Dear anonymous referee #1,
Thank you again for your feedback and assessment about the manuscript. Please note that we acknowledged your suggestions. We added the source of the gold price and checked all figures for readability and replaced some figures with a higher resolution version.

Dear anonymous referee #2,

We would like to thank you for your time to again revise the manuscript. We appreciate your suggestions and improved the manuscript accordingly.

Regarding the delineation of the Sub-AOIs: these were selected using prior knowledge based on independent reports, we added a sentence for clarification (line 90).

The identified correspondence between the gold price and the mining expansion has been rewritten and is not described as “correlation” anymore, also the source of the gold prices has been added.

We took care that the values mentioned in the abstract can also be found in the figures and are again mentioned in the conclusion for a better reading experience (line 474).

For figure 2, we originally removed the bullet points due to aesthetic reasons, but we also acknowledge that they are helpful for readers, so we included them again.

Thank you for pointing out the mistake in line 346, we corrected it.

We also went through all references again and corrected them.