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THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES OF COMOROS,¹ MAURITIUS, REUNION, AND SEYCHELLES

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MAURITIUS

In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably crushed stone, fertilizers, gravel, sand, and steel rebar—represented only a minor part of the economy of Mauritius (Statistics Mauritius, 2020, p. 12). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Mauritius is provided by the Minerals Acts 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 2019, 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, 2020). 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,

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SEYCHELLES

In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably stone—represented only a minor part of the economy of Seychelles (Central Bank of Seychelles, 2020, p. 12). 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 minerals and depended upon cement imports to meet domestic demand.

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

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Country and commodity ²	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
MAURITIUS					
Fertilizers	28,000 ^e	15,000	15,000 ^e	14,800 ^{r,e}	15,300 ^e
Iron and steel, products, rebar	27,000 ^r	20,200 ^r	26,200 ^r	26,000 ^{r,e}	26,000 ^e
Salt, sea salt	1,800 ^e	500	500 ^e	510 ^{r,e}	527 ^e
Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:					
Sand and gravel, sand	15,000	26,000	40,000	34,000	35,100 ^e
Stone, crushed, unspecified, including crushed basalt ^e	480,000	480,000	500,000	510,000 ^r	526,830
REUNION					
Cement, hydraulic thousand metric tons	250	170 ^e	180 ^e	200 ^e	250 ^e
SEYCHELLES					
Stone, size and shape unspecified:					
Granite, crusher dust	169,292	175,898 ^r	158,972	196,095 ^r	215,925
Other	217,353	248,048 ^r	163,277	173,469 ^r	266,155

^eEstimated. ^rRevised.

¹Table includes data available through June 10, 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, 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 available 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 2019

(Metric tons)

Country and commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^e
MAURITIUS			
Aggregates	Betonix Ltd. (Bhunjun Group, 100%)	Quarries in Nouvelle France, Rose Belle, and Tour Koenig	NA
Do.	Gamma Materials Ltd. (Gamma Civic Ltd., 100%)	Quarry near Solitude	NA
Do.	United Basalt Products Ltd.	Quarry near Ausailles	660,000
Fertilizers	Mauritius Chemical and Fertilizer Industry Ltd. (Harel Mallac & Co. Ltd., 100%)	Plant in Port Louis	100,000
Steel, rebar	Samlo Koyenco Steel Company Ltd.	Plant 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.	Quarry in Victoria, Mahe Island	NA
Other, crushed	United Concrete Products (Seychelles) Ltd.	Quarry in Pointe Larue, Mahe Island	150,000
Do.	Civil Construction Company Ltd. Seychelles	Quarry on Mahe Island	150,000

^eEstimated. Do. Ditto. NA Not available.