



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND MINING



10 Facts about Jamaica's

MINERALS SECTOR



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Minerals that are of commercial value to Jamaica includes, Bauxite, Clay, Gypsum, Limestone & Whiting, Marble, Marl & Fill, Pozzolan, Shale, Silica Sand, Sand & Gravel.

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The minerals industry directly employs over 5,000 Jamaicans and is responsible for hundred of other indirect jobs and businesses.

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The minerals sector contributes an average of 75% of Jamaica's annual export earnings.

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The minerals industry contributes and average of 2.5% to the annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP).





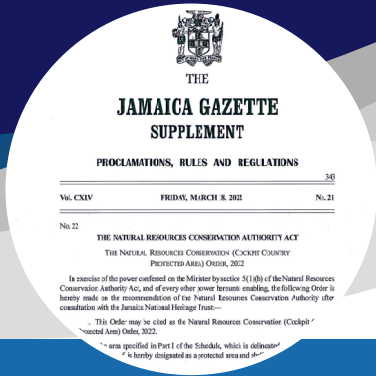
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Limestone is Jamaica's most abundant mineral commodity with about 3/4 of our land area comprising of it. A significant percentage of this is classified as high purity limestone.



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Most of our mineral deposits lie close to the surface. This results in our extraction methods been more environmentally conscious, cost-effective and efficient.



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No form of mineral extraction or mineral processing is done in the cockpit country protected area.

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Organizations with direct oversight of the minerals sector includes: Mines and Geology Division (MGD), Jamaica Bauxite Institute (JBI), Clarendon Alumina Production Limited (CAP), Jamaica Bauxite Mining Limited (JBM).




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The primary legislations which guide the minerals sector includes: The Quarries Control Act, The Mining Act, Mining Health and Safety Regulations, The Mineral Vesting Act, Gunpowder and Explosives' Regulations, Quarries Regulations, and the National Minerals Policy.

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In addition to bauxite, Jamaica has other metallic mineral resources such as copper, iron, Gold, Silver, Zinc and Lead.



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