

# ANTIQUE

## Mineral Profile

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Region:** *WESTERN VISAYAS (Region VI)*

**Province:** *Antique*

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

**Income classification:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

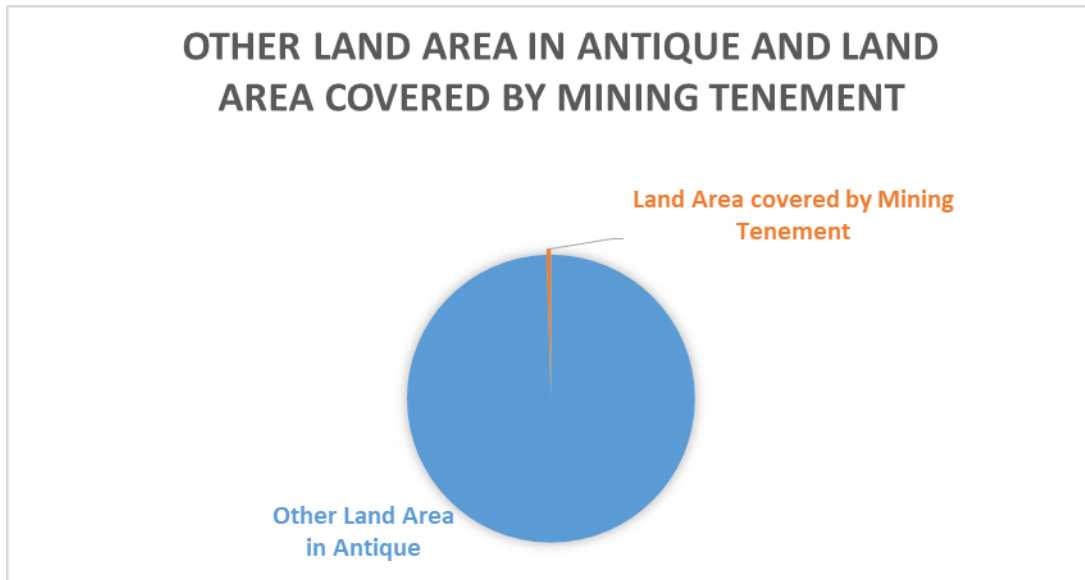
The province is composed of 18 municipalities with 590 barangays.

### 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 0.497% or 1,252.8656 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	26	83.0347 has.
Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit	59	88.8039 has.
Quarry Permit	4	16.7999 has.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,252.8656 has.</b>



### **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**

Based on the LGU-issued permits of the province of Antique, there is a total of 125 employees, 81 (64.8%) of which are male and 44(35.2%) are female.

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 79,875.00.
- The municipality of Libertad explores for marble and limestone.

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