



WESTERN VISAYAS REGION Mineral Profile

Region: Region VI (Western Visayas)
Provinces: 6
Cities: 16
Municipalities: 117
Barangays: 4,051
Population (as of 2015 census):
Total: 4,477,247
Density: 221/km²
Major economic activities: Farming and fishing

Economic Contribution

PhP 8.67 Million or 2.7%

Estimated Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of Region VI, Western Visayas from mining and quarrying at constant 2000 prices. It accounted 2.7% of the total GRDP of the Region in 2016.

Employment

263 (employed, as of December 2016)

The figure includes only employees of MPP and ISAG permit holders issued by the MGB Region VI Office, not including the data from LGU permit holders as well as the MPSA contractors. 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.

Taxes & Fees Paid

PhP22.9 Million (estimated, 2016)

Amount of national and local taxes, fees and royalties generated and contributed to the Philippine 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 limestone quarry; 1 marble quarry)
- Aklan (1 limestone quarry)
- Capiz (2 copper/gold mines)
- 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.

Land Area and Mineral Potential

2,022,320 hectares (source PSA)
Total land area of the Region in hectares.

6.66% or 134,745.33 hectares
as of December 2016

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

PhP5.98 Million (as of December 2016)

Amount committed by operating mines for the development of their host and neighboring communities through their approved Social Development and Management Program. Around 18 barangays stand to benefit from the implementation of approved SDMP of the mining company.

Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation

PhP2.52 Million and PhP3.29 Million
(as of June 2017)

Amount committed by operating mines for the implementation of approved plans/programs/projects/activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program, and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan, respectively.

Mining Forest Program

529,039 seedlings as of December 2016
Number of seedlings planted by operating mines in more than 929.70 hectares of mined-out and other areas as of 2015.