

2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

BURUNDI

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF BURUNDI

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In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities—notably gold, rare earths, tantalum, tin, and tungsten—represented only a minor part of the economy of Burundi (African Development Bank Group, 2019). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Burundi is provided by the Mining Code of Burundi (law No. 1/21 of October 15, 2013). The legislative framework for the petroleum sector is provided by the Mining and Petroleum 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 Burundi

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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TABLE 1
BURUNDI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
METALS						
Gold, mine, Au content	kilograms	650 ^r	549 ^r	396 ^r	953	576
Niobium, mineral concentrate:						
Gross weight	do.	105,547	53,093	31,687	143,419 ³	219,003 ³
Nb content ^c	do.	21,000	10,000	6,200	28,000	43,000
Rare earths		--	--	--	40 ^c	620 ^c
Tantalum, mineral concentrate:						
Gross weight	kilograms	105,547	53,093	31,687	143,419 ³	219,003 ³
Ta content ^c	do.	21,000	10,000	6,200	28,000	43,000
Tin, mine, concentrate:						
Gross weight		12	72	22	229 ³	318 ³
Sn content ^c		8 ^r	45 ^r	14 ^r	140	200
Tungsten, mine, concentrate:						
Gross weight		49	19	131	233 ³	192 ³
W content ^c		23	9	63	110	91
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic ^c		70,000	100,000	100,000	45,000	100,000
Sand and gravel, unspecified ^c		1,100,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	1,500,000
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Peat, fuel use		11,376	3,967	9,541	13,948	14,118

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 12, 2019. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, brick and other clay, and limestone may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

³Reported exports.

TABLE 2
BURUNDI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement		Burundi Cement Co. (BUCECO)	Plant in Cibitoke Province	330,000
Clay		do.	NA	NA
Gold	kilograms	Artisanal miners	Various sites in Bujumbura, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Muyinga, and Ruyigi Provinces	1,000 ^c
Niobium (columbium) and tantalum, columbite-tantalite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: Tantalum Mining Co. (TAMINCO) do. CDP CODEMIBU DUTEZANYIMBERE Other cooperatives and artisanal miners	Of which: Gatete Mine in Kirundo Province Kivuvu and Manenge Mines in Kayanza Province Kidunduri Mine in Kayanza Province Muhuhuri Mine in Cibitoke Province Buyukana Mine in Kirundo Province 6 mines at various locations	260 ^c
Peat		Office Nationale de la Tourbe (ONATOUR)	Buyongwe, Gisozi, Gitanga, and Matana	20,000
Rare earths		Rainbow Rare Earths Ltd.	Gakara Mine in Bujumbura Province	2,800 ^c
Tin, cassiterite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: Tantalum Mining Co. (TAMINCO) Cooperatives and artisanal miners	Of which: Gatete, Kibuba, Kivuvu, Munege, Murehe, and Ryamukona Mines 11 mines at various locations in Cibitoke, Kirundo, and Ngozi Provinces	300 ^c
Tungsten, wolframite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: DUKEREBUKE MW'ITERAMBER SECOMIB Coop. Minière de Gashoho Other cooperatives and artisanal miners	Of which: Rwamirambol Mine in Muyinga Province Kuwinkona Mine in Muyinga Province Cunda Mine in Kirundo Province 20 sites in Kirundo and Muyinga Provinces	600 ^c

^cEstimated. do. Ditto. NA Not available.