

2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

COMOROS,¹ MAURITIUS, REUNION, AND SEYCHELLES

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MAURITIUS

In 2017 and 2018, 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, 2019, p. 16). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Mauritius is provided by the Minerals Act of 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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REUNION

In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement—represented only a minor part of the economy of Reunion (Institut d'Émission des Départements d'Outre-Mer, 2019). 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 Reunion 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 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities—notably crushed stone—represented only a minor part of the economy of Seychelles (Central Bank of Seychelles, 2019, p. 11). 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 and the Middle East, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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¹Although Comoros is a part of the Indian Ocean Islands, it did not produce any mineral commodities and depended upon cement imports to meet domestic demand.

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

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country and commodity ²	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
MAURITIUS					
Fertilizers	28,000 ^e	28,000 ^e	15,000 ^r	15,000 ^e	15,000 ^e
Iron and steel, products, rebar	25,000	24,000	14,000 ^{r, e}	5,000 ^e	8,000 ^e
Salt, sea	3,800 ^e	1,800 ^e	500 ^r	500 ^e	500 ^e
Sand and gravel, construction, sand	53,000	15,000	26,000 ^r	40,000	34,000
Stone, crushed, unspecified, including crushed basalt ^e	500,000	480,000	480,000	500,000	520,000
REUNION					
Cement ^e	350,000 ^{r, e}	250,000 ^{r, e}	170,000 ^{r, e}	180,000 ^e	200,000 ^e
SEYCHELLES					
Stone, size and shape unspecified:					
Granite, crusher dust	152,453	169,292	248,048 ^r	158,972	173,469
Other	129,131	217,353	175,898 ^r	163,277	196,095

^eEstimated. ^rRevised.

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, 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 information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output. Although Comoros is a part of the Indian Ocean Islands, it did not produce any minerals and depended upon cement imports to meet domestic demand.

TABLE 2
MAURITIUS, REUNION, AND SEYCHELLES: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES IN 2018

(Metric tons)

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

^eEstimated. Do. Ditto. NA Not available.