

The Kimberley Process
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The Kimberley Process is an international certification scheme that regulates trade in rough diamonds. It aims to prevent the flow of conflict diamonds, while helping to protect legitimate trade in rough diamonds.

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) outlines the rules that govern the trade in rough diamonds. The KPCS has developed a set of minimum requirements that each participant must meet.

The KP is not, strictly speaking, an international organisation: it has no permanent offices or permanent staff. It relies on the contributions – under the principle of ‘burden-sharing’ – of participants, supported by industry and civil society observers.

Neither can the KP be considered as an international agreement from a legal perspective, as it is implemented through the national legislations of its participants.

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A bucket was filled with the earth from an old mine spoil heap. Technically all the earth in Kimberley belongs to de Beers. The earth was washed repeatedly. A diamond was found. The diamond was carried in a suitcase back to England. It sat. It waited. It came out, it was discussed, and it was returned. It waited. It has no paperwork, no history, only this story. Five years on the decision was made to return it to earth.

The question of ownership and belonging suggests this object was not mine by right and stolen. Ownership of the earth has always been debatable. By man made documents we own, but finders are keepers are they not?

The description of the object suggests it's worth is great, but the experts would probably call it worthless. A reject.

The processes I have put this diamond through without document are as follows;

Capture
Wash
Posses
Hide
Transport
View
Discuss
View
Discuss
I dropped it in a pub once
Discuss
Hide
Think
View
Think
Mould
Bury
Return

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Preamble suggests we should;

Recognise
Further Recognise
Note
Bear In Mind
Recall
Highlight
Further Highlight
Recall
Convinced
Recalling
Acknowledging
Welcoming
Recognising
Further Recognising
Acknowledging





