

ANTIQUE

Mineral Profile

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Region: *WESTERN VISAYAS (Region VI)*

Province: *Antique*

Population (as of August 1, 2015; in thousand): 582

Income classification: 2nd Class Province

Major economic activities: *Farming and fishing*

Antique is situated in the western section of Panay Island. It is an elongated stretch of land occupying the entire western side of the island. It is bordered by the province of Aklan in the northeast, Capiz on the east, Iloilo in the southwest and the Sulu Sea on the west. Its western-most and northernmost point is Semirara Island.

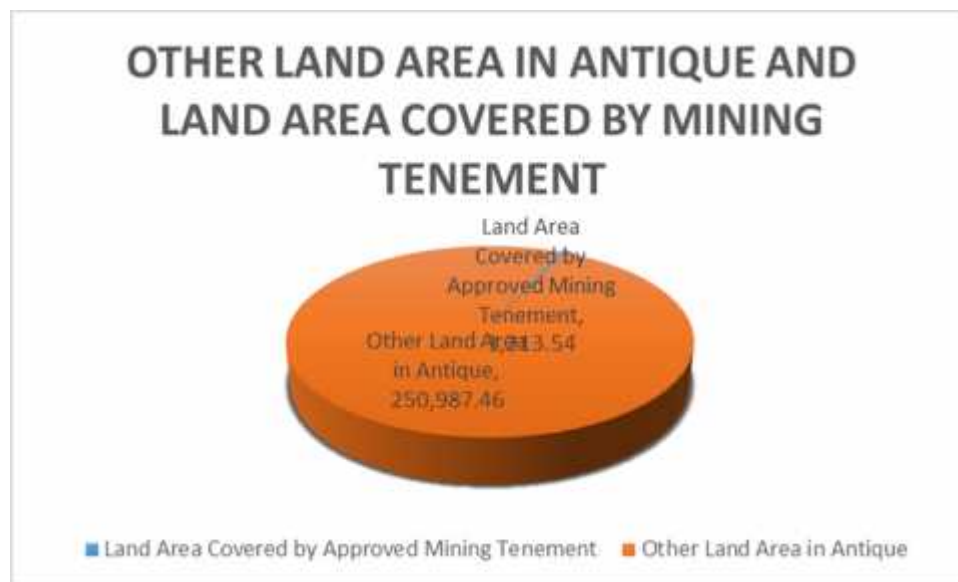
The province is composed of 18 municipalities with 590 barangays.

II. LAND AREA AND MINERAL POTENTIAL

Total land area of the province of Antique is 252,201 hectares. The total area covered by the approved mining rights is only 0.48% or 1,213.5375 hectares of the total land area of Antique.

Number of Mining Rights Issued by National Government in Antique

TYPE OF MINING RIGHT	NUMBER	AREA
Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA)	2	1,064.2271 has.
Industrial Sand and Gravel (ISAG) Permit	12	41.726 has.
Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit	58	96.7725 has
Quarry Permit	4	10.8119 has.
TOTAL	76	1,213.5375 has.



III. MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The province has no operating mining company. All mining companies are under exploration. Tudor Mineral Exploration Corporation (MPSA No. 170-2001-VI) and Far East Cement Corporation (MPSA No. 326-2010-VI) explore marble and limestone.

IV. ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

➤ EMPLOYMENT

Since there are no operations being conducted, employment consist only of administrative personnel. These companies are supposed to submit their monthly Mine General Accident Report (MGAR) for proper monitoring of the company's employment status, however, no reports have been submitted in the Office.

The role of mining when it comes to employment generation whether direct or indirect in the rural areas cannot be overly emphasized.

➤ TAXES PAID

- Total amount occupational fee paid by the two companies (TMEC and FECC) amounted to PhP 167,100.00.
- The municipality of Libertad explores for marble and limestone.

Note: All other LGU remittances from permittees are yet to be submitted.

