

2016 Minerals Yearbook

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

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In 2016, the economy of Congo (Brazzaville) was based largely on the production of crude petroleum (Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances, undated). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Congo (Brazzaville) is provided by law No. 4–2005, Decree No. 2007–274, Decree No. 2007–293, law No. 24–1994, and Decree No. 2008–15. Data on mineral production are in table 1. Table 2 is a list of major mineral industry facilities. More-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Congo (Brazzaville) can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III,

Area Reports—International—Africa, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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TABLE 1
CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS						
Gold, mine production, Au content ^c	kilograms	150	150	150	150	150
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic		150,000	250,000	460,000 ^e	700,000 ^e	950,000 ^e
Diamond, gem, unspecified	carats	51,588	56,495	53,163	40,057	12,110
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Natural gas	thousand cubic meters	215,997 ^r	223,576 ^r	238,735 ^r	245,040 ^r	250,000 ^e
Petroleum:						
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels	102,565 ^r	91,250 ^r	97,090 ^r	93,805 ^r	86,870
Refinery production	do.	10,712	12,047	13,511	13,098 ^r	11,600 ^e

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through December 11, 2017. All data are reported unless otherwise noted.

²In addition to the commodities listed, copper ore, crude construction materials (for example, clay, sand and gravel, and stone), lead ore, lime, limestone for cement, and zinc ore may have been produced in Congo (Brazzaville), but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Cement	metric tons	FORSPAK International Congo S.A.R.L.	Dolisie	300,000
Do.	do.	Dangote Cement Plc (Dangote Group)	Madingou	1,500,000
Do.	do.	Société Nouvelle des Ciments du Congo (SONOCC) (Société Nationale Chinoise des Travaux des Ponts et Chaussées, 56%, and Government, 44%)	Loutete	300,000
Diamond	carats	Artisanal production	Kouilou, Lekoumou, Likouala, Niari, and West Cuvette Departments	400,000
Gold	kilograms	do.	Various locations	150
Petroleum:				
Crude		Eni Congo S.A., 90%	Awa-Paloukou field, offshore	4,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 65%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 35%	Djambala, Foukanda, and Mwafi fields, offshore	7,300
Do.		Congorep [Perenco Group, 51%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 49%]	Emeraude field, offshore	8,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 100%	Ikalou-Ikalou Sud fields, offshore	3,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 65%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 35%	Kitina field, offshore	15,000
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 65%, and Eni Congo S.A., 35%	Kombi, Libondo, Likala Tchibeli, and Tchibouela fields, offshore	25,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 75%	Kouakouala field, onshore	NA
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 26.75%; Chevron Overseas (Congo) Ltd., 15.75%; Cabinda Gulf Oil Company Ltd., 15.5%; Angola Block 14 BV, 10%; Eni Congo S.A., 10%; Sonangol Group (Sonangol), 10%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 7.5%; GALP Energia (GALP), 4.5%	Lianzi field, offshore	14,600
Do.		Congorep [Perenco Group, 51%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 49%], 65%, and Eni Congo S.A., 35%	Likouala field, offshore	5,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 50%, and Total Exploration & Production Congo, 50%	Loango field, offshore	6,500
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 85%	Loufika and Zingali fields, onshore	NA
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 83%, and Tullow Oil plc, 11%	M'Boundi field, onshore	20,000
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 53.5%; Chevron Overseas (Congo) Ltd., 31.5%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 15%	Moho-Bilondo field, offshore	32,000
Do.		do.	Nkossa and Nsoko fields, offshore	18,000
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 55.25%; Eni Congo S.A., 29.75%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 15%	Sendji and Yanga fields, offshore	9,500
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 65%, and Eni Congo S.A., 35%	Tchendo field, offshore	3,000
Do.		CMS NOMECON Congo [Société Nationale de Recherche et d'Exploration Pétrolière, 50%; Perenco Group, 25%; Nuevo Congo Co., 18.75%; Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co. (K.S.C.), 6.25%]	Yombo field, offshore	3,600
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 65%, and Total Exploration & Production Congo, 35%	Zatchi field, offshore	7,600
Refined products		Congolaise de Raffinage (CORAF) [Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 100%]	Pointe Noire	7,600
Refinery production, liquefied petroleum gas		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 53.5%; Chevron Overseas (Congo) Ltd., 31.5%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 15%	Nkossa platform, offshore	3,000

^cEstimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.