

2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

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In 2017 and 2018, the economy of Congo (Brazzaville) was based largely on the production of crude petroleum (Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances, République Française, 2019). 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 and the Middle East, 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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Cement, hydraulic ^c	460,000	700,000	950,000	1,050,000	1,160,000
Diamond, gem, natural carats	53,163	40,057	12,110	46,758	47,579
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Natural gas ³ thousand cubic meters	928,000 ^r	928,000 ^r	866,000 ^r	860,000	867,000
Petroleum:					
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	87,819 ^r	84,753 ^r	82,125 ^r	95,886	118,078
Refinery ⁴ do.	6,205 ^r	5,475 ^r	5,840 ^r	5,840	5,840

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through July 10, 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, copper ore, crude construction materials (for example, clay, sand and gravel, and stone), gold, lead ore, lime, limestone for cement, and zinc ore may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

³Marketed.

⁴Throughput.

TABLE 2
CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(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	Ciments de l'Afrique	Hinda	600,000
Do.	do.	Diamond Cement Group	Mindouli	100,000
Do.	do.	Dangote Cement Plc (Dangote Group)	Madingou	1,500,000
Do.	do.	FORSPAK International Congo S.A.R.L.	Dolisie	300,000
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 SA [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, Likalala 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 EP, 10%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC), 7.5%; Galp Energia, SGPS, S.A. (GALP), 4.5%	Lianzi field, offshore	14,600
Do.		Congorep SA [joint venture of 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.	Moho Nord field, offshore	51,100
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 NOMECO 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
Do.		Wing Wah Petrochemicals, 100%	Banga Kayo, onshore	18,300
Refined products		Congolaise de Raffinage (CORAF) S.A. [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.