



# 2016 Minerals Yearbook

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF BURUNDI

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably gold, tantalum, tin, and tungsten—represented only a minor part of the economy of Burundi (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 2017). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Burundi is provided by the Mining Code of Burundi (law No. 1/21 of October 15, 2013). The legislative framework for the petroleum sector is provided by the Mining and Petroleum 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 Burundi

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  
BURUNDI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES<sup>1</sup>

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity <sup>2</sup>		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS						
Gold, mine, Au content <sup>e</sup>	kilograms	500	400	500	500	500
Niobium and tantalum, mine, columbite-tantalite concentrate:						
Gross weight	do.	258,578	73,518	105,547	53,093 <sup>r</sup>	31,687
Nb content <sup>e</sup>	do.	51,000	14,000	21,000	10,000 <sup>r</sup>	6,200
Ta content <sup>e</sup>	do.	51,000	14,000	21,000	10,000 <sup>r</sup>	6,200
Tin, mine, cassiterite concentrate:						
Gross weight		117	31	12 <sup>r</sup>	72 <sup>r</sup>	22
Sn content <sup>e</sup>		50	13	5 <sup>r</sup>	30 <sup>r</sup>	9
Tungsten, mine, wolframite concentrate:						
Gross weight		565	12	49	19 <sup>r</sup>	131
W content <sup>e</sup>		270	6	23	9 <sup>r</sup>	63
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic		70,500	100,000 <sup>e</sup>	70,000 <sup>e</sup>	100,000 <sup>r,e</sup>	100,000 <sup>e</sup>
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Peat, fuel use		19,641	19,256	11,376	3,967 <sup>r</sup>	9,541

<sup>e</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. do. Ditto.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through February 22, 2018. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

<sup>2</sup>In addition to the commodities listed, brick and other clay, limestone, and sand and gravel may have been produced in Burundi, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
BURUNDI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement		Burundi Cement Co. (BUCECO)	Plant in Cibitoke Province	100,000
Clay		do.	NA	NA
Gold	kilograms	Artisanal miners	Various sites in Bujumbura, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Muyinga, and Ruyigi Provinces	500 <sup>e</sup>
Niobium (columbium) and tantalum, columbite-tantalite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: Tantalum Mining Co. (TAMINCO) do. CDP CODEMIBU DUTEZANYIMBERE Other cooperatives and artisanal miners	Locations: Gatete Mine in Kirundo Province Kivuvu and Manenge Mines in Kayanza Province Kidunduri Mine in Kayanza Province Muhuhuri Mine in Cibitoke Province Buyukana Mine in Kirundo Province 6 mines at various locations	260 <sup>e</sup>
Peat		Office Nationale de la Tourbe (ONATOUR)	Buyongwe, Gisozi, Gitanga, and Matana	20,000
Tin, cassiterite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: Tantalum Mining Co. (TAMINCO)  Cooperatives and artisanal miners	Locations: Gatete, Kibuba, Kivuvu, Munege, Murehe, and Ryamukona Mines 11 mines at various locations in Cibitoke, Kirundo, and Ngozi Provinces	100 <sup>e</sup>
Tungsten, wolframite ore and concentrate		Various producers, including the following: DUKEREBUKE MW'ITERAMBER  SECOMIB  Coop. Minière de Gashoho Other cooperatives and artisanal miners	Locations: Rwamirambol Mine in Muyinga Province Kuwinkona Mine in Muyinga Province Cunda Mine in Kirundo Province 20 sites in Kirundo and Muyinga Provinces	600 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup>Estimated. do. Ditto. NA Not available.