



## WESTERN VISAYAS REGION Mineral Profile

Region: Region VI (Western Visayas)

Provinces: 6

Cities: 16

Municipalities: 117

Barangays: 4,051

Population (2015 Census):

Total: 4,477,247

Density: 221/km<sup>2</sup>

Major economic activities: Farming and fishing

### Mining Investments

No records were found yet since companies are still under exploration period. Assets are yet to be found in the target areas.

### Gross Output

**From non-metallic minerals (2017)**

**PhP 333,575,171.42**

Estimated value of limestone, sand and gravel and ordinary earth produced.

### Employment

**509** (employed as of December 2017)

The figure includes only employees of MPP and ISAG permit holders issued by the MGB Region VI Office, including some of the submitted data of LGU issued permit holders/contractors/permittees. It is noted that some permit holders/contractors/permittees have not yet submitted their employment data. While estimates vary, it is conservatively projected that for every basic job in the mining company, about four (4) ancillary and indirect jobs may be generated in the upstream and downstream sectors.

The emergence of small enterprises/businesses in the host and neighboring communities due to the presence of mining operations in the area, and the livelihood projects supported by the mining companies, which generate both employment and income, cannot be discounted. These economic activities will naturally stimulate the local economy.

### Social Equity and Development

**The Philippine government recognizes the rights and participation of the communities and Indigenous Peoples and ensures the fair and equitable sharing of benefits among the company, the government and host communities**

**The Philippine government promotes the rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation of mineral resources guided by its commitment to responsible minerals development.**



### Economic Growth

**The Philippine government commits to provide a competitive investment climate and adequate protection of the rights and privileges of mining investors.**

### Mineral Resources Development Projects

- Iloilo (4 copper/gold/other associated minerals mines; 1 basalt rock quarry)
- Antique (1 marble quarry; 1 limestone quarry – partly in Aklan)
- Aklan (1 limestone quarry – partly in Antique)
- Capiz (2 copper/gold mines – partly in Iloilo)
- Guimaras (1 limestone quarry)
- Negros Occidental (5 copper/gold/other associated minerals mines; 1 silica mine and 1 manganese mine)

These are identified potential mineral resources with approved tenements but currently, these projects are non-operating and two are under care and maintenance after the suspension of operation in the early 2000.

### Revenues Collected

**PhP 3.099 M** (CY 2017)

Amount of occupational fees, extraction fees and excise tax paid by the mining companies from the region to the national economy.

### Land Area and Mineral Potential

2,022,320 hectares (source PSA)

Total land area of the Region in hectares.

**1.67% or 33,830.6051 hectares**

(as of December 2017)

Percentage of the Region's total land area covered by mining tenements. However, it should be emphasized that said area is still subject to the mandatory relinquishment as provided by law.

### Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation

**The Philippine government ensures the adequate protection of the environment, before, during mining operations and beyond the life of the mine.**

### Social Development and Management Program

**PhP 4.05 Million** (as of December 2016)

Amount committed by operating mines and mineral processing plant for the development of their host and neighboring communities through their approved Social Development and Management Program.

### Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation

**PhP 3,193,375.62** (as of December 2017)

Amount committed by operating mines for the implementation of approved plans/programs/projects/activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program.

### Mining Forest Program

**83,997 seedlings** (as of December 2015)

Number of seedlings planted by operating mines in more than 108.60 hectares of mined-out and other areas.