



2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

TIMOR-LESTE [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF TIMOR-LESTE

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In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities— notably marble, natural gas, crude petroleum (including condensate)—represented only a minor part of the economy of Timor-Leste (Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo e Minerais, 2018a, p. 25; 2018b). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Timor-Leste is provided by Decrees-Laws Nos. 32/2016 and 64/2016. 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 Timor-Leste can be found in the 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
TIMOR-LESTE: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

Commodity ²	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Natural gas:						
Gross volume	million cubic meters	8,600	9,900	8,400 ^c	7,700 ^c	7,300 ^c
Dry	do.	6,300	7,700	6,300	5,800	5,500
Petroleum, crude, including condensate	thousand 42-gallon barrels	27,010	22,630	17,885	14,600	12,000

^cEstimated. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through June 5, 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, marble may have been produced in Timor-Leste, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
TIMOR-LESTE: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Natural gas, dry	million cubic meters ConocoPhillips Australia (ConocoPhillips Co., 56.9%; Santos Ltd., 11.5%; INPEX Corp., 11.4%; Eni S.p.A., 11%; Tokyo Timor Sea Resources Pty Ltd., 9.2%)	Bayu-Undan field, Timor Sea	5,500
Petroleum, crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels do.	do.	12,000

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