



2019 Minerals Yearbook

EQUATORIAL GUINEA [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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In 2019, 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 (the mining law) 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 and the Middle East, 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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Methanol thousand metric tons	760	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,000 ^c
Natural gas million cubic meters	6,600	6,821	7,218	6,504	5,693
Petroleum:					
Crude, including condensate	94,900	81,395	71,175	69,350	65,700
Refinery, liquefied petroleum gas ^c	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900

^cEstimated.

¹Table includes data available through June 18, 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, gold and a variety of crude construction materials (clay, stone, sand, and gravel) 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 2019

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Gold		Artisanal placer operations	Cogo municipality along Muni River, Litoral Province and Mongomo and Aconibe municipalities, Wele-Nzas Province	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%]	LNG Facility at Punta Europa, Bioko Island	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%]	Liquefied petroleum gas plant, Punta Europa, Bioko Island	7,700
Methanol	metric tons	Atlantic Methanol Production Company LLC. [Marathon Equatorial Guinea Methanol Ltd., 45%; Samedan Methanol, 45%; Sociedad Nacional de Gas de Guinea Ecuatorial (Sonagas), 10%]	Methanol plant, Punta Europa, Bioko Island	1,100,000
Natural gas	million cubic meters	Joint venture of Marathon Oil Co., 63%; Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 34%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 3%	Alba Field, Alba Block	8,000
Petroleum:				
Condensate		Joint venture of Marathon Oil Co., 65%, and Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 35%	do.	24,000
Do.		Joint venture of Noble Energy, Inc., 45%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 30%; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 25%	Alen Field, Block O	13,000
Crude		Trident Energy Management Ltd., 40.37%; Kosmos Energy Ltd., 40.37%; Tullow Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 14.25%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (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 Oilfields), Block G	20,000
Do.		Joint venture of Mobil Equatorial Guinea Inc., 71.25%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 23.75%; Government, 5%	Zafiro Oilfield, Block B	102,000
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., 40%; Atlas Petroleum International Ltd., 29%; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 25%; Gunvor Group Ltd., 6%	Aseng Oilfield, Block I	23,000

Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.