



2016 Minerals Yearbook

EQUATORIAL GUINEA [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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In 2016, the economy of Equatorial Guinea was based largely on the production of crude petroleum, liquefied petroleum gas, and natural gas (African Development Bank Group, 2017, p. 169). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Equatorial Guinea is provided by law No. 9/2006 and law No. 8/2006. 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, 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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Methanol thousand metric tons	1,000	1,010	885	760 ^c	760 ^c
Natural gas million cubic meters	6,900	7,200	7,100	6,600	6,800 ^c
Petroleum:					
Crude, including condensate	99,000	97,000	102,000	105,000	83,220
Refinery production, liquefied petroleum gas	7,500	7,500	6,900	6,900 ^c	6,900 ^c

^cEstimated.

¹Table includes data available through November 29, 2017. 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, gravel, rock, and sand) may have been produced in Equatorial Guinea, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
EQUATORIAL GUINEA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Thousand 42-gallon barrels unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Gold	kilograms	Artisanal placer operations	Aconibe, Coro, and Mongomo	NA
Methanol	metric tons	Atlantic Methanol Production Co. L.L.C. [Marathon Equatorial Guinea Methanol Ltd., 45%; Samedan Methanol, 45%; Sociedad Nacional de Gas de Guinea Ecuatorial (Sonagas), 10%]	Punta Europa	1,100,000
Natural gas:				
Dry	million cubic meters	Marathon Oil Co., 63%; Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 34%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 3%	Alba field, Alba Block	8,000
Liquefied	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%]	Punta Europa	3,700,000
Petroleum:				
Condensate		Marathon Oil Co., 65%, and Noble Energy Equatorial Guinea Ltd., 35%	do.	24,000
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., 51%; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 25%; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 22.34%; Atlas Petroleum International Ltd., 1.38%; PA Resources AB, 0.28%	Alen field, Block O	13,000
Crude		Hess Equatorial Guinea, Inc., 80.75%; 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 fields), Block G	20,000
Do.		Mobil Equatorial Guinea Inc., 71.25%, Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 28.75%	Zafiro field, Block B	102,000
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., 40% working interest; Atlas Petroleum International Ltd., 29% working interest; Glencore Exploration (EG) Ltd., 25% working interest; Osborne Resources Ltd., ¹ 6% working interest; Guinea Ecuatorial de Petróleos (GEPetrol), 5% carried interest	Aseng field, Block I	23,000
Refinery production, 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%]	Punta Europa	7,700

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¹A subsidiary of Gunvor Group.