

2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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In 2017 and 2018, the economy of Equatorial Guinea was based largely on the production of hydrocarbons (Ministerio de Minas e Hidrocarburos, 2019). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Equatorial Guinea is provided by law No. 9/2006 and law No. 8/2006 (the hydrocarbons law). 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 Equatorial Guinea 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
EQUATORIAL GUINEA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Methanol thousand metric tons	885	760 ^e	1,100 ^r	1,100	1,000
Natural gas million cubic meters	7,100	6,600	6,821 ^r	7,218	6,504
Petroleum:					
Crude, including condensate	103,660 ^r	94,900 ^r	81,395 ^r	71,175	69,350
Refinery, liquefied petroleum gas	6,900	6,900 ^e	6,900 ^e	6,900 ^e	6,900 ^e

^eEstimated. ^rRevised.

¹Table includes data available through September 3, 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, gold and a variety of crude construction materials (clay, gravel, rock, and sand) may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
EQUATORIAL GUINEA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Gold		Artisanal placer operations	Aconibe, Coro, and Mongomo	NA
Liquefied natural gas	metric tons	Equatorial Guinea LNG Holdings Ltd. [Marathon Equatorial Guinea Production Ltd., 60%; Sociedad Nacional de Gas de Guinea Ecuatorial (Sonagas), 25%; Mitsui & Co. Ltd., 8.5%; Marubeni Corp., 6.5%]	Punta Europa	3,700,000
Liquefied petroleum gas		Alba Plant LLC [Marathon Oil Co., 52%; Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 28%; Sociedad Nacional de Gas de Guinea Ecuatorial (Sonagas), 20%]	do.	7,700
Methanol	metric tons	Atlantic Methanol Production Co. L.L.C. [Marathon Equatorial Guinea Methanol Ltd., 45%; Samedan Methanol, 45%; Sociedad Nacional de Gas de Guinea Ecuatorial (Sonagas), 10%]	do.	1,100,000
Natural gas	million cubic meters	Marathon Oil Co., 63%; Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 34%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petr�leos (GEPetrol), 3%	Alba Field, Alba Block	8,000
Petroleum:				
Condensate		Marathon Oil Co., 65%, and Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 35%	do.	24,000
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., 51%; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 25%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petr�leos (GEPetrol), 22.34%; Atlas Petroleum International Ltd., 1.38%; PA Resources AB, 0.28%	Alen Field, Block O	13,000
Crude		Hess Equatorial Guinea, Inc., 80.75%; Tullow Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 14.25%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petr�leos (GEPetrol), 5%	Ceiba Field, Block G	12,500
Do.		do.	Okume complex (includes the Akom North, the Ebano, the Elon, the Okume, and the Oveng Fields), Block G	20,000
Do.		Mobil Equatorial Guinea Inc., 71.25%, and Guinea Ecuatorial de Petr�leos (GEPetrol), 28.75%	Zafiro Field, Block B	102,000
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., 38% working interest; Atlas Petroleum International Ltd., 27.55% working interest; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 23.75% working interest; Osborne Resources Ltd., ¹ 5.7% working interest; and Guinea Ecuatorial de Petr�leos (GEPetrol), 5% carried interest	Aseng Field, Block I	23,000

Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹A subsidiary of Gunvor Group.