

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

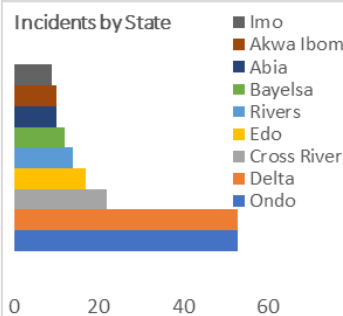
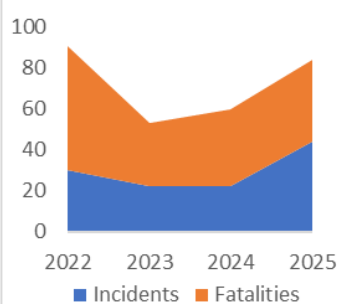
Managing Natural Resource Conflicts and Environmental Grievances in the Niger Delta

August 23-29, 2026

This update highlights growing natural resource conflicts and environmental grievances in the Niger Delta. Recent incidents involving illegal mining, environmental degradation and protests over compensation and resource benefits within communities reflect mounting pressures on natural resources, livelihoods, and the environment.



Trends and Hotspots of Resource-Related Conflicts in the Niger Delta

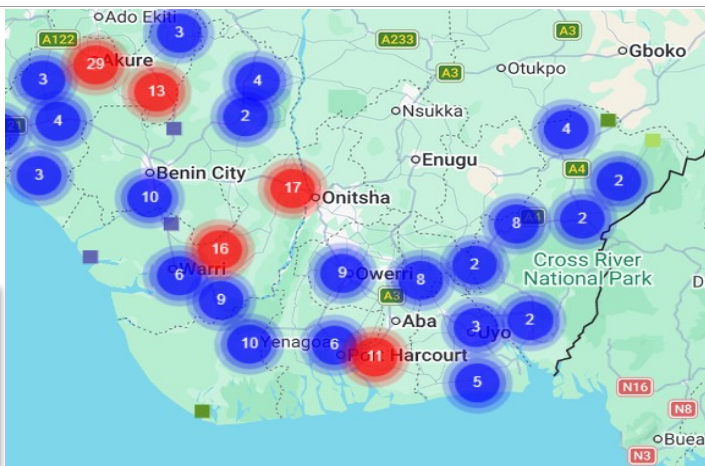


Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Growing competition over land and natural resources could intensify communal grievances and disputes. If not addressed, these tensions may deepen grievances, disrupt livelihoods, and increase conflicts over resource access, compensation, and environmental impacts.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are tightening enforcement against illegal mining and addressing communal grievances. However, stronger resource governance, transparency, and timely resolution of land, compensation, and environmental disputes remain critical to preventing escalation.



Heat Map shows the concentration of reported incidents of resource-related conflicts in the Niger Delta from January 2022 to June 2026. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Resource-Related Tensions

August 25, 2026

Security forces reportedly arrested 17 artisanal miners for alleged encroachment into protected areas in Akamkpa LGA, Cross River State.

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Community members reportedly protested over unpaid compensation and exclusion from royalties in Ekeremor LGA, Bayelsa State.

August 24, 2026

Residents reportedly appealed for intervention over the impacts of dredging activities in Iriamogu Village, Owerri West LGA, Imo State.

August 22, 2026

Troops reportedly seized 10,400 bags of illegally mined black sand and arrested five suspects in Bassambiri, Nembe LGA, Bayelsa State.

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Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system: Text report to **0912 233 4455**.

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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