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2 diamonds in alluvial deposits in Southeast Asia are not accompanied by indicator minerals suggesting primary
2 kimberlite or lamproite sources. The Meratus Mountains in Southeast Borneo (Province Kalimantan Selatan, 21
2 Indonesia) provide the largest known deposit of these so-called “headless” diamond deposits. Proposals for the
2 origin of Kalimantan diamonds include the adjacent Meratus ophiolite complex, ultra-high pressure (UHP) meta- 23
2 morphic terranes, obducted subcontinental lithospheric mantle and undiscovered kimberlite-type sources. Here
2 we report results from detailed sediment provenance analysis of diamond-bearing Quaternary river channel
2 material and from representative outcrops of the oldest known formations within the Alino Group, including the
2 diamond-bearing Campanian–Maastrichtian Manunggal Formation. Optical examination of surfaces of diamonds 27
2 collected from artisanal miners in the Meratus area (247 stones) and in West Borneo (Sanggau Area, Province
2 Kalimantan Barat; 85 stones) points toward a classical kimberlite-type source for the majority of these diamonds. 29
2 Some of the diamonds host mineral inclusions suitable for deep single-crystal X-ray diffraction investigation. We
2 determined the depth of formation of two olivines, one coesite and one peridotitic garnet inclusion. Pressure of
2 formation estimates for the peridotitic garnet at independently derived temperatures of 930–1250 °C are be- 32
2 tween 4.8 and 6.0 GPa. 33

2 Sediment provenance analysis includes petrography coupled to analyses of detrital garnet and glaucophane. The
2 compositions of these key minerals do not indicate a kimberlite-derived material. By analyzing almost 1400 zir- 34
2 cons for trace element concentrations with laser ablation ICP-MS (LA-ICP-MS) we tested the minerals potential as
2 an alternative kimberlite indicator. The screening ultimately resulted in a small subset of ten zircons with a
2 kimberlitic affinity. Subsequent U–Pb dating resulting in Cretaceous ages plus a detailed chemical reflection
2 make a kimberlitic origin unfavorable with respect to the regional geological history. Rather, trace elemental
2 analyses (U, Th and Eu) suggest an eclogitic source for these zircons. 40

2 The age distribution of detrital zircons allows in general a better understanding of collisional events that formed
2 the Meratus orogen and identifies various North Australian Orogens as potential Pre-Mesozoic sediment sources. 41
2 Our data support a model whereby the majority of Kalimantan diamonds were emplaced within the North
2 Australian Craton by volcanic processes. Partly re-deposited into paleo-collectors or residing in their primary
2 host, these diamond-deposits spread passively throughout Southeast Asia by terrane migration during the
2 Gondwana breakup. Terrane amalgamation events largely metamorphosed these diamond-bearing lithologies
2 while destroying indicative mineral content. Orogenic uplift finally liberated their diamond-content into new, au- 48
2 tochthonous placer deposits. 49

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1. Introduction 61

1.1. General introduction 62

Four alluvial diamond occurrences are known in Indonesian Borneo 63
(Kalimantan): the Sanggau Area in West Kalimantan, diamond deposits
in Central and East Kalimantan, and the Meratus area in Southeast 65

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Kalimantan (Fig. 1). Similar to other Southeast Asian diamond occurrences in Phuket (Thailand), Momeik and Theindaw (Myanmar; Griffin et al., 2001; Win et al., 2001), the alluvials containing diamonds from Kalimantan have no associated kimberlite/diamond indicator minerals and their primary source is unknown (Spencer et al., 1988). The setting of the Southeast Asian diamonds within young orogenic belts, interspersed with many suture zones containing (ultra-) high-pressure low-temperature (HP-HT) complexes and ophiolites led to speculations about unconventional (non-kimberlitic) sources for these “anomalous” diamond deposits, especially regarding the largest diamond deposits located in Southeast Kalimantan.

The so-called “headless” alluvial diamonds in comparable geological environments are reported in several young orogenic belts in eastern Australia (Davies et al., 2002), the western USA and Canada (Canil et al., 2005; Casselman and Harris, 2002; Hausel, 2007; Kopf et al., 1990) and the Ural Mountains in Russia (Laiginhas et al., 2009). Their origin is proposed to be linked to (1) subduction of ophiolites into the diamond stability field, (2) exhumed ultrahigh-pressure rocks, or (3) to ancient kimberlite or lamproite sources in which a long alluvial history destroyed all common indicator minerals.

The Southeast Kalimantan diamond occurrences are closely associated with the Meratus Mountains, a northeast–southwest trending collision orogen with prominent ophiolitic units formed in Cretaceous times. Recently, diamonds from chromite pods are increasingly recognized in ophiolites worldwide, reviving the discussion of their significance for the Southeast Asian alluvial diamonds (Nixon and Bergman, 1987; Yang et al., 2014). Similarly, diamonds from the ultra-high pressure metamorphic complexes indicate deep subduction of continental

crust, a process that is also considered to have taken place in the late Mesozoic during amalgamation of Central Indonesian continental core (Parkinson et al., 1998). Barron et al. (2008) and Barron et al. (2011) recognized similarities in the Raman-response of the Kalimantan diamonds to subduction-related Copeton–Bingara alluvial diamonds. Graphite pseudomorphs after octahedral diamond were described from peridotites from Beni-Boussera (Morocco; Pearson et al. (1989)) and Ronda (Spain; Davies et al. (1993)). These localities are the classical example of exhumed deep subcontinental lithospheric mantle (SCLM) and Pearson et al. (1989) proposed a similar source for the anomalous diamond deposits in Kalimantan. Based on the trace element data on ultramafic rocks collected in the Meratus area, Monnier et al. (1999) infer that SCLM is present in the region. Smith et al. (2009) determined a suite of mineral inclusions within the Kalimantan diamonds that were typical of a deep peridotitic lithospheric mantle origin with minor eclogite. The plate tectonic reconstructions of Southeast Asia interpreted the presence of diamonds as an indirect evidence for North Australian lithospheric fragments that were dispersed during the Gondwana breakup (e.g. Metcalfe, 1988) and form the continental core of Southeast Asia (Metcalfe, 2011). Taylor et al. (1990) emphasized a Northwest Australian Cratonic origin for the Kalimantan diamonds. These diamonds could have been emplaced either by tectonic emplacement via ophiolite and SCLM obduction during a collisional event, or via post- or syn-orogenic diamond-lifting alkaline magmatic rocks (Bergman et al., 1988; Taylor et al., 1990). Despite an increasing amount of background information, the source rock as well as the timing and geographic location of the emplacement of the Kalimantan diamonds remain unknown.

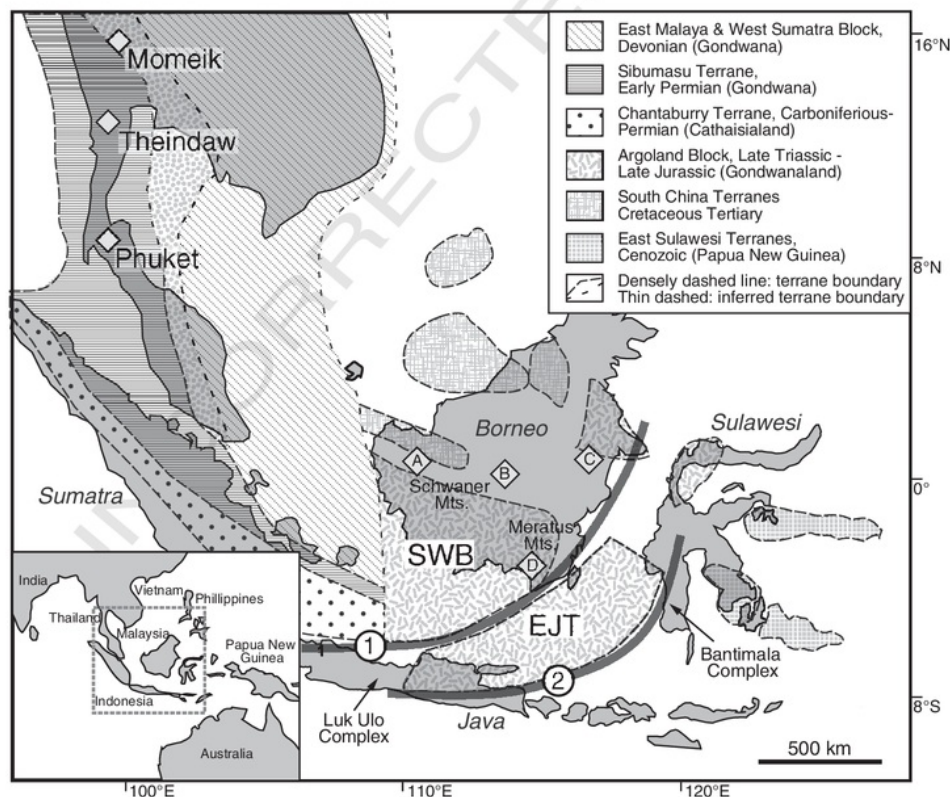


Fig. 1. SE-Asia Geotectonic framework of Southeast Asia modified after Metcalfe (2011). Today's landmasses marked in gray. SWB = Southwest Borneo Terrane, EJT = East-Java West-Sulawesi Terrane, also known as Paternoster Block. The latter two belong to the Argoland Block. Diamond symbols: Alluvial diamond occurrences. A = Sanggau, West Kalimantan, B = Central Kalimantan, C = Kutai Basin, East Kalimantan, D = Cempaka and Meratus Area, Southeast Kalimantan. Bold black lines are inferred paleo-subduction zones. 1 = Karimunjawa trench (active in the Triassic to Jurassic prior collision of EJT terrane with SWB), 2 = Bantimala trench (activation in the Cretaceous after collision of EJT with SWB).

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In this paper, we use the aspects of sediment provenance analysis, an optical study of 332 diamonds and a mineral inclusion study of four diamonds from West and Southeast Kalimantan to (1) elucidate the emplacement and transportation history of Kalimantan diamonds and (2) improve the understanding of the processes that ultimately led to the Meratus orogeny in the Mesozoic era. We focus on diamond-bearing Quaternary and Cretaceous sediments and use the U–Pb dating of detrital zircons combined with trace element screening to identify crystals with mantle affinities, in order to test these as an alternative kimberlite indicator. Combined, zircon-age fingerprints and the observed lack of kimberlite/diamond indicator minerals and results from optical diamond examination are used to derive a source and depositional model for Southeast Kalimantan diamonds.

1.2. Diamond mining

Diamonds in Indonesia mainly occur in alluvial deposits in Kalimantan (Indonesian part of Borneo) where they are found together with gold and platinum in recent or Quaternary river sediments. The center of diamond mining is the Cempaka district, located 50 km east of the province capital Banjarmasin in Kalimantan Selatan (Southeast Borneo). Here, small-scale mining is active today and a professionally operated exploitation of Pleistocene paleo-river alluvium was conducted until 2009 by the company *PT-Galuh Cempaka*. Smaller diamond occurrences are known from the Sanggau area in West Kalimantan (Kalimantan Selatan) and Central and East Kalimantan (Smith et al., 2009). The publications of Koolhoven (1935), van Bemmelen (1949) and Spencer et al. (1988) provide excellent information and details on the mining and exploration history of Kalimantan diamonds.

1.3. Geological overview

The continental core of Central Indonesia (Java, Kalimantan and West Sulawesi) consists of a continental fragment (Argoland, Metcalfe, 2011) that was separated from the northwestern Australian margin in the Early Mesozoic (Fig. 1). It is comprised of at least four smaller parts: Semitau-Terrane, Southwest-Borneo-Terrane (SWB), East-Java-Terrane (EJT, also known as Paternoster-block in other publications), and West-Sulawesi-Terrane (Hall and Sevastjanova, 2012; Metcalfe, 2011). Subsequent terrane-amalgamation against a growing Southeast Asian Peninsula (Sundaland) was accompanied by the closure of an old subduction zone, the activation of a new subduction zone associated with episodes of calc-alkaline magmatism, and the emplacement of ophiolites. The East-Java-terrane is framed by two tectonic sutures with associated ophiolites and high-pressure low-temperature (HP–LT) metamorphic terranes containing blueschists and eclogites. A Jurassic accretionary complex extends from the Java Sea towards the Meratus Mountains and bends northwards to the Mangkalihat peninsula of Kalimantan Timur, forming the suture between the Southwest-Borneo-Terrane and the East-Java-Terrane (Karimunjawa trench; Fig. 1). A second Cretaceous accretionary complex is represented by UHP-mélanges and ophiolites in Karangsambung (Central Java), Bantimala and Barru (Southeast Sulawesi) and Latimojong and Pompangeo (Central Sulawesi) and forms the suture between the East-Java-Terrane and the West-Sulawesi-Block (Bantimala trench; Fig. 1) (Baese, 2013; Parkinson et al., 1998; Soesilo, 2012, 2015).

The southern Meratus can be subdivided into five major units (Fig. 2) as follows: (1) the metamorphic basement, (2) an ophiolite complex, (3) crosscutting calc-alkaline magmatic bodies, (4) Late Cretaceous sediments covering the basement, and (5) unconformably overlying Cenozoic sediments (Sikumbang, 1986; Sikumbang and Heryanto, 1994). Toward the east the metamorphic basement changes from greenschist-facies metamorphic grades into granulite-facies rocks (peak conditions 12 kbar and 900 °C, Soesilo, 2012), with metamorphic ages ranging from the Lower Jurassic to the Lower Cretaceous (Parkinson et al., 1998; Soesilo, 2012). The prominent Meratus ophiolite

(2) comprises the large eastern Manjam Range and the smaller western Bobaris Range. The ultramafics are mostly heavily tectonized and serpentinized, especially along the Bobaris Range, but some localities provide fresh peridotites. The Manjam Range hosts (leuco-) gabbroic bodies, some of which are believed to be associated with the peridotites (Sikumbang, 1986). Mafic ophiolite constituents in both ranges appear mostly non-metamorphosed or of greenschist-facies grade. The ophiolite-formation episode including obduction was constrained between the Permo-Triassic to Early Cretaceous, based on radiolaria geochronology, radiogenic ages obtained from ophiolite-hosted platinum-group minerals and low-grade metamorphic mica schist intercalating the ophiolite (Coggon et al., 2011; Parkinson et al., 1998; Wakita et al., 1998). Calc-alkaline intrusions (3) cutting ophiolites and metamorphic basement have co-genetic volcanic products forming the massive volcaniclastic deposits of the Pitanak Group (4) (Sikumbang, 1986; Sikumbang and Heryanto, 1994; Yuwono et al., 1988). The oldest autochthonous sedimentary strata (4), the Aptian to Early-Cenomanian Batununggal limestones, diminish with the onset of Meratus rise in the Cenomanian. Batununggal limestones occur in only few localities but olistoliths and carbonate-debris are frequently found in the younger sediments. Clastic sediments of the Alino Group and volcaniclastic sediments of the Pitanak Group become the predominant sedimentary facies. Coal-rich Eocene flysch-type sediments (5) unconformably cover the Mesozoic basement (Witts et al., 2012).

1.4. Upper Cretaceous stratigraphy and diamond occurrences

Upper Cretaceous ages of all formations of the Mesozoic autochthonous sediments are mainly based on the (micro-)fossil record including palynology, mollusk and micro-fauna (Hashimoto and Koike, 1973; Sikumbang, 1986). Over the past decades, a number of workers profoundly revised the order of the sedimentary units resulting in confusing terminology and age constraints. Fig. 2. provides a simplified stratigraphic column based on the work of Sikumbang (1986) and the newest geological map (Banjarasin Quadrangle 1712, Sikumbang and Heryanto, 1994).

The oldest known sediments, fossil-rich limestones of the Batununggal Formation, represent shelf to near-shore sediments. The Eastern Manjam ophiolite is predominantly covered by flysch-type sediments of the Cenomanian to Maastrichtian Puduk/Pitap Formation (two names existent). Carbonate and ophiolite olistoliths of up to 2 km size and chaotic sequences of sedimentary mélanges might record times of high seismic activity (Festa et al., 2010; Sikumbang, 1986). Early diamond explorers noted the lack of diamond in the rivers draining the eastern Manjam ophiolite and the overlying Puduk/Pitap sediments (Koolhoven, 1935).

The claystones and clay sandstones of the Paniungang Formation occur along the river Sungai Paniungang in the central Meratus and at the Southeast flank of the southern Meratus. As a minimum age for these sediments, Sikumbang and Heryanto (1994) constrain a Cenomanian age and infer a low energy depositional environment (e.g. shelf). Early explorers drew no links between the local diamond occurrences and the Paniungang Formation (Koolhoven, 1935; van Bemmelen, 1949). However, villagers from a small settlement (Sumber Baru) at the river Paniungang report occasional diamond findings in soil and river bedload.

The Keramaian Formation is an Early Campanian turbidite sequence of volcanic sandstones and mudstones that are intercalated by radiolarian cherts. The formation is present along the western margin of the Meratus and is in contact with the Bobaris ophiolite and the calc-alkaline volcanics of the Pitanak Group. No direct association to diamonds is reported.

The alluvial conglomerates and sandstones of the Manunggul Formation represent the most prominent Cretaceous strata and are located in the central to the northern part of southern Meratus. They partly overlie the ophiolites and the metamorphic basement and

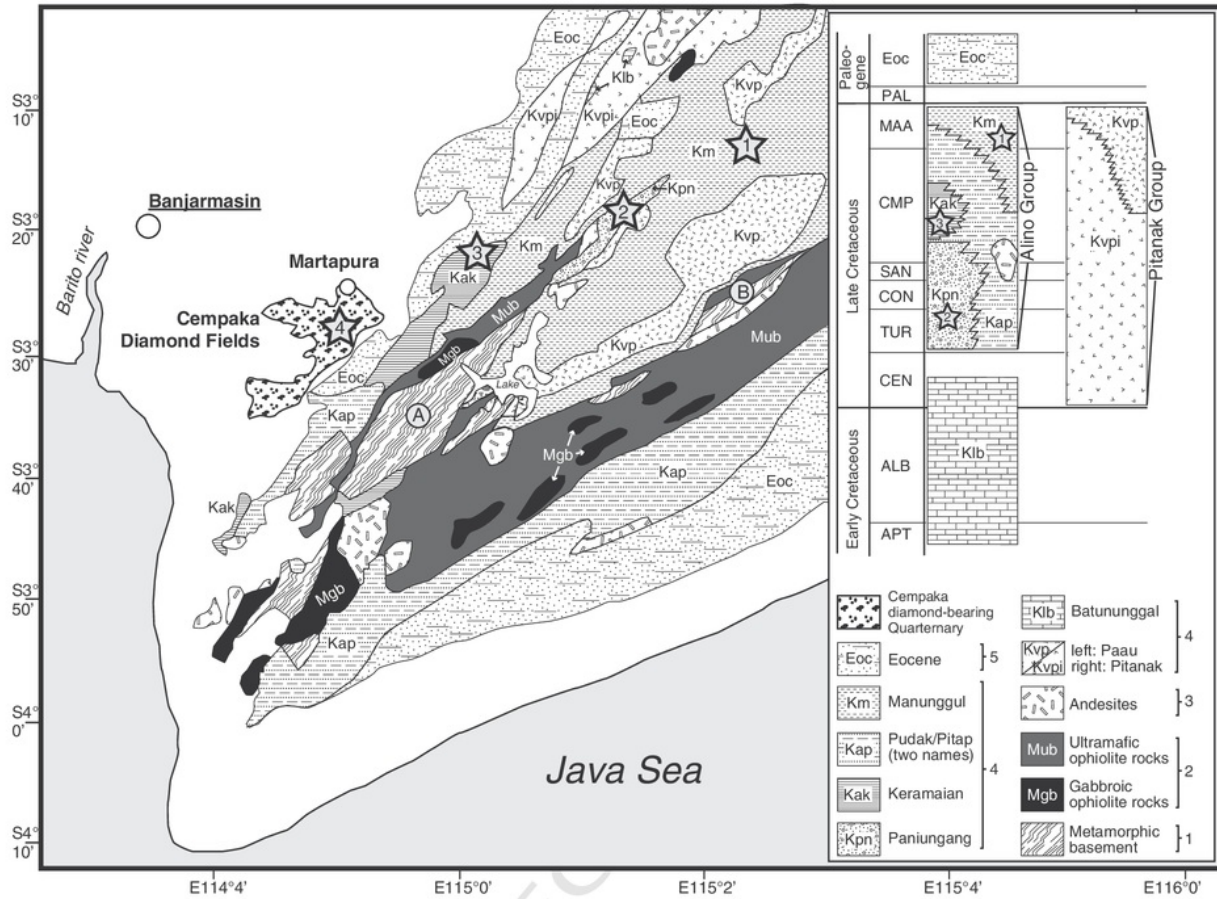


Fig. 2. Meratus Geological map and stratigraphic column of the Cretaceous sediments of the South Meratus after Sikumbang (1986) and Sikumbang and Heryanto (1994). Stars indicate sample localities: 1 = Manunggul formation (sample M3 and IK22-8); 2 = Paniungang formation (IK20-1) and volcanoclastic Paau formation (IK21-1). 3 = Keramaian formation volcaniclastic sandstone (IK9-1), 4 = Keramaian formation turbidite (IK8-1), 5 Cempaka Quaternary paleo-channel heavy mineral concentrate (provided by PT-Galuh Cempaka). The circles: A = locality of Hauran/Aranjo schist (165–190 Ma and 110–119 Ma muscovite K–Ar age ranges, Wakita et al., 1998), B = Central Meratus garnet granulites (135–154 Ma U–Pb SHRIMP-age ranges of zircon, Soesilo, 2012). Numbers 1 to 5 in the key refer to the geological overview in Section 1.3.

248 contain debris of all aforementioned formations. Sikumbang (1986)
 249 suggests a pull-apart basin acting as a collector for debris from the
 250 surrounding Meratus Mountains during the Campanian to Maastrichtian.
 251 The base of the Manunggul Formation was subdivided by Sikumbang
 252 (1986) into the lower polyolithic conglomerates of the Pamali Member
 253 and the predominantly volcanoclastic conglomerates of the Benuariam
 254 Member. The Pamali Member has early been recognized as a secondary
 255 (sedimentary) source for the local diamonds and rivers draining the
 256 Manunggul Formation were generally reported as diamond-bearing in
 257 the literature (Koolhoven, 1935; Krol, 1920; Spencer et al., 1988) and
 258 during our field-campaign.

259 **2. Methods and material**

260 **2.1. Samples**

261 We bought 332 diamond crystals from artisanal miners from the two
 262 most important diamond deposits of Kalimantan: (1) the Cempaka
 263 district (Spencer et al., 1988) and rural areas within the Meratus Moun-
 264 tains (situated in the district Kalimantan Selatan, sample suite “KS”, $n =$
 265 247) and (2) West Kalimantan (Sanggau area situated in the district Kal-
 266 imantan Barat, sample suite “KB”, $n = 85$). These sample localities cor-
 267 respond to the diamond symbols A and D respectively in Fig. 1. The

268 diamonds were selected randomly without applying any quality criteria
 269 to avoid artificial bias and collect representative samples.

270 Zircon grains were recovered from rock samples of c. 2 kg each. The
 271 location of the outcrops chosen according to the literature (Koolhoven,
 272 1935; Krol, 1920; van Bemmelen, 1949) and the Sikumbang and
 273 Heryanto (1994) geological map (Banjarmasin Quadrangle 1712)
 274 include: sandstone of the Paniungang Formation (IK20-1), sandstones
 275 and conglomerates of the Manunggul Formation (samples IK22-8,
 276 M3), turbidite siltstone of the Keramaian Formation (IK8-1), and two
 277 volcanoclastic sediments sampled from the Keramaian Formation
 278 (Alino Group, IK9-1) and the Paau Formation (Pitanak Group, IK21-1).
 279 A 5 kg heavy mineral concentrate from exploration drilling into a Pleis-
 280 tocene paleo river channel in the western Meratus lowlands was kindly
 281 provided by the alluvial diamond mine PT-Galuh Cempaka. A table with
 282 sample localities, brief description and the diamond context can be
 283 found in the Electronic Appendix 2.

284 **2.2. Analytical methods**

285 The samples were electro-crushed using a Selfrag, and heavy
 286 minerals were separated from the 65–355 μm sand fraction via
 287 standard heavy mineral separation procedures (Mange and Maurer,
 288 2012) with bromoform or acetone-diluted methylene iodide (both

289 $\rho = 2.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$). The concentrate was optically screened for kimberlite
 290 indicator minerals, all garnets, glaucophane, and zircon. A milligram-
 291 sized fraction of the heavy mineral concentrate was magnetically
 292 cleaned from ferromagnetic particles and mounted on glass slides
 293 with piperine as the optical medium (Martens, 1932) for qualitative
 294 microscopic investigations. A fraction of 522 macro-sized zircons
 295 ($>355 \mu\text{m}$) was additionally recovered from the Pleistocene heavy mineral
 296 concentrates for a separate screening for kimberlite zircons.

297 Descriptions of zircon morphology for all dated crystals followed the
 298 approach of Witts et al. (2012). Zircons and garnets were separated
 299 randomly from the heavy mineral concentrates, mounted and polished.
 300 Cathodoluminescence-imaging (CL) of the inherited cores and growth
 301 patterns in zircons chosen for dating was done on a FEI Quanta 200
 302 FEG scanning electron microscope at the Scientific Center for Optical
 303 and Electron Microscopy (ScopeM) at ETH Zurich.

304 Trace-element analyses and U–Pb dating on zircon were performed
 305 on a Resonetics Resolution S155-LR laser ablation system coupled to an
 306 Element XR (Thermo Fisher) ICP MS using spot sizes of $30 \mu\text{m}$, a laser
 307 pulse rate of 5 Hz and an energy density of 2.5 J/cm^2 at the sample surface.
 308 Ablation spots for U–Pb dating were set on outer growth zones in
 309 order to obtain the youngest crystallization age. Trace elements were
 310 measured directly next to previous ablation craters for dating in the
 311 same growth zone. Ablation spots for trace elements on non-dated zircons
 312 were set randomly on the polished surface. NIST SRM 612 was used
 313 as a primary standard for trace element analysis.

314 The GJ-1 zircon served as the primary age standard whereas Mud
 315 Tank carbonatite and Plešovice granulite zircon (Hanchar and Hoskin,
 316 1998; Sláma et al., 2008) were used as a secondary standard for data
 317 quality control. Only concordant $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ vs. $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ ages with
 318 ratios in-between 0.9 and 1.1 were used for provenance interpretation.
 319 The zircon ages reported in the following are $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages with a 2σ
 320 uncertainty. Data reduction was done using the software-packages
 321 IOLITE (www.iolite-software.com) and SILLIS (Guillong et al., 2008).

322 Major element composition of garnets and amphiboles were analyzed
 323 with a JEOL JXA-8200 electron microprobe (EPMA) at ETH Zurich.
 324 Detailed information on standards and analytical setup can be found in
 325 the electronic supplementary material. Carbon-coated samples were
 326 measured with 20 nA electron beam current, 15 kV acceleration voltage
 327 and $1 \mu\text{m}$ spot size. The counting times were 20 s on the peak and 10 s
 328 on the background. All chemical analysis and age dates can be found
 329 in the Electronic Appendix 1 of this publication.

330 The optical description of the diamonds was conducted with a
 331 reflected light microscope and a stereo microscope with a daylight
 332 source. Table 2 in the Electronic Appendix 2 provides the description
 333 scheme for the abrasion feature evaluation. Additionally, Electronic
 334 Appendix 2 contains a scheme modified from McCallum et al. (1991)
 335 for distinguishing between dodecahedral and tetrahedral (THH)
 336 diamonds as applied in this study.

337 **2** Four diamonds (CEM 61, CEM 161, CEM 152 and KB 52) showed
 338 mineral inclusions suitable for an in-situ single-crystal X-ray diffraction
 339 investigation. The measurements were performed at the Department of
 340 Geosciences of University of Padova using a recent prototype instrument
 341 constituted by a Supernova single-crystal diffractometer equipped
 342 with an X-ray micro-source working at 50 kV and 0.8 mA, beam size
 343 about 0.11 mm (Rigaku-Oxford Diffraction) and with a zero noise
 344 200 K Pilatus detector (Dectris). The sample-to-detector distance was
 345 68 mm. In detail, we have investigated six inclusions, four olivines,
 346 one coesite and one peridotitic garnet. Complete intensity data collec-
 347 tions were performed for the four olivines and the garnet in order to de-
 348 termine their chemical compositions (Angel and Nestola, 2015) and
 349 apply elastic geobarometry methods (see Nestola (2015) for a review).
 350 For coesite this was not necessary due to its pure SiO_2 composition. Be-
 351 cause the inclusions are buried inside the diamond, the X-ray diffraction
 352 method allowed determination of their chemical composition without
 353 needing to destroy the diamond to expose inclusion for electron micro-
 354 probe analysis. Intensity data were collected up to $2\theta \approx 65^\circ$ for all

355 inclusions and the crystal structure refinements were based on the
 356 electron-in-bond model with scattering curves for ionized atoms in
 357 order to obtain accurate compositions (Angel and Nestola, 2015). Final
 358 structural data were deposited with the journal as CIF files (see Elec-
 359 tronic Appendix 3). For all refinements the agreement factor R_1 was
 360 below 0.025 indicating very-high quality data.

3. Results—Sediments 361

3.1. Petrography and qualitative heavy mineral analysis 362

363 Sample IK20-1 from the Paniungang Formation is a badly sorted,
 364 grain-supported immature sandstone with mainly angular to sub-
 365 angular lithoclasts and minor rounded sedimentary constituents.
 366 Lithoclasts are predominantly angular to sub-angular fragments of
 367 andesites, elongated fragments of muscovite schist with bands of
 368 tectonized quartz, sub-rounded radiolarites sometimes with internal
 369 brecciation, and elongated plastically deformed claystone clasts. Mono-
 370 crystalline fragments consist of angular to subangular hornblende, pla-
 371 gioclase, K-feldspar and rounded quartz. The heavy mineral fraction
 372 contains translucent olive-green pyroxene and hornblende, euhedral
 373 dark grains of spinel, and mostly fragmented garnet with subordinate
 374 euhedral grains. Zircon, rutile and tourmaline are rare implying an im-
 375 mature character of the sediment (Hubert, 1962).

376 Sample IK8-1 from the Keramaian Formation is a medium sorted,
 377 grain supported siltstone with some sand-sized components. The
 378 intergranular space is filled with clay minerals and calcite. Fragments
 379 are predominantly monomineralic and of angular to sub-angular
 380 shape, consisting of monocrySTALLINE quartz, plagioclase, hornblende,
 381 diopside, muscovite, and brownish-translucent Cr-spinel with minor
 382 glaucophane, kyanite and rounded glauconite. Lithoclasts are predomi-
 383 nantly muscovite-sillimanite-bearing quartzites.

384 Sample IK9-1 from the Keramaian Formation is an andesitic
 385 litharenitic sandstone grain with minor interstitial chlorite and angular
 386 volcanic fragments, which sometimes show signs of propylitic altera-
 387 tion by breakdown of primary minerals to epidote and muscovite.

388 The Manunggul Formation sample M3 is a semi-consolidated con-
 389 glomerate that has not been described petrographically. Macroscopical-
 390 ly, the sample consisted predominantly of well-rounded volcanic and
 391 minor (meta-)sedimentary (e.g. quartzites and mica schists) lithoclasts.
 392 The moderately-sorted limonitic sandstone IK22-8 (Manunggul Forma-
 393 tion) contains predominantly angular to subangular quartz clasts of
 394 metamorphic (with mica) and magmatic origin. The minor lithic con-
 395 stituents are radiolarites and elongated, deformed claystones and
 396 psammites. Zircon, rutile, tourmaline, garnet and apatite are fairly com-
 397 mon and appear concentrated.

398 Sample IK21-1 represents volcanoclastics of the Paau Formation
 399 (Upper Pitanak Group). The sample is a moderately sorted, clast-
 400 supported sandstone, in which the intergranular space is filled with silt
 401 or clay-material. The clasts are predominantly angular monomineralic
 402 fragments (plagioclase, K-feldspar, and hornblende). The heavy mineral
 403 fraction is dominated by euhedral to subhedral apatite, hornblende, py-
 404 roxenes, and opaques. Zircon is rare and always euhedral in shape. Sub-
 405 aerial deposition can be inferred by the presence of fossilized mud-
 406 cracks present at the outcrop.

3.2. Zircon ages 407

408 An overview of the zircon age distributions can be found in Fig. 3 and
 409 Table 1 in the Electronic Appendix 2 provides a summary of the sedi-
 410 mentary samples, including the three youngest analyzed zircon ages.
 411 The observed U–Pb ages for zircons range from the Neogene to the
 412 Late Cretaceous (3166 to 76 Ma). The Cempaka Quaternary sands
 413 ($n = 92$) yield two distinct Mesozoic age peaks between 79 to 104 Ma
 414 and 127 to 169 Ma, a small population of Carboniferous zircons 303 to

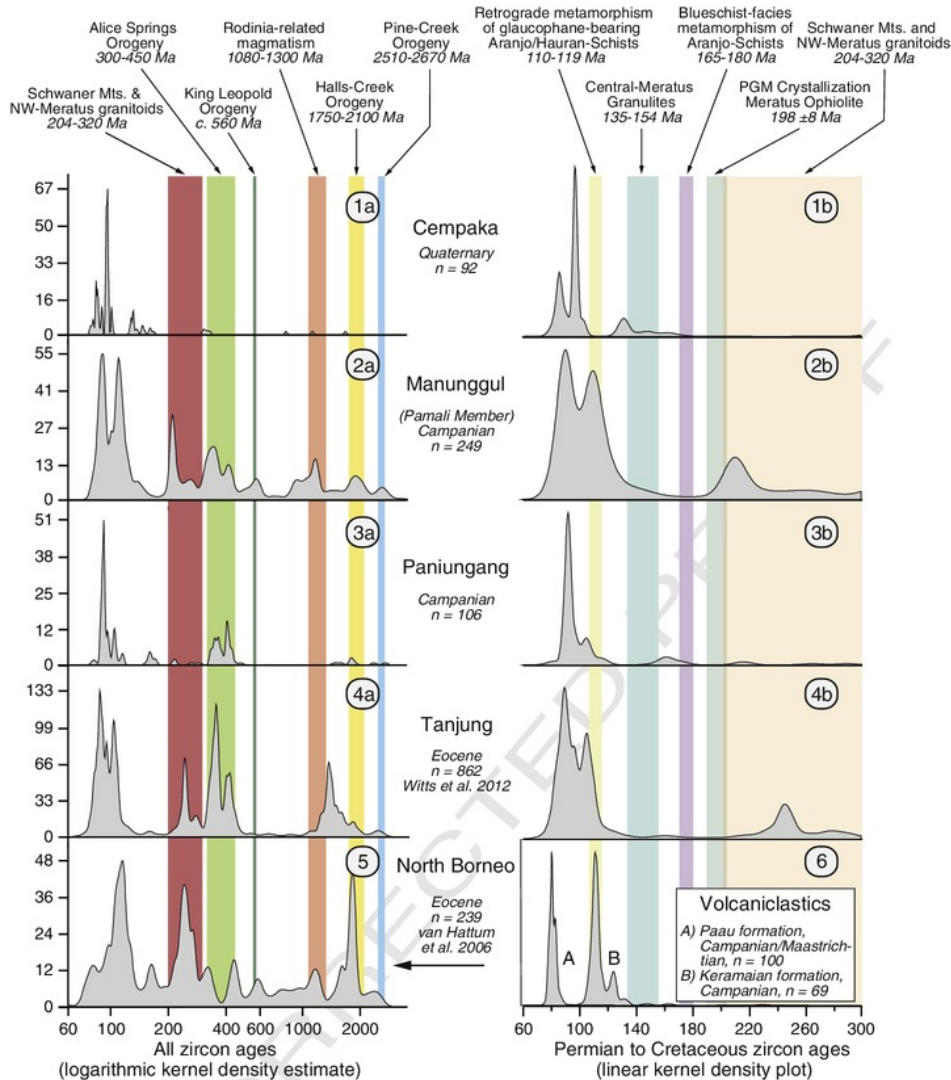


Fig. 3. Zircon provenance Zircon age distribution in our samples (nos. 1–3, 6) and literature data from Witts et al. (2012) for the unconformably overlying Eocene Tanjung Formation (no. 4) and from van Hattum et al. (2006) for the North Borneo Eocene turbidites of the Crocker Formation (no. 5). Recognizable in all samples is the late Cretaceous igneous activity. Note that the zircon distributions of two Meratus volcaniclastic sediments (no. 6, A and B) match with the two Cretaceous ages peaks observed in the other samples. Zircon age densities corresponding to the age of the Central Australian Alice Springs Orogeny are visible in 2a, 3a, and 4a. The Manunggul Formation (no. 2a) and the Crocker Formation of North Borneo (no. 5) have a comparable age spectrum and display an age peak corresponding to the Northwestern Australian King Leopold Orogeny. A prominent age density around 1400 Ma is restricted to the Eocene Tanjung Formation (no. 4a). A logarithmic display of kernel density estimates (left side) minimizes age intervals of no information. The 60 to 300 Ma close-up displays a linear kernel density estimate. Plots were made using the *DensityPlotter* program of Vermeesch (2012). The same color code is used in Fig. 10.

415 331 Ma, and three Precambrian zircons of 821.7 ± 5.5 Ma, $1128 \pm$
416 7.6 Ma and 1675 ± 12 Ma ages.

417 The zircon age distributions of both the Manunggul samples (M3,
418 IK22-8) appear very similar and are therefore combined in Fig. 3. The
419 zircon ages in these samples range from 80 to 3166 Ma. Late Jurassic
420 to Cretaceous zircons make c. 40% of the populations, a smaller number
421 of zircons yield Permian to Early Jurassic ages, and Silurian to Carbonifer-
422 ous ages. An almost homogenous distribution of zircon ages is ob-
423 served between the Early Paleozoic to the Neoproterozoic with some less-
424 pronounced age densities.

425 The Paniungang Formation (IK20-1) contains predominantly Creta-
426 ceous zircons crystallized between 80 and 160 Ma, two populations of
427 Silurian to Carboniferous and Triassic to Jurassic zircons, and six zircons
428 of Proterozoic age. The observed ages range from 81 to 2704 Ma.

The volcaniclastic samples of the Keramaian (IK9-1) and Paau forma- 429
430 tions (IK21-1) yield distinct Cretaceous age densities: the age inter-
431 val of the Keramaian sample ranges from 102 to 163 Ma with a mode
432 at 112 Ma. The Keramaian Formation sample IK8-1 did not provide
433 enough zircons for a provenance analysis. The Paau sample yields
434 upper Cretaceous zircon ages between 76 and 92 Ma with a mode at
435 81 Ma, with the exception of a single grain of 230 ± 5.4 Ma age.

3.3. Zircon shape, color and age correlation 436

Dated zircons from the Paniungang Formation (IK20-1), Manunggul 437
438 Formation (IK22-8 and M3), and the Cempaka Pleistocene paleo river
439 channel were classified following Witts et al. (2012) into the following:
440 class 1—non-abraded crystals, class 2—abraded crystals with rounded

441 ends but remaining primary faces, and class 3—profoundly abraded or
442 rounded crystals. A correlation between age and abrasion is observed
443 (Fig. 4) as an age-progressive trend toward strongly abraded crystals,
444 with non-abraded crystals dominating among the younger grains.

445 A notable feature in the Cretaceous sediments are strongly abraded
446 spherical pinkish or brownish colored zircons (cf. Electronic Appendix
447 2) comprising up to 3% of all recovered zircons. This finding is in good
448 agreement with observations of Witts et al. (2012) who report 3.6% colored
449 zircons in the Eocene sediments. In this study, the pink zircons are
450 older than Early Carboniferous (youngest pink zircon 354 ± 4.5 Ma)
451 and the two brown zircons date at 90.2 ± 1.2 and 278 ± 3.5 Ma. The
452 oldest colored zircon is a pink grain from the Manunggul Formation
453 with an age of 2509 ± 19 Ma. The age distribution of both pink and
454 brown zircons appears homogeneous with no apparent age densities.

455 3.4. Zircon trace element chemistry

456 Belousova et al. (2002) proposed to discriminate the provenance of
457 detrital zircons based on their trace element chemistry. Here, we use
458 the “short” CART-tree discrimination scheme from Belousova et al.
459 (2002), which provides an 80% probability of correct zircon classifica-
460 tion for carbonatitic and 88% for kimberlitic sources. The zircons identi-
461 fied as different to “kimberlitic” or “carbonatitic” are labeled as “crustal”
462 due to the limitations in discrimination among crustal zircon sources
463 (e.g. Hoskin and Ireland, 2000). In our dataset of 1393 detrital zircons
464 analyses, 120 crystals were identified by CART as either “kimberlitic”
465 ($n = 10$) or “carbonatitic” ($n = 110$).

466 Using literature data for kimberlitic and peridotitic zircons world-
467 wide (Belousova et al., 1998; Belousova et al., 2002; Page et al., 2007;
468 Zheng et al., 2006), we further reduced this subset of analyses by apply-
469 ing quality criteria based on the maxima and minima of the published
470 values: $P < 110$ ppm, $Y < 981$ ppm, $Th < 50$ ppm, $U < 170$ ppm,
471 $Th/U < 0.85$, $Ce/Ce_n > 0.84$ and $Eu/Eu_n > 0.23$ (with Ce_n and Eu_n

472 C1-normalized after (McDonough and Sun, 1995); Cf. electronic
473 appendix 2).

474 This second data reduction dismissed all zircons previously assigned
475 to kimberlitic sources due to low Th/U-ratios, elevated U contents or
476 distinct negative Eu-anomalies. Thus, only 51 zircons still show an affini-
477 ty to carbonatites, of which 80% belong to the macro-sized zircon frac-
478 tion ($> 355 \mu m$) of the Pleistocene paleo river. The rare earth element
479 (REE) patterns of carbonatitic zircons are similar to crustal zircons but
480 show lower REE-concentrations (36 to 254 ppm, average 122 ppm)
481 and are nearly devoid of negative Eu-anomalies (Fig. 5A).

482 The U–Pb age dating on this subset of carbonatitic and kimberlitic
483 zircons resulted in 38 concordant ages mainly covering a Mesozoic crys-
484 tallization interval between 134 and 174 Ma. Six kimberlitic zircons fell
485 outside this interval yielding ages of 102 to 108 Ma and 314 ± 15 Ma.

486 3.5. Garnet provenance analyses

487 The variable chemical composition of garnet makes it an important
488 mineral for both sediment provenance studies and for kimberlite explo-
489 ration. An Excel spreadsheet by Locock (2008) was used for the miner-
490 alogical classification of the 767 garnet analyses. The dataset was further
491 screened for mantle-garnets using the empirical classification schemes
492 from Schulze (2003) and Grütter et al. (2004), returning no peridotitic
493 or kimberlitic (macrocrystic-) garnets. The chemical compositions of
494 141 garnets fall into the fields of group II (Schulze, 2003) and G3- and
495 G4-garnets (Grütter et al., 2004) corresponding to pyroxenites
496 and eclogites. However, none of these grains indicate a deep mantle
497 origin or diamond association because the critical concentration of
498 $Na_2O > 0.07$ wt.% typical for a deep mantle garnet was not detected
499 (see Electronic Appendix 1, data table “garnets”).

500 On the discrimination diagram for mantle and crustal garnets
501 ((Ca / (Ca + Mg) vs. Mg / (Mg + Fe₁); Schulze, 2003) the majority of
502 the garnet analyses overlap the delineation line between the two fields

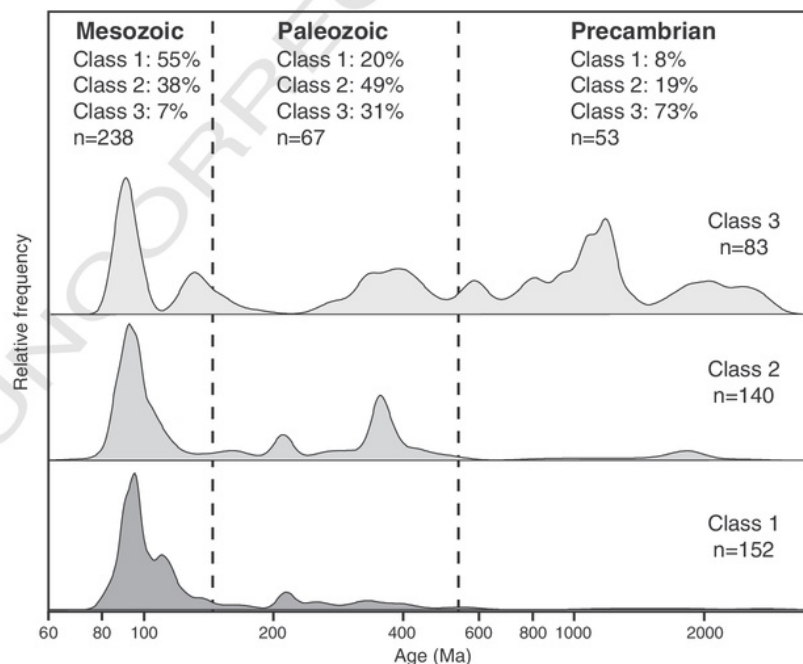


Fig. 4. Zircon abrasion Logarithmic kernel density plot (Vermeesch, 2012) of zircons with varying degree of abrasion. Non-abraded zircons of class 1 dominate in the Mesozoic. Half of the zircons in the Paleozoic yield moderate (e.g. broken apices, corrosion pits but remaining crystal faces) abrasion inferring prolonged alluvial transport. Precambrian zircons are predominantly heavily abraded crystals (74% class 3), often brown or pink in color. Such zircons presumably experienced extended alluvial transport and multiple erosional cycles.

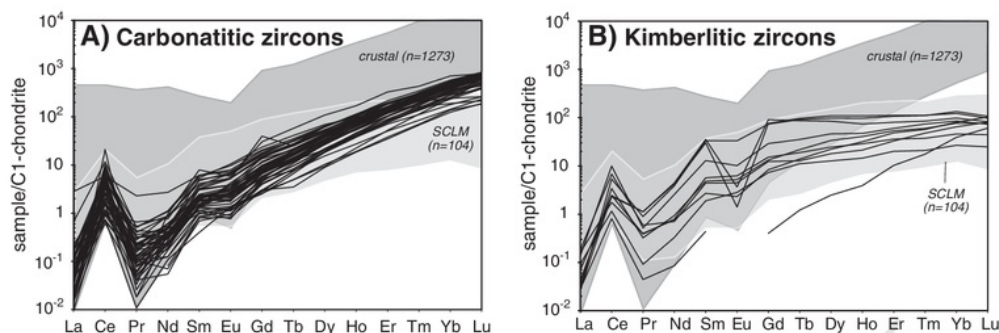


Fig. 5. Zircon REE Spider plot of C1-normalized (McDonough and Sun, 1995) REE-contents in zircon. The “SCLM” field comprises of >99% analyses of kimberlite- and peridotite-hosted zircons described by Belousova et al. (1998), Page et al. (2007) and Zheng et al. (2006). The “crustal” field are all zircons identified other than “kimberlitic” or “carbonatitic” by the “short” CART-tree of Belousova et al. (2002). Shown are the REE-pattern of 51 zircons with carbonatitic affinity and 10 zircons of kimberlitic affinity (cf. Section 3.4). Carbonatitic zircons are relatively depleted in REE and coincide well with the SCLM-zircon literature-values for LREE. However, they show a steep slope in the HREE, similar to the majority of crustal zircon. Zircons with kimberlite affinity are low in REE-concentration and feature a strong garnet signal as displayed by the flat HREE-tail. The REE-pattern generally overlies well the sometimes be observed to small degrees in zircons from eclogites (e.g. Rubatto, 2002).

503 with only two garnets from the Manunggul Formation falling well inside
504 the mantle-array (Fig. 6).

505 On the ternary scheme proposed by Mange and Morton (2007)
506 to assess the growth environment of detrital garnets (Fig. 7), the
507 Paniungang Formation garnets ($n = 225$; IK20-1) form clusters in the
508 fields of intermediate to acidic igneous rocks and amphibolite-facies
509 metasedimentary rocks. They are predominantly Ca and Mg-enriched
510 almandines. Almost 8% of the Paniungang garnets show an affinity to
511 amphibolite facies metasediments and high-grade metabasic rocks.

512 Garnets ($n = 131$) from the Keramaian Formation (IK8-1) are pre-
513 dominantly almandines and Fe-enriched grossulars that can be assigned
514 to amphibolite-facies metasedimentary lithologies. A minor population
515 (7%) yield affinities to amphibolite facies metasediments and high-
516 grade metabasic rocks. Those grains were also identified as G3 and G4
517 garnets, respectively. Few grains intercept with the field for peridotitic
518 garnets (Fig. 7).

519 The garnet data from the two Manunggul sandstone samples was
520 combined (IK22-8 & M3) into a single group of 287 grains due to their

similar composition. They cover all classification fields. The majority of
521 garnets can be assigned to amphibolite facies metasediments and
522 high-grade metabasic rocks. Mg-enriched almandines are more abun-
523 dant than in other garnet populations and some overlap with the fields
524 for high-grade metabasic rocks, pyroxenites, and peridotites. The ma-
525 jority of these high-Mg grains correspond to an eclogitic source: c. 27%
526 according to Schulze’s (2003) classification and c. 16% according to
527 Grütter et al.’s (2004) classification. 528

529 Garnets from the Cempaka Quaternary alluvium ($n = 124$) are
530 mainly almandines and spessartines with a uniform composition miss-
531 ing any compositions similar to eclogitic, peridotitic, or kimberlitic gar-
532 nets. Mn-rich spessartines plot within the compositional fields of Type
533 II, G3 and G4 on diagrams from Schulze (2003) and Grütter et al.
534 (2004) (Fig. 6). However, all these garnets contain more than 2.8 wt.%
535 MnO and thus exceed the maximum value of MnO for mantle-derived
536 garnets (Grütter et al., 2004).

3.6. Glaucophane

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538 The sample from the Keramaian Formation contained blue amphi-
539 bole, which was identified as glaucophane and glaucophane-variety
540 crossite (Tindle and Webb, 1994). Their chemical composition is similar
541 to crossite relicts reported from retrograde amphibolite-facies schist
542 from the Aranjó/Hauran-metamorphites in the central Meratus
543 (Soesilo, 2012; cf. Electronic Appendices 1 and 2). Glaucophane is a
544 good provenance indicator of the exhumation and erosion of a
545 blueschist-bearing metamorphic terrane (Mange and Morton, 2007;
546 Winkler and Bernoulli, 1986). This finding is in good agreement with
547 the aforementioned presence of eclogitic garnet.

4. Results—Diamonds

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549 We examined the morphology, color, surface dissolution and abra-
550 sion features on 247 diamonds from Southeast Kalimantan (KS) and
551 85 diamonds from West Kalimantan (KB). Unless indicated differently,
552 all percentages in the following text are given in reference to all stones
553 within either the KS or the KB suite. The KB suite has larger stones with
554 in average mean weight of 0.012 g compared to 0.005 g in the KS suite.
555 This may affect comparison of the erosional surface wear since larger
556 diamonds are more prone to gain fractures and scars. A complete list
557 of diamond samples is provided in the electronic appendix 1 and an
558 overview of the results discussed in the following can be found in
559 Table 4 in the Electronic Appendix 2.

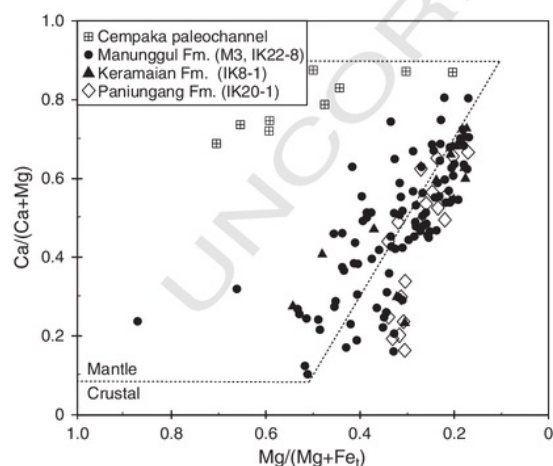


Fig. 6. Garnet A Classified as eclogitic and pyroxenitic G3 and G4 detrital garnets plotted in the mantle–crust discrimination diagram of Schulze (2003). The G-garnets roughly follow the demarcation line and only few grains plot within the mantle-field. Note that the Cempaka garnets (crossed square-symbols) which plot within the mantle-field are actually Manganese-rich grossulars. These garnets are falsely identified as mantle-derived (cf. Section 3.5).

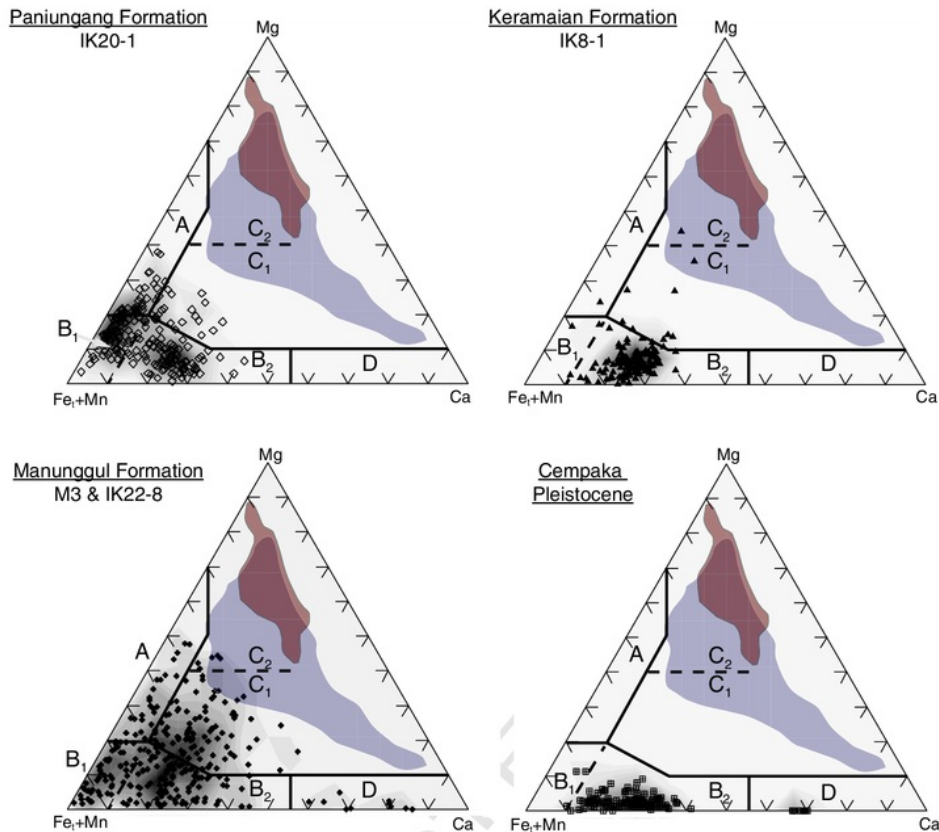


Fig. 7. Garnet_B Triangular provenance plot for detrital garnets after [Mange and Morton, 2007](#). Garnets of letter-labeled fields are mainly derived from: A = high-grade granulite-facies metasediments or charnokites, B₁ = intermediate-acidic igneous rocks, B₂ = amphibolite-facies metasediments, C₁ = high-grade metabasic rocks, C₂ = ultramafic rocks, D = low-grade metabasic rocks, skarns, and calc-silicate granulites. Colored fields show the distribution of kimberlitic (red) and peridotitic (blue) garnets from the dataset of [Grütter et al. \(2004\)](#). Only few garnets plot within the blue peridotite field. Paniungang garnets yield two densities in the amphibolite-facies field B. Keramaian and Cempaka garnets are restricted to field B₂. Uniformity distributed appear detrital garnets from the Manunggul formation, with a slightly pronounced abundance of grains with metabasic and ultramafic affinity (C₁ & C₂). These grains are also identified as eclogitic G3 and pyroxenitic G4 garnets by the [Grütter et al. \(2004\)](#) classification.

560 4.1. Morphology

561 Octahedra with variable degree of resorption are slightly more abundant
562 among the KS diamonds, whereas tetrahexahedral diamonds (THH)
563 (THH) make up c. 45% of the KB diamonds and only c. 26% of KS
564 diamonds. Cubo-octahedrons, pseudohemimorphic and aggregate dia-
565 monds appear in similar proportions in both deposits, and dodecahedral
566 diamonds are slightly more abundant in KS. The amount of aggregates
567 (Fig. 9A) and complex shaped diamonds (serrated and fractured; e.g.
568 Figs. 8F and 9E) is higher in KS. Brown or (canary-) yellow cubo-
569 octahedrons form a distinct type in both suites. Their {100}-faces are
570 densely covered with point-bottomed square-pits and the remaining
571 facets are coarsely striated. [Smith et al. \(2009\)](#) also reported colorless
572 cubo-octahedrons (e.g. Fig. 2D in their publication), very similar to our
573 specimen shown in Fig. 8H. The “diver’s helmet”-shape diamonds as de-
574 scribed by [Smith et al. \(2009\)](#) were recognized in Kalimantan Barat (not
575 sampled) and is represented by a single colorless stone in the KS-suite.
576 The KS suite contains one fibrous cube and one coated stone (“Balla”).
577 Coated stones are occasionally reported from Kalimantan Selatan
578 ([Spencer et al., 1988](#)), for example the 2008 discovered 200 ct “Putri
579 Malu” that was found in central Meratus (Antaroku village, Banjar
580 District).

581 The degree of resorption was determined using the resorption
582 morphology scheme of [McCallum et al. \(1991\)](#) originally developed for
583 diamonds that resorb into a THH shape, but was also applied for

dodecahedral diamonds in this study. Fully resorbed diamonds (class
584 1) and diamonds with resorption exceeding 75% (classes 2 and 3) dom-
585 inate in both localities. The crystals are predominantly THH (27% in KS
586 to 45% in KB) but 16%–18% of the secondary habits are dodecahedral.
587 Classes 1 and 2 stones show a glossy appearance preserved on 19%–
588 22% of diamonds from KS and KB, respectively (Fig. 9B). Octahedral dia-
589 monds with minor resorption (classes 4 to 5, 12% in KB and 20% in
590 KS) commonly feature di-trigonal shapes of their {111}-faces (Fig. 8B),
591 while trigonal {111}-faces (Fig. 8A) are less abundant. Non-resorbed dia-
592 monds are rare (<1%).

593 4.2. Color and deformation

594 All diamonds were grouped as colorless, brown, yellow or “other
595 color”; the latter group includes stones with radiation-induced greenish
596 and brownish overtones. KS and KB populations show significant differ-
597 ences in the proportions of colorless and brown stones but similar
598 amounts of yellow stones (14% in KB to 17% in KS). Colorless stones
599 are four times more abundant in KS (40%) than in KB (c. 9%) and
600 brown stones make up 62% in KB and only 38% in KS. A single pale-
601 pink octahedral diamond was recognized in the KS suite (Fig. 8F). Rare
602 but regular findings of pink diamonds were also reported by PT-Galuh
603 Cempaka (pers. comm. Kuncoro Hadi and Bob Nugroho, PT-Galuh
604 Cempaka; cf. Supplementary material). Deformation lamellae are pres-
605 ent on 40% and 27% of KB and KS diamonds, respectively (Fig. 9D). 75% 606

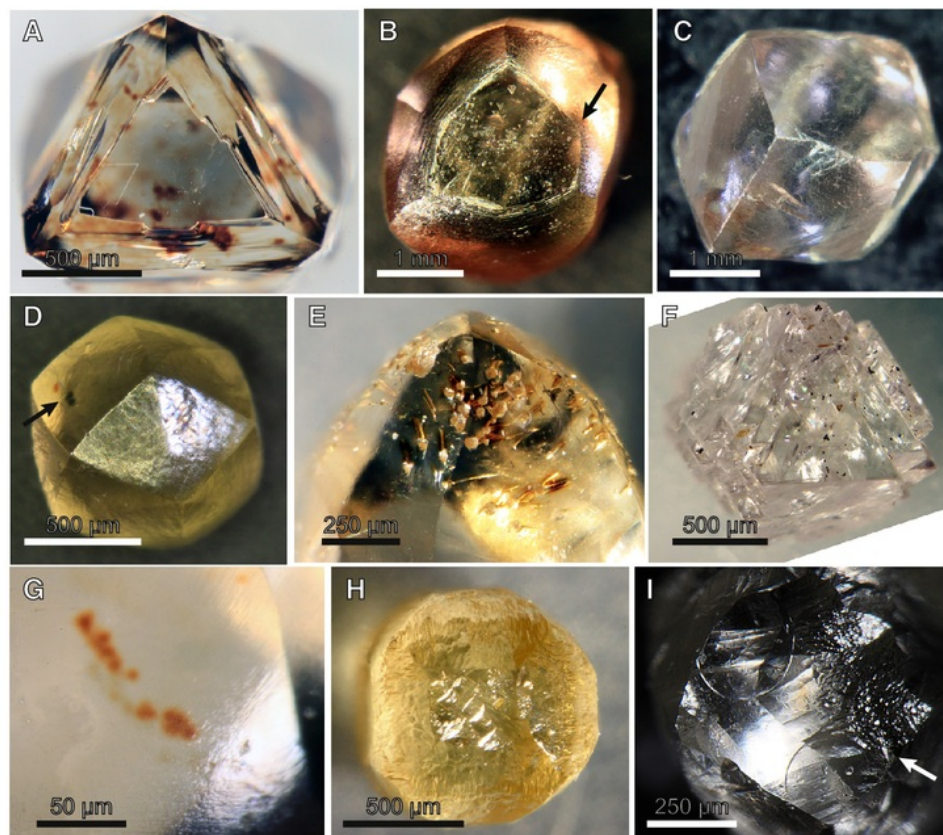


Fig. 8. Diamonds Some representative diamond samples: A) A colorless, strongly resorbed class 4 octahedron with flat-bottomed triangular etch pits on the {111} face and plenty brown radiation spots. The resorbed edges of the {111} faces proceed straight. B) Brown-colored Octahedra-THH transition form (Class 3). The resorbed surfaces yield a fine frosting. The remaining {111} faces show a kink imposing a di-trigonal outline (arrow) and plenty of tiny flat-bottomed trigonal etch pits. C) A colorless dodecahedral diamond (class 1) with abrasion scars on its surface (tiny cleaved, network pattern). D) Yellow THH diamond (class 1) with a finely frosted surface and a brown and green radiation spot (arrow). E) Glossy brown THH with deep hexagonal etching. All channels reach the diamond surface and are often surrounded by a brownish, likely radiogenic halo. F) Pale pink octahedral diamond (class 6) with straight edges and multiple apices. This stone shows only minor abrasion. G) Trail of brown radiation spots on a finely frosted THH-surface. H) Canary-yellow cubo-octahedron with point-bottomed square-pits on the {100} faces and coarsely-striated {110} faces. I) Two circular etch pits on a finely frosted THH stone. The upper rim of the lower disk is overprinted by a coarsely-frosted island (arrow).

607 of the diamonds with deformation lamellae have a brown color.
608 Radiation spots are present on 28% of KS and 47% of KB diamonds.
609 Green radiation spots are rare (2% in KS and 6% in KB), while brown
610 spots are dominant (26% in KS and 41% in KB; Fig. 8A, D and G).

611 4.3. Etch features

612 Etch features are present on 21% of the diamonds from KS and 33%
613 from KB; we note that the proportion could be affected by the difference
614 in the average stone size (Fedortchouk et al., 2005). Diamonds with
615 preserved {111}-faces show flat-bottomed trigons (Fig. 8A) more com-
616 monly in KS (37%) than in KB (24%), while point-bottomed trigons pre-
617 dominate in KB (48% vs. 19% in KS; Fig. 8B). Hexagonal etch pits were
618 almost exclusively observed in the KB-suite (14% of all stones), while
619 only one KS diamond yields hexagonal etch pitting on a chemically cor-
620 roded cleavage plane (Fig. 9E). KB contains also two diamonds with
621 deep etch channels with a hexagonal outline. These needle-like pits
622 are surrounded by a brownish halo likely of radiogenic origin (Fig. 8E).
623 In both suites, c. 17% of diamonds yield circular elevations and depres-
624 sions (disks; Fig. 8I).

625 More than half of the diamonds in both suites yield signs of frosting
626 on their resorbed surfaces (e.g. discrete islands with relatively rough
627 surface). Profound frosting that affects all faces or covers the diamond

entirely is present on 48% of the KB diamonds and 37% of the KS dia- 628
monds (Fig. 8D). Some dodecahedral diamonds show coarse frosting 629
or an edgy skin similar to the products of diamond-graphitization ex- 630
periments (Davies and Evans, 1972; Fedortchouk et al., 2007)(Figs. 8I 631
and 9C). Few chipped diamonds have frosted surfaces on the cleavage 632
planes (Fig. 9E and F). 633

4.4. Abrasion features 634

We examined the presence of the abrasion features on all faces of 635
each diamond under a stereoscope at a fixed magnification of 50× 636
using the description-scheme (Table 2 in the electronic appendix 2). 637
Abrasion features such as “network patterns” and percussion marks 638
are more common on KB diamonds (45%) compared to KS diamonds 639
(14%), possibly due to the larger average stone size in the KB population. 640
Fig. 3 in Smith et al. (2009) shows “rhombic abrasion” on only c. 5% in KS 641
and c. 30% in KB diamonds. 45% of the KS diamonds yield no apparent 642
abrasion. 643

4.5. Mineral inclusions in diamonds and thermo-elastic barometry 644

Four diamonds were found suitable for in-situ X-ray diffraction in- 645
vestigation of their mineral inclusions. Diamonds CEM 152, CEM 161, 646

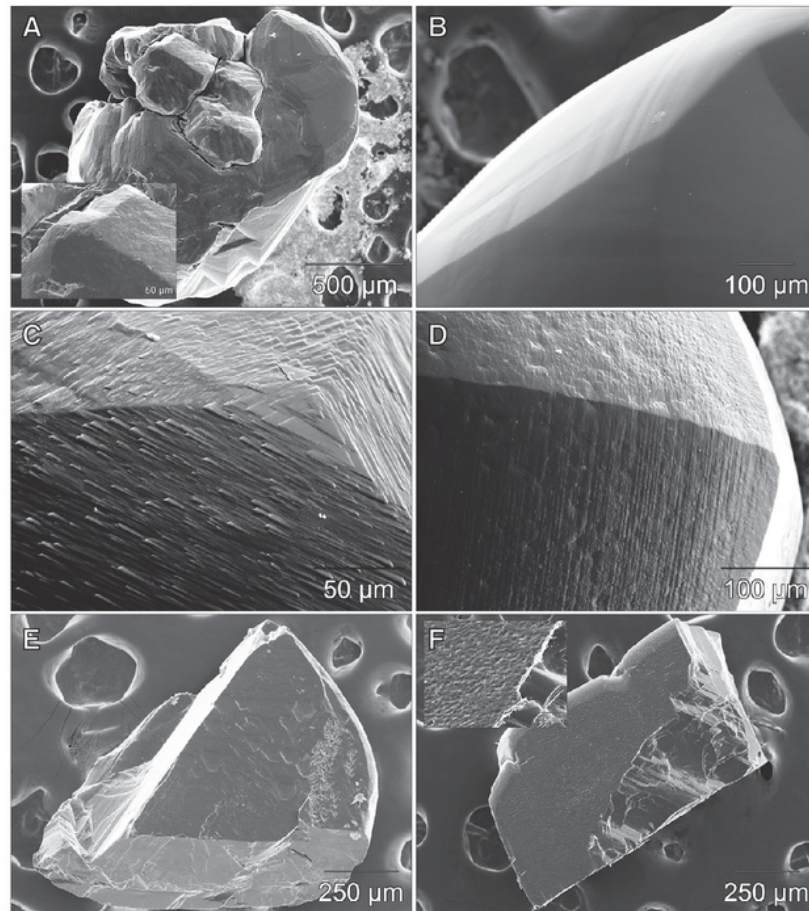


Fig. 9. Diamond SEM images of Kalimantan Selatan diamond crystals. A) Aggregate from Kalimantan Selatan showing slight resorption preserving di-trigonal {111} faces. The aggregate shows cracks along the crystal-interfaces and some edge-abrasion. B) Smooth, almost feature-less surface of a THH-crystal with glossy surface. C) Dodecahedron with coarse frosting (few tens of microns large) probably resulted from graphitization within a volatile-undersaturated melt. {111} faces form edgy triangular features. D) Finely frosted THH-crystal with deformation lamellae with micron-sized frosting only. E) Chipped diamond with flat-bottomed hexagonal and trail of point-bottomed trigonal etch pits on fracture face 1 probably created and resorbed during volcanic emplacement. Absence of chemical corrosion features on fractured faces 2 and 3 indicating post-eruptive genesis. F) Chipped diamond with finely frosted surface that was later fractured. Close-up: Boundary between chemically corroded surface on the left side and a postdating (lowered) physical fracture on the right side.

647 CEM 61 and KB 52 showed in total at least six optically visible mineral
648 inclusions.

649 Diamond CEM 152 contains three separated inclusions of olivine
650 with their largest diameters: about 0.2 mm, about 0.1 mm, and c.
651 0.05 mm. The equations of state for Mg-rich olivines (Nestola et al.,
652 2011b) using their chemical composition (Table 5 in the Electronic Ap-
653 pendix) confined the residual pressure between 0.14 and 0.18 GPa.

654 The same result we obtained for olivine inclusion in diamond KB 52.
655 Olivine inclusions trapped in diamonds and showing no fractures give
656 the residual pressure of 0.4 to 0.7 GPa (Nestola et al., 2011a). As de-
657 scribed in (Angel et al., 2014a,b, 2015a,b) and Nestola et al. (2011a), it
658 is possible to obtain the pressure of entrapment from these residual
659 pressures, i.e. pressure of formation of the diamond-inclusion pair.
660 This is based on the assumption that no anelastic phenomena developed
661 at the inclusion-diamond interface during the ascent of diamond to the
662 Earth's surface, such as fractures precluding the calculation of reliable
663 pressure of formation. We interpret our unusually low residual pressure
664 results to be due to microscale fractures, thus our present results on ol-
665 ivine cannot be used to derive reliable values for the pressure of
666 formation.

A coesite inclusion in diamond CEM 61 shows a very high residual
667 pressure, larger than 2 GPa. However, Howell et al. (2012) demonstrat-
668 ed that coesite presently do not allow the determination of reliable
669 values for the pressure of formation and cannot be used as a reliable
670 geobarometer. For example, the calculated pressure of formation of
671 2.94 GPa for our coesite at a fixed temperature of 1000 °C is unrealisti-
672 cally low compared to the minimum pressure of 4 GPa at 1000 °C re-
673 quired to reach the diamond stability field. The reason why coesite
674 does not seem to be a good geobarometer may be related to its thermal
675 expansion which appears to be similar to that of diamond, based on the
676 available data in literature (Howell et al., 2012).
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The most important result of our X-ray investigation is provided by
678 an inclusion of peridotitic garnet (cf. Electronic Appendix 2). From the
679 composition retrieved via crystal structure refinement, a unit-cell vol-
680 ume equal to 1541.13 Å³ at room pressure can be calculated by using
681 data from Milani et al. (2015) and Dymshits et al. (2014). The unit-cell
682 volume measured on our garnet trapped in diamond CEM 161 is
683 1538.24 Å³, corresponding to a volume difference of 2.89 Å³ between
684 the calculated value at room pressure and the value determined within
685 the diamond host. According to the pressure–volume equations of state
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published in Milani et al. (2015), such a volume difference results in an internal pressure equal to 0.35(2) GPa. When applying the elastic geobarometry described in Angel et al. (2014b) and Angel et al. (2015b) on this value and by using the software EOSFIT7.C (Angel et al., 2014a), we obtain a pressure of formation between 4.83 and 6.04 for fixed values of temperature of 930 and 1250 °C, respectively. The employed temperature estimates for the Kalimantan diamonds are based on Smith et al. (2009) who estimated pressures of formation between 4.2 and 4.4 GPa based on the Cr-in-garnet geobarometer. However, Smith et al. (2009) state that if the Cr-spinels and subcalcic garnet represent co-existing populations then for a temperature of 1100 °C they could estimate a pressure of about 6 GPa, this value being much closer to our pressure determination.

5. Discussion—Sediments

5.1. Zircon age provenance

Zircon age densities obtained from all samples imply a continuous zircon production between the Mid Jurassic and Late Cretaceous (Fig. 3). A similar continuum of zircon ages is present in the large dataset for the Eocene Tanjung Formation of Witts et al. (2012); Fig. 3–4B). This age interval reflects both igneous activity during the Meratus orogeny and the onset of calc-alkaline magmatism. Clements et al. (2011) and Witts et al. (2012) suggest the Schwaner Mountains in South-Central Borneo as a source for Cretaceous zircons. However, a more proximal zircon source within the rising Meratus is favored because Cretaceous zircons in all clastic sediments correlate well with the zircon age intervals of two volcanoclastic sediments of the Keramaian Formation (IK9-1) and the Paau Formation (IK21-1; Fig. 3–6). Deposited close to their primary source within the Meratus orogen, these immature volcanic sediments likely acted as an important sediment supplier for later clastic sediments. The respective samples show age modes at c. 80 Ma and c. 110 Ma that are also visible in the other age spectra in Fig. 3, thus referring to two main magmatic episodes. Numerous Barremian to Early Campanian zircon ages correlate with calc-alkaline intrusions that penetrated the Meratus basement ((Soesilo, 2012; Yuwono et al., 1988); Kueter, unpublished). The 110 Ma mode also overlaps with K–Ar ages for greenschist–retrograde Aranjo/Hauran schist (alternative names in use; Fig. 2) (Parkinson et al., 1998; Wakita et al., 1998).

Jurassic to Early Cretaceous ages coincide with the onset of orogenic magmatic activity during terrane accretion. The ages of detrital zircons agree with a 154 to 135 Ma U–Pb age interval of zircons from Meratus garnet–granulites (Soesilo, 2012). Haile et al. (1977) also reported 155 Ma K–Ar ages from the Schwaner Mountain granulites. Few Early Jurassic zircon ages overlap with two K–Ar ages of 180 and 165 Ma obtained from the glaucophane-bearing Aranjo/Hauran schist. Soesilo (2012) interprets these schists as showing “remnant ages” of incompletely retrograded blueschists formed prior to the collision of the EJT with the SWB (Fig. 1). Permian and Triassic zircons are recognized from Eocene sandstones of the Crocker Formation (NE-Borneo, Fig. 3–5) and the Eocene to Miocene clastic sediments in the Meratus area (Fig. 3–4a) and are commonly assigned to the tin-belt granulites of the Malay Peninsula (Hall and Sevastjanova, 2012; Sevastjanova et al., 2011; van Hattum et al., 2006). However, many of our zircons show only minor abrasion, thus we favor a proximal source such as the 320–204 Ma (K–Ar) granulites from the Schwaner Mountains reported in Williams et al. (1988) or the 319 and 260 Ma (K–Ar) granulites in the northwestern Meratus reported in Dirk and Amiruddin (2000). Furthermore, Witts et al. (2012) proposes sources located in the Karimunjawa Arch (Fig. 1).

All our samples contain Silurian to Carboniferous zircon populations and are especially abundant in the Paniungang and Manunggul formations as well as in the unconformably overlying Eocene Tanjung Formation as reported by Witts et al. (2012). These and older zircons predate

both the collision between the EJT and SWB, as well as the formation of the oceanic lithosphere that comprises the Meratus ophiolite. The first breakup of the continental blocks (including West Sumatra and East Malaya blocks proximal to Kalimantan; Fig. 1) from Australian–Gondwanaland is constrained to the Carboniferous (Metcalf, 2011). Accordingly, such zircons must be derived from sources pre-dating the rifting. Their prolonged alluvial history can be inferred by the dominance of abraded class 2 and strongly abraded class 3 zircons (Fig. 4). Debris from the intracontinental 450 to 300 Ma Alice Springs orogeny in central Australia (Fig. 11) accumulated in sedimentary basins of the North Australian Craton, for example the Canning Basin (Buick et al., 2008; Haines et al., 2001). These basins could be a potential source for the Silurian to Carboniferous zircons. With respect to the diamond part of this paper, it is worth mentioning that the emplacement of the adjacent Merilin kimberlite field (376 ± 4 Ma via (U–Th–Pb)/He on zircon; McInnes et al., 2009) coincides with the peak of the Alice Springs orogeny (Haines et al., 2001) (Fig. 11).

All our samples contain Cambrian, Proterozoic and Neoproterozoic zircons as also described for northern Borneo, Java and Karimunjawa in previous works (Sevastjanova et al., 2011; Smyth et al., 2007; van Hattum et al., 2006; Witts et al., 2012). A small cluster of c. 580 Ma zircons is solely recognized in the Manunggul Formation samples (Fig. 3.2a) and from the Eocene Crocker Formation in North Borneo (Fig. 3.5, van Hattum et al., 2006) and could correspond to the age of the King Leopold orogeny (Tyler and Griffin, 1990; Tyler et al., 2012) (Fig. 10). However, no reports for synchronous zircon-forming events were found in the literature.

Paleo- to Mesoproterozoic zircon ages coincide with the timing of magmatic events during the amalgamation of the Rodinia supercontinent at around 1300 Ma. Rodinia remnants are present in Western Central Australia, such as the 1300 Ma Rundall granite, 1200–1150 Ma Musgravenian metamorphic assemblage and 1190–1150 Ma granites, the 1080 Ma Tollu volcanics and gabbroic/granitic intrusions of the Giles Complex (Myers et al. (1996) and references therein) (Fig. 10).

Age densities between 2100 to 1750 Ma could be linked to Paleoproterozoic granulites of the King Leopold and Halls Creek fold belts framing the Kimberley region (Tyler et al. (2012) and references therein, Fig. 10). A small population of six Neoproterozoic zircons (2704 ± 26 to 2509 ± 19) fit with zircon crystallization ages of 2670 to 2510 Ma from the North-Australian Pine Creek orogen (Hollis et al., 2009). Isolated Paleoproterozoic and Neoproterozoic zircon grains that are not assigned to specific sources still point towards a cratonic origin. The strongly abraded appearances of Precambrian zircons (19% of class 2 and 73% of class 3; Fig. 4) may be linked to multiple sedimentary cycles through the Earth's history. The presence of a small number of non-abraded Precambrian zircons may indicate limited alluvial transport, inferring a long-term storage in Precambrian host rocks and late liberation by erosion.

5.2. Depositional constraints on Cretaceous sediments

The youngest concordant age of detrital zircon in a sediment confines its earliest possible time of deposition (Fedó et al., 2003). Therefore, depositional times for all clastic sediments are the Campanian and Maastrichtian, which is in agreement with previous age constraints (Hashimoto and Koike, 1973; Sikumbang, 1986; Sikumbang and Heryanto, 1994). An exception is the Paniungang Formation, whose youngest detrital zircon age of 81.4 ± 1.6 Ma is roughly 15 myr younger than the youngest deposition age of the Upper Coniacian as depicted in the geological map of by Sikumbang and Heryanto (1994).

The main detrital source is calc-alkaline plutonic and volcanic rocks. Sedimentary lithoclasts (clays and sandstones marls) indicate derivation of detrital material from older sedimentary strata. Reworked sediments are generally indicated by the presence of monocrystalline quartz, clay-, silt-, and sandstone lithoclasts, rounded heavy minerals

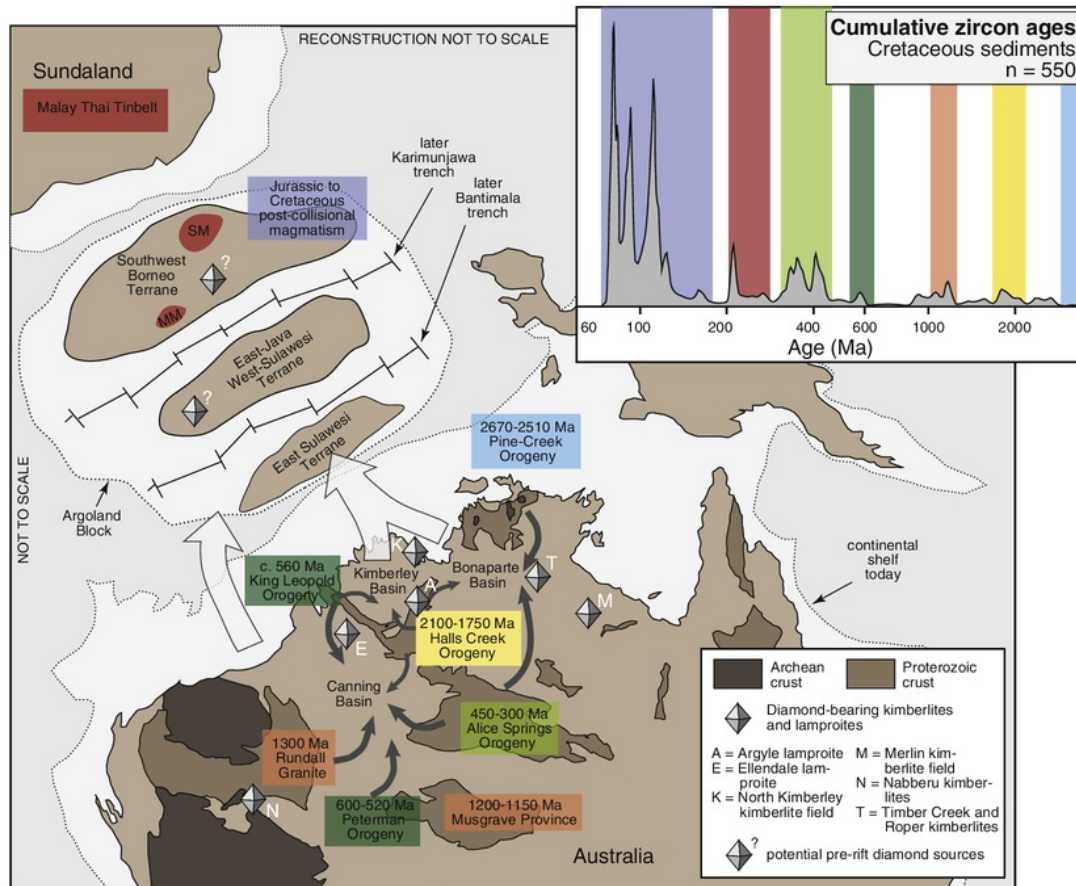


Fig. 10. Summary Schematic illustration highlighting potential primary zircon provenances in Northwestern and Central Australia. Diamond symbols with assigned letters represent known diamond-bearing kimberlite and lamproite provinces in Northwestern Australia. The color coding corresponds to the orogenic provinces shown in the map and is the same as in Fig. 3. These provinces shed sedimentary material, including diamonds and zircons, into the surrounding big sedimentary basins (e.g. Canning or Kimberley basin; black arrows). These basins might have extended to the north where later lithospheric fragments detached. Diamond-bearing basin lithologies and possibly also primary diamond sources (indicated by diamond-symbols with question marks) drifted northwards forming the present-day continental core of Southeast Asia. Terrane accretion-related orogenic events could have metamorphosed wide parts of diamond-bearing lithologies resulting in the destruction of diamond-indicator minerals but also led to the re-liberation of diamonds from exhumed host rocks. Abbreviations: SM = Permo-Triassic Granitoids of the Schwauer Mountains; MM = Permo-Triassic granites from the North Meratus (cf. Section 5.1).

813 including pre-Permian zircons, tourmalines and rutiles. Pre-collisional,
814 allochthonous sediments have not been described in the Meratus area.

815 Sediment supply from (high-grade) metamorphic terranes is
816 indicated by metamorphic lithoclasts and minerals (e.g. high-Mg garnet),
817 indicating an exposed metamorphic basement at the time of deposition.
818 Eclogitic garnets (all Cretaceous sediments) and glaucophane
819 (Keramaian Formation) point toward a source from a high-pressure
820 low-temperature metamorphic terrane, typically associated with exhumed
821 subduction complexes. An ophiolitic source is supported by the presence
822 of chromian spinel (Keramaian Formation IK8-1) and radiolarite lithics in
823 the Manunggul and Paniungang formations. Garnet chemistry (Fig. 7) yields
824 a rather uniform source of the Keramaian turbidites. The chemistry of blue
825 amphiboles is similar to glaucophane-(crossite) relics from the nearby
826 Aranjó/Hauran amphibolite-facies schist (Soesilo, 2012), inferring that
827 these metamorphites were already exhumed in the Late Cretaceous. The
828 slightly more diverse composition of the Paniungang garnets suggests two
829 important suppliers of rather similar character, presumably metamorphic
830 terranes of slightly different composition or grade. The large variation
831 of garnet compositions in the Manunggul Formation indicates a wide
832 catchment area with a large variety of different garnet suppliers, the
833 erosion of well-mixed

precursor sediments or both. The U–Pb zircon ages obtained for the
834 Manunggul sediments also show notable variation (Fig. 3). 835

5.3. Detrital kimberlitic and carbonatitic zircon 836

837 The screening of our zircon trace element dataset for potentially
838 mantle-associated zircons as described in the results Section 3.4 resulted
839 in a subset of 51 zircons with carbonatitic affinity and 10 zircons with
840 kimberlitic affinity (cf. Electronic Appendix 1, sheet “Carbonatitic &
841 Kimberlitic Zircons”). A detailed comparison with the chemistry of
842 zircons known from kimberlites shows that our screening was not
843 able to unambiguously identify mantle-derived zircon but rather identifies
844 eclogite-derived crystals. The interpretation for zircons with
845 carbonatitic affinity is less clear.

846 Zircons labeled as “carbonatitic” show minor to non-existent negative
847 Eu-anomalies, low REE-concentrations and moderately steep
848 HREE patterns ($[Yb/Gd]_n = 8.06$ to 121.4 , average = 48.9 , Fig. 5A).
849 These features are similar to eclogitic zircons described from the Italian
850 Alps or UHP-gneisses from the Kokchetav Massiv in Kazakhstan
851 (Hermann et al., 2001; Rubatto, 2002) and could therefore indicate an
852 eclogitic origin. However, Th/U ratios > 0.17 in these zircons are atypical

853 for high-grade metamorphic zircons and more typical for magmatic en-
854 vironments (Rubatto, 2002; Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000).

855 Zircons identified as “kimberlitic” during screening differ markedly
856 from those with a carbonatitic affinity in having flat HREE tails
857 ($(\text{Yb}/\text{Gd})_n = 1.1$ to 3.7), similar to the zircons found in SCLM and
858 kimberlites worldwide (Page et al., 2007). On the other hand, flat
859 HREE tails in the zircons are also a typical feature of synchronous zircon
860 and garnet growth as occurring in eclogites (Hermann et al., 2001;
861 Rubatto, 2002 and references therein). Hence, flat HREE tails indicate
862 high-pressure conditions but not necessarily a SCLM origin. Similarly,
863 half of the “kimberlitic” zircons yield Th/U ratios smaller than 0.1,
864 supporting a metamorphic origin (Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000).
865 All of the “kimberlitic” zircons show some negative Eu-anomalies
866 ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.06$ and $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.42$ – 0.62) that are too pronounced com-
867 pared to literature values for kimberlite zircons (average $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* =$
868 0.9 ± 0.26 1σ), but resemble eclogitic zircons described by Rubatto
869 (2002) ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.24$ to 0.63).

870 Crystallization ages measured for the great majority of both
871 “kimberlitic” and “carbonatitic” zircons (134 to 174 Ma) match the
872 timing of the Cretaceous Meratus orogeny and could correspond to
873 Meratus blueschist and granulite facies metamorphism (165–180 Ma
874 and 135–154 Ma respectively; Parkinson et al., 1998; Soesilo, 2012;
875 Wakita et al., 1998). During orogeny and metamorphism shallow hot
876 asthenospheric mantle would preclude emplacement of diamondifer-
877 ous kimberlites.

878 Rather, trace element chemistry and findings of detrital blueschist
879 glaucophane and eclogitic garnet in the same sediment samples support
880 an eclogitic source for zircons that were screened as “kimberlitic”. These
881 zircons may have grown in a high pressure regime during peak meta-
882 morphism of the Meratus orogeny. The interpretation of carbonatitic
883 zircons is less clear due to their chemical and age evidence for both a
884 magmatic and metamorphic origin.

885 Although this study does not provide clear evidence for kimberlitic
886 zircon, we conclude that zircon may serve as a kimberlite indicator min-
887 eral for anomalous diamond deposits lacking common indicator min-
888 erals. Common zircon grades in kimberlites are around 1 g/t but can
889 reach up to 50 g/t and are therefore at least as common as diamond in
890 economy-grade kimberlites (Kresten et al., 1975). Owing to zircon resis-
891 tivity against physicochemical corrosion, hydraulic properties, and high
892 specific density, zircons accompany diamonds during alluvial sedimen-
893 tation processes.

894 We suggest that in addition to the CART-tree method of Belousova
895 et al. (2002), a more tedious screening of the analyses is necessary to
896 separate igneous from metamorphic and deep-crustal from SCLM zir-
897 cons. Based on literature data for kimberlitic zircon, we suggest using
898 additional criteria of $\text{Th}/\text{U} > 0.1$ and $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* > 0.7$ to separate kimberlitic
899 zircon from eclogitic zircon.

900 6. Discussion - diamonds

901 A recent study by Smith et al. (2009) favors a subcontinental litho-
902 spheric growth-environment for Kalimantan diamonds based on the
903 Archean ages of their sulfide inclusions, the abundant peridotitic and
904 eclogitic silicate inclusions (70% and 30%, respectively), estimates of for-
905 mation pressures and temperatures of silicate inclusions, as well as dia-
906 mond nitrogen defects reflecting long-term growth and residence times
907 in the mantle. Our crystallization pressure estimate of 4.8 and 6 GPa
908 (calculated for 930 and 1250 °C) for a garnet inclusion lies well within
909 the diamond stability field and plots along with other inclusion data
910 (Smith et al., 2009) between the 35 to 41 mW/m² geotherms. Diamond
911 morphologies also agree with the conclusion of a SCLM origin in a way
912 that Kalimantan diamonds share many features of lithospheric dia-
913 monds transported to the surface by high-alkaline magma. The
914 presence of deformation lamellae imply temperatures exceeding
915 900 °C with pressures corresponding to the diamond stability field
916 (DeVries, 1975) and assume local stress fields in the areas of proto-

917 kimberlite propagation (Gurney et al., 2004). The etch pitting style of
918 octahedral diamond faces closely resembles kimberlite-induced and
919 mantle-derived resorption described on natural diamonds found in
920 kimberlites (Zhang and Fedortchouk, 2012). The etch pits often mark
921 dislocation lines on diamond crystals (Fedortchouk et al., 2005). A spe-
922 cial type of deep hexagonal etch channels observed on two Kalimantan
923 Barat THH diamonds (KB 37 and KB54, Fig 8E) is also described as a fre-
924 quent feature from Argyle diamonds (Sobolev et al., 1989). Diamond de-
925 formation and certain etch pitting (e.g. frosting, circular pits) have not
926 yet been observed at non-conventional diamond localities (ophiolites,
927 UHP-diamonds) but are typical features for diamonds formed in SCLM
928 and emplaced by lamproitic or kimberlitic magmatism.

929 The small sample size precludes detailed conclusions on the dia-
930 mond host environments. However, the features of the two studied di-
931 amond populations indicate a variety of resorption conditions in the
932 mantle and the transporting magma. Abundant THH forms, di-trigonal
933 shapes of resorbed {111}-faces, glossy appearances and circular pits
934 often observed on the same stone are very similar to diamond features
935 from volcanoclastic kimberlite facies elsewhere and to products of disso-
936 lution experiments in the presence of an H₂O-fluid (Fedortchouk et al.,
937 2007, 2010). Diamonds with trigonal {111}-outlines and dodecahedral
938 crystal forms imply a CO₂-dominated dissolution environment and re-
939 semble mantle-derived diamond resorption found in kimberlitic dia-
940 monds (Zhang and Fedortchouk, 2012). THH-forms and specimens
941 with circular etch pitting (disks) are similar to diamond features de-
942 scribed from kimberlites worldwide (Fedortchouk et al., 2010;
943 McCallum et al., 1991; Robinson et al., 1989). The formation of disks is
944 linked to volatile or melt bubbles attached to the diamond surface
945 where they either protect it from the corrosive environment or locally
946 etch circular depressions (Pandeya and Tolansky, 1961). In experi-
947 ments, disks form at pressures below 10 kbar under H₂O-enriched con-
948 ditions (Fedortchouk et al., 2007).

949 A large proportion of the Kalimantan diamonds show surfaces with
950 different degrees of frosting. Fine frosting developed along the resorbed
951 edges of octahedral and THH diamonds resembles diamond surface
952 morphologies from coherent kimberlite facies (Fedortchouk et al.,
953 2010), whereas coarse frosting may accompany diamond surface graph-
954 itization as was experimentally reproduced on diamonds in volatile-
955 undersaturated or dry melts (Fedortchouk et al., 2007). A few fractured
956 stones yield frosted cleavage-planes indicating chemical corrosion at
957 high temperature following the breaking. It can be argued that such di-
958 amonds were fractured during the violent volcanic emplacement of a
959 kimberlite/lamproite (Robinson, 1980).

960 Radiation spots and abrasion marks are indicators of an extended al-
961 luvial history of the diamonds and the presence of secondary diamond
962 placer collectors. Their absence on some diamonds in our samples im-
963 plies mixed diamond populations with different alluvial histories. The
964 majority of the diamonds show radiation spots caused by alpha particle
965 emission from adjoining radioactive minerals. Recent experiments by
966 Nasdala et al. (2013) constrain the formation time of visible faint-
967 green spots on the order of 10 myr with uranite as adjacent grain and
968 1.2 Ga with zircon (1000 ppm U) as an adjacent grain. Hence, any radio-
969 active mineral with radioactivity between these two end members
970 would require tens of millions of years of an undisturbed geological en-
971 vironment to produce visible spots. Trails of radiation-spots observed
972 on some stones can be interpreted as minute relative movements be-
973 tween the diamond and a radiation source (Fig. 8G). Radiation coloring
974 on diamond is initially green and turns into brown color when heated to
975 temperatures exceeding 450 °C (Meyer et al., 1965; Nasdala et al.,
976 2013). The brown radiation-coloration of the Kalimantan diamonds
977 may indicate a heating event that widely affected the diamond host
978 rocks. The high abundance of brown radiation coloring compared to a
979 rather small quantity of green radiation spots is a common feature of
980 all diamond occurrences in Southeast Asia (Griffin et al., 2001; Smith
981 et al., 2009; Win et al., 2001). The strongly increased number of dia-
982 monds with radiation spots in the KB suite compared to the KS suite

983 correlates with an increase in abrasion marks in diamonds of the KB
984 population compared to the KS suite (c. 45% diamonds without appar-
985 ent abrasion). This observation agrees with findings of Smith et al.
986 (2009), (Fig. 3, p. 825) indicating a profound difference in 'rhombic'
987 abrasion between South Kalimantan (c. 5%) and West Kalimantan (c.
988 30%). The alluvial diamond mine PT-Galuh Cempaka reported to us a
989 strongly bimodal distribution of worn and very fresh diamonds. A com-
990 plex alluvial history should provide stones of remarkable quality since
991 bad quality stones (boart, fractured, coated or inclusion-rich stones)
992 do not survive the prolonged transportation (Sutherland, 1982). Un-
993 worn perfect octahedral diamonds, coated diamonds (e.g. ballas),
994 complex-shaped crystal aggregates and aggregates with unbroken
995 (multiple) terminations and multiple inclusions are fairly common
996 and indicate little alluvial transport (e.g. immediate storage in a paleo-
997 collector after erosion from a primary source) or proximal liberation
998 from a primary source within the Meratus area.

999 7. Depositional model: The journey of Kalimantan diamonds

1000 7.1. Pre-rifting and rifting phase: Primary diamond sources and 1001 paleo-collectors (Precambrian–Permian)

1002 Plate tectonic reconstructions locate the Argoland block (incl. SBW
1003 and EJT, Fig. 10) close to the northern continental margin of NW-
1004 Australia (Hall and Sevastjanova, 2012; Metcalfe, 2011). The North
1005 Australian Craton hosts several kimberlite and lamproite provinces,
1006 some of which are economic such as the Argyle lamproite famous for
1007 its pink diamonds (Hutchison, 2013; Shigley et al., 2001). These prov-
1008 inces were emplaced prior or during the rifting stage, and the diamonds
1009 liberated into a (nearby) paleo-collector or remained situated within
1010 their primary source. Diamonds that became part of the alluvial cycle
1011 likely mixed with diamonds of older provinces during the deposition
1012 of new placer environments.

1013 7.2. Plate migration phase: Episode of passive diamond transport 1014 (Permian–Triassic/Jurassic)

1015 The detachment of the Argoland block proceeded via rifting and
1016 northwards migration towards the Sundaland subcontinent in the
1017 form of smaller terranes separated by newly formed oceanic litho-
1018 sphere. Formation of the Meratus ophiolite took place between the
1019 Late Triassic and Early Jurassic (Coggon et al., 2011; Wakita et al.,
1020 1998), falling into the period of active terrane migration. The alluvial
1021 sediments or magmatic sources of diamond deposits within these ter-
1022 ranes may be covered by younger sediments so that a large proportion
1023 of diamonds remains in a geologically undisturbed environment for
1024 the next tens of millions of years gaining the radiation spots of initially
1025 green color.

1026 7.3. Pre-collisional stage: First liberation of non-metamorphosed diamonds 1027 (Early Mesozoic)

1028 Prior to collision, an active subduction zone demarcated the south-
1029 ern margin of Proto-Southeast Asia (Figs. 1, 10, "Karimunjawa-trench"),
1030 resulting in calc-alkaline magmatism within the Southwest Borneo Ter-
1031 rane (e.g. Schwaner Mountains). The orogeny shed sediments into a
1032 forearc setting in the paleo-south as indicated by rounded detrital zir-
1033 cons of the Triassic age. It is possible that diamonds liberated from
1034 their paleo-sources by earlier orogenic events were re-deposited in
1035 the forearc sediments.

1036 7.4. Early collisional stage: Metamorphic overprint of diamond 1037 paleo-collectors (Jurassic–Early Cretaceous)

1038 As indicated by the seismic profiles (Granath et al., 2011), the cessa-
1039 tion of the active subduction led to underthrusting of the EJT terrane by

the SWB. This process was accompanied by metamorphism of sedimentary
1040 cover including shelf and forearc sediments, and paleo-collectors
1041 (Parkinson et al., 1998; Soesilo, 2012). Previous subduction mélanges
1042 became part of the crustal stacking and were overprinted by regional
1043 metamorphism during SWB–EJT-collision (blueschist/eclogite to
1044 granulite-facies overprint observed in metamorphites in the central
1045 Meratus; Soesilo, 2012). The eastern ophiolite was obducted onto the
1046 metamorphic base. Being partly affected by the regional metamor-
1047 phism, paleo-collectors as well as the primary host rocks changed
1048 their lithologies. Inherited diamonds were heated up and changed
1049 from initially green radiation-coloring to brown. This interpretation is
1050 in agreement with green cathode-luminescence observed on 59% of
1051 the diamonds described by Smith et al. (2009). Green CL-response is
1052 thought to be connected to metamorphic overprint of diamonds
1053 (Bruce et al., 2011; Yelissev et al., 2013). It is possible that metamor-
1054 phism also erased the primary mineralogy of any preserved magmatic
1055 diamond sources. Such a case is described for the Birim diamond de-
1056 posits in Ghana, where kimberlitic diamonds are found in ultramafic ac-
1057 tinolite schists with chemical signatures of kimberlite-type rocks,
1058 whose primary mineral content was replaced during the Proterozoic
1059 Eburnean Orogeny regional metamorphism. Associated alluvial de-
1060 posits are rich in diamonds but no kimberlite indicators have been re-
1061 ported (Appiah et al., 1996; Asiedu et al., 2004; Chirico et al., 2010;
1062 Kesse, 1985).

Placer diamonds that did not experience a metamorphic overprint
1064 became part of the alluvial cycle as soon as their sedimentary hosts
1065 were exhumed. The abraded fraction of the diamonds was subject to a
1066 prolonged alluvial transport history with multiple sedimentary cycles,
1067 while the more pristine proportion of diamonds underwent passive
1068 transportation by plate movement and were liberated from their host
1069 during the Meratus orogeny in the Cretaceous.
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1071 7.5. Late collision stage (cretaceous)

Calc-alkaline magmatism accompanied the opening of a new sub-
1072 duction zone approximately 300 km further paleo-south (Bantimala-
1073 trench, Fig. 1) (Soesilo, 2012) and crosscut the metamorphic and
1074 ophiolitic base of the Meratus (Pitanak Group). Continuous uplift of
1075 the collision zone exposed older sedimentary strata including alloch-
1076 thonous sediments from Australia and the metamorphic basement
1077 rocks. Erosion of these provenances formed the Cretaceous clastic sedi-
1078 ments of the Alino Group. Diamonds liberated from either non-
1079 metamorphosed paleo-collectors or metamorphosed paleo-collectors
1080 and/or metakimberlites were concentrated in the newly formed clastic
1081 sediments of the Manunggul and possibly the Paniungang formations.
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The increased volcanic activity in the Cenomanian to Santonian was
1083 reflected in the increase of volcanoclastic debris in the upper Manunggul
1084 Formation and the deposition of thick purely volcanoclastic sequences of
1085 the Pitanak Group (Sikumbang, 1986) and may have played an impor-
1086 tant role in preserving Austral–Gondwanaland-delivered diamond
1087 sources under a volcanoclastic cover.
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1089 7.6. Postorogenic stage (Late Cretaceous–Quaternary)

Flattening of the Meratus orogen and deposition of the predomi-
1090 nantly volcanoclastic Manunggul Formation continued until the Early
1091 Paleocene (Sikumbang, 1986) when shallow relief and sea-level rise de-
1092 celerated erosion until brought to a halt. After the middle Eocene, ero-
1093 sion continued while sea regression exposed the Meratus highlands.
1094 Erosion affected the diamond-bearing Cretaceous sediments, which
1095 shed the basal alluvial fans of the Tanjung Formation (Witts et al.,
1096 2012). The Eocene diamond-bearing conglomerates were partially
1097 exploited in the early 20th century by artisanal miners and became an
1098 important constituent of the Quaternary Cempaka paleo-channel
1099 alluvium (Koolhoven, 1935). Diamonds liberated late from Cretaceous
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1101 and Eocene placers gained new radiation spots of green color which are
1102 often found next to older brown radio-coloration.

1103 8. Conclusions

1104 To constrain the origin and emplacement history of the headless Ka-
1105 limantan diamonds, we combined diamond morphological descriptions
1106 with aspects of sediment provenance analysis, zircon geochronology,
1107 major element compositional mineral analyses and X-ray diffraction
1108 analysis of diamond-hosted inclusions. The majority of the diamonds
1109 experienced a classic growth history in a cratonic SCLM, followed by
1110 volcanic emplacement via a kimberlite or lamproite and liberation
1111 into a paleo-collector. It cannot be excluded that a minor proportion
1112 of the Kalimantan diamonds originated from anomalous sources
1113 like ophiolites or UHP-metamorphic terranes as evidence for UHP-
1114 metamorphics is present (eclogitic garnet and zircon). However, almost
1115 all of the diamonds studied here show resorption styles and surface fea-
1116 tures known from kimberlite-hosted diamonds worldwide.

1117 The Kalimantan diamonds as a whole have morphologies and sur-
1118 face features different to diamonds from the known kimberlites and
1119 lamproites of northern Australia (Hall and Smith, 1985; Sobolev et al.,
1120 1989), including Merlin (C.B. Smith, pers. com). Nevertheless, the
1121 Kalimantan diamonds share some characteristics with diamonds from
1122 the North Australian Craton. Jaques et al. (1990) reported equilibration
1123 conditions of 5–6 GPa and 1140–1290 °C for diamondiferous peridotite
1124 xenoliths from the 1180 Ma Argyle lamproite, which are in good agree-
1125 ment with the 1260 °C/6.04 GPa estimate of our garnet inclusion. The
1126 North Australian Craton below Argyle is also known to host compara-
1127 tively large amounts of pink diamonds, which also occur in Southeast
1128 Kalimantan. Diamonds from the Argyle mine frequently show deep
1129 etch channels (Sobolev et al., 1989), a feature observed also on two re-
1130 sorbed diamonds from Kalimantan Barat. Signatures of the Australian
1131 orogens (e.g. Alice Springs or Halls Creek, Fig. 10) form prominent
1132 peaks in the zircon age density distributions of the Meratus clastic sed-
1133 iments. Especially, the diamond-bearing Manunggul Formation yields
1134 the broadest spectrum of pre-collisional zircons and the clearest pre-
1135 sence of age densities corresponding to the King Leopold and Halls
1136 Creek orogenies. Accordingly, a sediment source with a strong link to-
1137 ward Northwest Australia (e.g. Kimberley or Canning Basin sediments
1138 or Australian crystalline basement, Fig. 10) must have acted as an im-
1139 portant detritus supplier for this formation. Hence, based on the dia-
1140 mond and sediment data, we conclude that the great majority of
1141 Kalimantan diamonds may ultimately have a North Australian origin
1142 and share the same cratonic host as diamond deposits in northern
1143 Australia. The difference in morphology styles between the majority of
1144 the Kalimantan diamonds and the North Australian diamonds make a
1145 direct link to the known diamond occurrences (e.g. Argyle or Merlin)
1146 unlikely but favors unknown kimberlite and lamproite sources in the
1147 North Australian Craton that foundered during the collision events.

1148 The Kalimantan diamonds were subject to a complex dispersal his-
1149 tory driven by continental breakup and reformation of lithospheric frag-
1150 ments ultimately forming Southeast Asia's continental core. They were
1151 transported passively by plate migration while situated within primary
1152 sources or in paleo-placer deposits favoring also the survival of low-
1153 quality diamonds. Within their primary or secondary sources, the dia-
1154 monds partly experienced regional metamorphism during episodes of
1155 terrane amalgamation that caused the transformation of initially green
1156 radiation-coloration to brown radiation spots and the elimination of
1157 kimberlite indicator minerals. Associated orogenic events exhumed
1158 diamond-bearing lithologies and subsequent erosion steadily liberated
1159 them into the local orogenic alluvial cycle. Thereby the fraction of dia-
1160 monds with already existent abrasion wear (e.g. gained prior to the
1161 Gondwana breakup) mixed with the fresh-looking diamond popula-
1162 tions liberated from primary magmatic sources or proximal paleo
1163 placers. Further, the diamonds that were liberated early into the
1164 inner-orogenic sedimentary cycle are more likely to show abrasion

1165 features, whereas diamonds situated within deeper, eventually meta-
1166 morphosed host rocks were longer protected against the erosional
1167 cycle. The latter group of diamonds was continuously liberated during
1168 successive exhumation of the orogenic base, a process that still could
1169 supply unworn diamonds into recent placers today.

1170 Our genetic model for the Kalimantan diamonds may also be appli-
1171 cable to other diamond deposits in Southeast Asia, as a lack of kimberlite
1172 indicator minerals and a predominance of brown radiation coloration is
1173 observed in all Southeast Asian diamond localities (Griffin et al., 2001;
1174 Win et al., 2001). All these deposits are located close to collision orogens
1175 that formed by amalgamation of continental fragments originating from
1176 the Australian part of Gondwanaland. The example of Ghana's diamond
1177 deposits show that metamorphic overprint of kimberlite-type rocks and
1178 the associated loss of indicative minerals are possible without
1179 destroying the actual diamond content. Metamorphic processes could
1180 not only be responsible for changes in the color of radiation spots and
1181 the elimination of kimberlite indicator minerals, but also for changes
1182 in cathodoluminescence colors from primary bluish to green, yellow
1183 and orange colors as reported by Smith et al. (2009).

1184 The X-ray diffraction inclusion analysis offers a way to elucidate
1185 growth conditions on diamonds and obtain qualitative chemical com-
1186 position of entrapped minerals when the physical exposure of an inclu-
1187 sion is not possible. This non-invasive technique is particularly
1188 advantageous for the investigation of anomalous diamond deposits
1189 where sample material requires special care (e.g. when in the property
1190 of private collectors or museums) or sample material is rare and hence
1191 should be preserved (e.g. Californian or Myanmar diamonds, cf. Griffin
1192 et al., 2001; Köpf et al., 1990; Win et al., 2001).

1193 Exploration for diamond sources for headless deposits in geological
1194 settings that have experienced metamorphic events requires alternative
1195 indicators such as zircon. The morphology, physical characteristics and
1196 trace-element chemistry of kimberlitic zircon is distinct from crustal zir-
1197 cons (Belousova et al., 1998, 2002; Fedo et al., 2003; Hoskin and Ireland,
1198 2000; Kresten et al., 1975; Page et al., 2007; Zheng et al., 2006). This
1199 study has shown that discrimination of zircon is possible, but found
1200 no indubitable kimberlite zircons in our samples. Since the Southeast
1201 Kalimantan diamond deposit is situated close to a collisional orogen, zir-
1202 cons grown within subduction-associated high-pressure rocks became
1203 part of the diamondiferous sediments. For such settings, datasets of po-
1204 tential kimberlitic zircons have to be screened for eclogite-derived zir-
1205 cons by examining the dataset for U/Th and Eu/Eu* ratios. Further
1206 zircon studies including mineral inclusions, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and Hf-isotope analy-
1207 ses could identify a true kimberlitic origin within an SCLM. Once clearly
1208 identified as kimberlite-derived, the zircons real merit will lie in
1209 the estimation of a kimberlite eruption age using (U–Th–Pb)/He
1210 double-dating technique (McInnes et al., 2009). However, even when
1211 kimberlitic zircon cannot clearly be identified, we show that zircon
1212 provenance analysis can be a powerful tool for unraveling the deposi-
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