

2020 Land and Resource Conflicts in India

Key data from Land Conflict Watch's live database*

Sources of conflict

Land conflicts affect poor people the most.

36% of conflicts are in common lands inhabited by economically backward communities or urban poor. 32% of conflicts affect common and private lands.

300
(43%) Infrastructure

105
(15%) Conservation & Forestry

101
(14%) Land Use

84
(12%) Industry

68
(10%) Power

45
(6%) Mining

Instigators of conflict

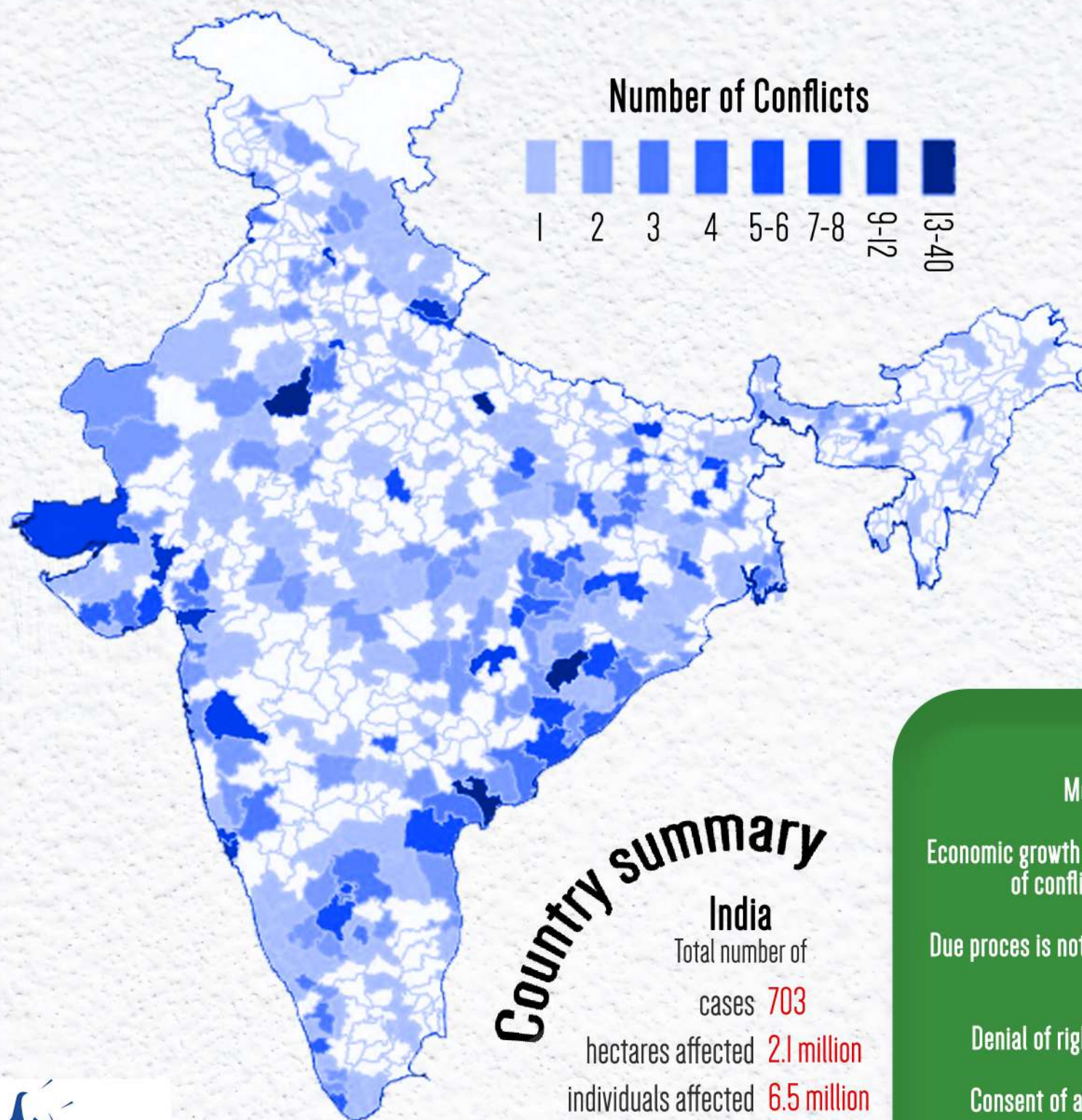
Land Conflict Watch considers conflicts in which citizens (either as a group of individuals or as communities) comprise at least one party involved in conflict.

492
70% State

176
25% State & Private

23
3% Communities

12
2% Private



Country summary

India
Total number of cases **703**
hectares affected **2.1 million**
individuals affected **6.5 million**
More than 184 billion USD of committed, earmarked, and potential investments were found embroiled in 335 of the 703 land conflicts

No. of people affected by conflict sector

Infrastructure
31,13,257.6

Industry **7,90,264.8**

Mining **8,52,487.6**

Power **3,81,124.8**

Conservation & Forestry **6,36,225.6**

Land Use **7,65,932.8**

Trends in land conflicts

- Most conflicts affect common lands or public lands
- Economic growth and "development" are often the mentioned aims of conflict-ridden investment and infrastructure projects
- Due process is not followed by companies; procedural irregularities is common
- Denial of rights to forest lands of forest-dwellers is prevalent
- Consent of affected people tend to be violated or manipulated
- Customary laws that protect tribals' rights are violated

Further readings:

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*More information on these conflicts may be found on the Land Conflict Watch portal (<https://www.landconflictwatch.org>).

Data on the site is updated regularly.