

### Introduction

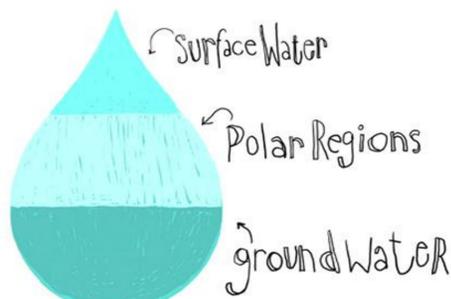
Natural resources include land resources, mineral resources, and water resources. Among those, mineral resources lead the development of mining industry, the basis of economic construction. Because of the uneven distribution of minerals in the world and the controversial mineral exploitation, there have been conflicts and protests going on around the world.

### I. Classification

A: land resources.



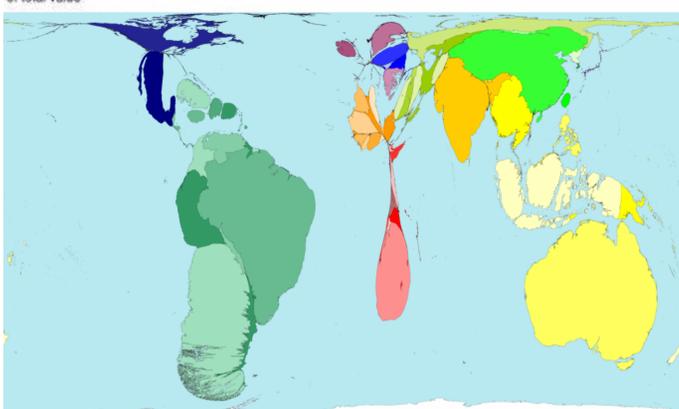
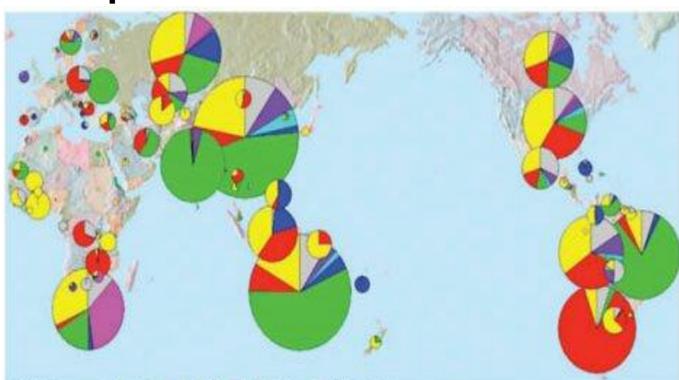
B: water resources



C: mineral resources



### II. The Distribution of Mineral Deposits in the World



➤ This map shows the fall in the financial value of a territory's mineral resources due to current extraction rates. (Included here are gold, lead, zinc, iron, copper, nickel, silver, bauxite, and phosphate.)

### III. The Difficulty of Taiwan's Mining Industry

- Over 99% of the minerals are imported.
- Mineral extraction causes destruction to the environment.

Mineral	Requirement	Import quantum	Percentage
Coal	66 million tons	60 million tons	Over 90%
Oil	9.65 million barrels / per day	9.64 million barrels / per day	99.9%
Natural gas	27.4 million cubic meter /per day	26.3 million cubic meter /per day	96%

➤ Taiwan's mineral import

### IV. A Case in Taiwan

- Hualien, a city on the east coast of Taiwan, is rich in marble, the main ingredient of cement. Due to the economic value of marble, many factories have been destroying the environment to a large extent.



➤ Stone quarrying in the mountains

### V. A Case in Myanmar

- In recent years, the joint venture of copper mine in Myanmar has not only brought about serious damage to environment but threatened the safety of the locals. People living there were forced to relocate without any concern and subsidy.



➤ The copper mine in Myanmar



➤ Protest in Myanmar

### V. Conclusion

- We are all living in the global village. Through communication and fair contract, we can share natural resources peacefully. Only by taking environment protection as a top priority and respecting other countries can the problem really be solved.

