



2019 Minerals Yearbook

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

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In 2019, the economy of Congo (Brazzaville) was based largely on the production of crude petroleum (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, 2020, p. 10). 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

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TABLE 1
CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
METALS						
Copper, mine, ore, Cu content	--	--	15,400 ^e	15,000 ^e	15,000 ^e	
Iron ore, mine:						
Gross weight	thousand metric tons	--	--	40 ^e	70 ^e	
Fe content	do.	--	--	26 ^e	46 ^e	
Zinc, mine, ore, Zn content	--	--	4,000 ^e	4,000 ^e	4,000 ^e	
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic ^e	thousand metric tons	700	950	1,050	700 ^r	730
Diamond, gem, natural	carats	40,057	12,110	46,758	47,579	2,963
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Natural gas ³	thousand cubic meters	928,000	866,000	860,000	867,000	580,000
Petroleum:						
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels	84,753	82,125	95,886	118,078	120,158
Refinery ⁴	do.	5,475	5,840	6,205 ^r	6,570 ^r	6,205

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through July 22, 2020. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, crude construction materials (for example, clay, sand and gravel, and stone), gold, lead ore, lime, and limestone for cement 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 2019

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement	metric tons	Ciments d'Afrique	Plant at Hinda, Kouilou near Point Noire	500,000
Do.	do.	Dangote Cement Plc (Dangote Group)	Plant at Madingou	1,500,000
Do.	do.	Diamond Cement	Plant at Mindouli	600,000
Do.	do.	FORSPAK International Congo S.A.R.L.	Plant at Dolisie	300,000
Do.	do.	Société Nouvelle des Ciments du Congo (SONOCC) (Société National Chinoise des Travaux des Ponts et Chaussées, 56%, and Government, 44%)	Plant at Loutete	300,000
Copper	do.	SOREMI (China National Gold Group Corp., 60%; Gerald Group, 30%; Government, 10%)	SOREMI Mine, Mfouati district in Bouenza Region	20,000
Diamond	carats	Artisanal production	Mines located in Kouilou, Lekoumou, Likouala, Niari, and West Cuvette Departments	400,000
Gold	kilograms	do.	Mines in various locations	150
Iron ore, gross weight	thousand metric tons	Sapro S.A.	Mayoko Mine, Niari Department	12,000
Petroleum:				
Crude		Eni Congo S.A., 90%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 10%	Awa-Paloukou field, offshore	4,000
Do.		Wing Wah Petrochemicals, 85%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 15%	Banga Kayo field, onshore	18,300
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 50%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 40%; Africa Oil and Gas Corporation, 10%	Djambala field, offshore	1,500
Do.		Congorep (Perenco Group, 51%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 49%)	Emeraude field, offshore	8,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 58%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 34%; Africa Oil and Gas Corp., 8%	Foukanda and Mwafi fields, offshore	5,800
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 100%	Ikalou-Ikalou Sud fields, offshore	3,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 52%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 38%; Africa Oil and Gas Corp., 10%	Kitina field, offshore	15,000
Do.		Total Exploration & Production Congo, 65%, and Eni Congo S.A., 35%	Kombi, Libondo, Likalala fields, offshore	7,700
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 75%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 25%	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 Group, 10%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 7.5%; GALP, 4.5%	Lianzi field, offshore	14,600
Do.		Congorep (Perenco Group, 51%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 49%), 65%, and Eni Congo S.A., 35%	Likouala field, offshore	5,000
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 42.5%; Total Exploration & Production Congo, 42.5%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 10%; Continent Congo S.A., 5%	Loango field, offshore	6,500
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 100%	Loufika and Zingali fields, onshore	NA
Do.		Eni Congo S.A., 83%; Tullow Oil plc, 11%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 6%	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, 15%	Moho-Bilondo field, offshore	32,000
Do.		do.	Moho Nord field, offshore	51,100
Do.		do.	Nkossa and Nsoko fields, offshore	18,000

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 2—Continued
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Commodity	Major operating companies and and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Petroleum:—Continued			
Crude—Continued	Total Exploration & Production Congo, 55.25%; Eni Congo S.A., 29.75%; Congorep (Perenco Group, 51%, and Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 49%), 15%	Sendji and Yanga fields, offshore	9,500
Do.	Perenco Group, 40%; Hemla E&P Congo, 20%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 15%; Africa Oil and Gas Corp., 10%; Continent Congo S.A., 10%; Petro Congo, 5%	Tchibeli, Tchibouela, and Tchendo fields, offshore	21,000
Do.	CMS NOMEKO 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., 42.5%; Total Exploration & Production Congo, 42.5%; Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 10%; Continent Congo S.A., 5%	Zatchi field, offshore	7,600
Refined products	Congolaise de Raffinage (Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo, 100%)	Pointe Noire National Oil Refinery	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, 15%	Nkossa refinery platform, offshore	3,000
Zinc metric tons	SOREMI (China National Gold Group Corp., 60%; Gerald Group, 30%; Government, 10%)	SOREMI, Mfouati district in Bouenza Region.	11,000 *

*Estimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.