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INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

MAURITIUS, SEYCHELLES, COMOROS, AND REUNION

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MAURITIUS

In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably crushed stone and gravel, fertilizers, and steel rebar—represented only a minor part of the economy of Mauritius (Statistics Mauritius, 2017a, p. 24; 2017b, p. 14, 17). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Mauritius is provided by the Minerals Acts 1966 and the Petroleum Act of 1970. 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 Mauritius can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Africa and the Middle East, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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SEYCHELLES

In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably crushed stone—represented only a minor part of the economy

of Seychelles (Central Bank of Seychelles, 2017, p. 11, 47; National Bureau of Statistics, 2017). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Seychelles is provided by the Mineral Act of 1962, the Removal of Sand and Gravel Act of 1982, and the Petroleum Mining Act of 1976. 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 Seychelles 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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COMOROS AND REUNION

In 2016, Comoros produced only small quantities of common building materials, all for domestic consumption, and it was dependent on cement imports to meet domestic demand. Mineral production in Reunion, which is an overseas department of France, represented only a very small part of the economy; quantitative information on mineral production was not available.

TABLE 1
MAURITIUS, REUNION, AND SEYCHELLES: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country or territory and commodity ²	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MAURITIUS					
Iron and steel, rebar	32,200	26,700	25,000 ^r	24,000 ^r	24,000 ^e
Nitrogen, fertilizer	27,000	28,000	28,000	28,000 ^{e,r}	27,000 ^e
Salt, sea	3,800	3,800	3,800 ^r	1,800 ^{e,r}	--
Stone, sand, and gravel:					
Sand and gravel, construction	40,000	23,000	53,000	15,000 ^r	15,000 ^e
Stone, crushed, including crushed basalt	550,000	500,000	500,000	480,000	480,000
REUNION					
Cement	350,000 ^e	400,000 ^e	400,000 ^e	350,000 ^e	350,000 ^e
SEYCHELLES					
Stone, sand, and gravel:					
Stone, crushed:					
Granite, crusher dust	155,946	136,000	152,453	169,292	167,000 ^e
Other	123,759	117,471	129,131	217,353	248,000 ^e

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through December 12, 2017. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, lime also was produced in Mauritius; aggregates and sand were produced in Reunion; and clay for bricks, granite dimension stone, salt, and sand were produced in Seychelles, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
MAURITIUS, REUNION, AND SEYCHELLES: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES IN 2016

(Metric tons)

Country or territory and commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^e
MAURITIUS			
Aggregates	Betonix Ltd. (Bhunjun Group)	Nouvelle France and Tour Koenig	NA
Do.	Gamma Civic Ltd.	Solitude	NA
Do.	United Basalt Products Ltd.	Near Ausailles	660,000
Iron and steel, rebar	Samlo Koyenco Steel Company Ltd.	Near Midlands	12,000
Nitrogen, fertilizer	Mauritius Chemical and Fertilizer Industry Ltd. (Harel Mallac Group, 70.41%)	Port Louis	100,000
REUNION			
Cement	Ciments de Bourbon, SA (Holcim Outre-Mer)	Clinker grinding plant in Le Port	500,000
SEYCHELLES			
Stone, crushed	United Concrete Products (Seychelles) Ltd.	Pointe Larue, Mahe Island	150,000
Do.	Civil Construction Company Ltd.	Quarry on Mahe Island	150,000
Stone, crushed, granite	Gondwana Granite Co. Ltd.	Victoria, Mahe Island	NA

^eEstimated. Do. Ditto. NA Not available.