



2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

BRUNEI [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF BRUNEI

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In 2017 and 2018, hydrocarbons were a leading segment of the economy of Brunei Darussalam (Brunei). The natural gas and petroleum extraction industry accounted for 46% of the country's gross domestic product in 2018 and 44% in 2017. Mineral fuels accounted for nearly 90% of the export of goods (Department of Economic Planning and Development, 2019a, b). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Brunei is provided by the Mining Act 1984 edition (chapter 42) and the Petroleum Mining Act 1984 edition (chapter 44). 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 Brunei can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Asia and the Pacific, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/asia-and-pacific>.

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TABLE 1
BRUNEI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Thousand metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cement, hydraulic ^c	240	230	250 ^r	270	290
Natural gas:					
Gross ^c million cubic meters	11,600 ^r	12,600 ^r	12,200 ^r	12,400	12,100
Marketable do.	11,010 ^r	12,000	11,550 ^r	11,803	11,472
Petroleum:					
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	41,600	42,100	39,800	36,700	36,300
Refinery, products ^c do.	4,500 ^r	4,500 ^r	3,000	3,000	3,000

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through June 18, 2019. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, sand and gravel and varieties of stone may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
BRUNEI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Cement		Butra HeidelbergCement Sdn. Bhd. (HeidelbergCement Group, 70%, and PJ Corp. Sdn. Bhd., 30%)	Serasa, Brunei-Mauara District	500
Natural gas	million cubic meters	Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) (Royal Dutch Shell plc, 50%, and Government, 50%)	Champion field, offshore	NA
Do.	do.	do.	Fairley field, offshore	NA
Do.	do.	do.	Southwest Ampa field, offshore	7,500
Do.	do.	Total SA (operator), 37.5%; Royal Dutch Shell plc, 35%; PB ExPro Sdn Bhd (PetroleumBRUNEI Sdn Bhd), 27.5%	Maharaja Lela, Block B, offshore	2,100
Petroleum:				
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels	Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) (Royal Dutch Shell plc, 50%, and Government, 50%)	Champion field, offshore	36,000
Do.	do.	do.	Fairley field, offshore	NA
Do.	do.	do.	Magpie field, offshore	2,200
Do.	do.	do.	Rasau field, onshore	NA
Do.	do.	do.	Seria field, onshore	10,000
Do.	do.	do.	Southwest Ampa field, offshore	NA
Refinery	do.	Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) (Royal Dutch Shell plc, 50%, and Government, 50%)	Seria oil refinery in Seria, Belait District	3,700

^cEstimated. Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.