



2016 Minerals Yearbook

SOMALIA [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SOMALIA

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably granite, marble, and sandstone—represented only a minor part of the economy of Somalia (table 1; International Monetary Fund, 2017, p. 7, 34, 38; International Trade Center, 2017, p. 10, 14). Regional and local governing bodies, including the self-declared Republic of Somaliland in northwestern Somalia, the semiautonomous Federated Member State Government of Puntland in northeastern and south-central Somalia, and the internationally recognized Federal Government of Somalia (Mogadishu) controlled the combined areas of country. The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Somalia is provided by Articles 43, 44, and 54 of the Provisional Constitution of the Federal Republic of Somalia adopted in 2012. Table 1 is a list of major mineral industry facilities.

More-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Somalia 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
SOMALIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Beryl ore	African Resources Corporation Inc.	Awdal region	NA
Cement	Berbera Cement Plant (Republic of Somaliland, 100%)	Berbera cement plant, ¹ Berbera, Woqooyi Galbeed region	200,000
Gemstones	Artisanal miners	Various locations	NA
Salt	Primarily small-scale miners	do.	NA
Stone, granite and marble	Berbera Marble and Granite Factory	Berbera, Woqooyi Galbeed region	NA

NA Not available.

¹Not operating at the end of 2016.