Workshops**

**Demonstrations of equipment and smelting techniques**

**Trade exhibits & promotional booths**

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# Alluvial Mining in PNG

The first known alluvial mining occurred in the Milne Bay Islands in the late 1880s. In 1922, the first mining operation was started in Wau, Morobe Province, by William "Shark-Eye" Park and Jack Nettleton. In 1926, Wau became the hot spot for alluvial mining in PNG.

Wau/Bulolo area became famous for its significant dredging operations from the 1930s. Bulolo Gold Dredging began operations in Bulolo in 1932 and was responsible for the bulk of pre-World War 2 gold production—totalling about 40 tonnes.

Whilst there are no accurate records of recovered gold in those times, it is through the recent activities of the Small Scale Mining Branch

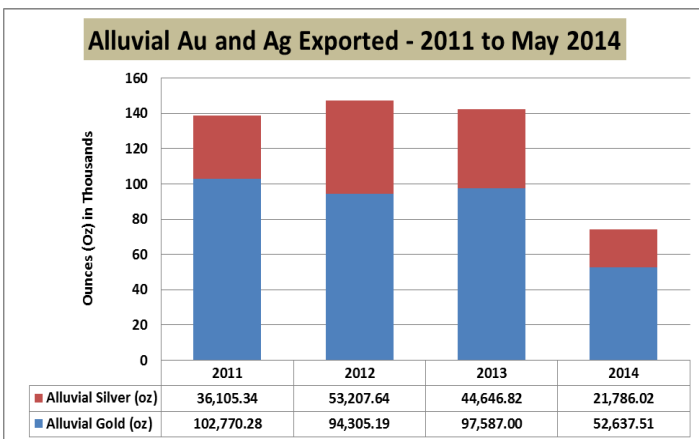
(SSMB) of MRA, whose accredited training centre is located in Wau, that we are aware of alluvial operations in most parts of mainland PNG and its island regions.

SSMB's outreach programme to date visited 28 active alluvial areas throughout PNG and SSMB has certified over 3000 alluvial miners over the last few years. There are reputed to be over 100,000 persons involved in alluvial mining across the country.

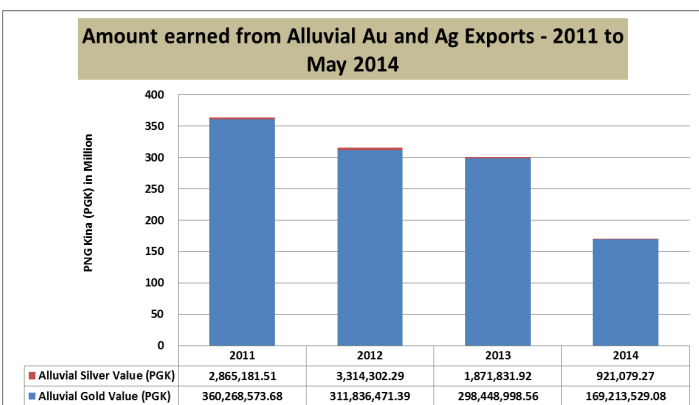
Alluvial gold and silver export figures since 2011 are shown in the graphs.

These figures demonstrate, that with greater coordination and community support, more robust regulation, compliance and enforcement, settlement and approval of outstanding conversion tenements, availability of finance, professional joint venture arrangements, suitable mechanised equipment and sustainable mining methods, the alluvial sector could double production and earnings within the next 3-5 years and treble those within the next decade.

Through the provisions of the Mining Act 1992 the sector provides direct access to the alluvial mineral resource for local landowners and PNG citizens in the appropriate environment. In turn providing opportunity for supplementary income, training and skills development, employment and the advancement of community education and health through the revenue raised.



Alluvial Gold & Silver Export—2011 to May 2014



Earnings from Alluvial Gold & Silver Export—2011 to May 2014