



Benguet THE MINERAL PROFILE

Region: Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)
Province: Benguet
Municipality: 13
Barangays: 140
Including independent city 269
Population (2015): 446,224 excluding Baguio City
Income Classification: 1st Class Province
Major economic activities: Agriculture (vegetable & flower farming), Tourism, Mining

Mineral Statistics

₱ 164.9 Billion or 7.3%

Estimated Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of CAR. Mining and quarrying registered **₱1.79 Million** at 2000 constant prices. It accounted a downtrend of 15% of the total GRDP of the Region.

Mining Investments

US\$ 138.8 Million or ₱7.3 Billion

(as of December 2018)

Total reported investments of mining projects in the Cordillera

Mineral Commodities

Copper

55,423 DMT worth ₱ 3.58 Billion

Estimated value of copper produced in Benguet in 2018.

Gold

3,089 Kg worth ₱ 6.59 Billion

Estimated volume and value of gold produced by mining companies in Benguet in 2018.

Silver

5,057 Kg worth ₱ 124 Million

Estimated volume and value of silver produced by mining companies in 2018.

Quicklime 8,995 MT worth

₱ 92 Million

Estimated value of quicklime produced in Benguet in 2018

Slakelime 1,672 MT worth

₱15.1 Million

Estimated value of quicklime produced in Benguet in 2018

Sand and Gravel ₱ 9.7 Million

Estimated value of sand and gravel in 2018

Copper Exports US\$ 84.1 Million

Estimated export value of copper in 2018 from Benguet. Japan and Switzerland are the major countries of destination.

Gold Exports US\$ 138 Million

Estimated export value of gold in 2017 that went to Japan and China and Switzerland.

Silver Exports US\$ 2.3 Million

Estimated export value of silver in 2018 that went Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan.

Employment

6,271 Males; 816 Females Total of 7,087 (employed as of December 2018)

Workers currently employed at the operating mines in Benguet. While estimates vary, it is conservatively projected that for every basic job in the mines, about four ancillary/indirect jobs may be generated in the upstream and downstream sectors.

The Philippine government promotes the rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation of mineral resources guided by its commitment to responsible minerals development.



Taxes Paid

PhP 1.19 Billion

Amount of national and local taxes, fees and royalties generated and contributed to the Philippine economy in 2018 by operating mines and mineral processing plant in CAR.

Mineral Resources Development Projects

3 Gold Mines

- Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company (*Victoria Gold Project*)
- Itogon Suyouc Resources, Inc.
- Benguet Corporation (*Acupan Contract Mining Project*)

1 Copper Mine

- Philex Mining Corporation (*Padcal Cu-Au Project*)

1 Limestone

- Benguet Management Corporation (*Irisan Lime Project*)

Industrial Sand and Gravel

- Mountain Rock Aggregates
- ML Carantes Devt. & General Construction
- Rolando V. Bautista

Land Area and Mineral Potential

305,117 ha as of 2007

Total land area of Benguet in hectares.

5.25% or 16,020.2638 hectares

as of December 2017

Percentage of Benguet's total land area covered by mining tenements.

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

Social Development and Management Program

₱152.67 Million (2018)

Amount committed by operating mines for the development of their host and neighboring communities through their approved Social Development and Management Programs.

Environmental Protection and Management

₱ 473 Million CY 2018

Amount committed by operating mines for the implementation of approved plans/programs/projects/ activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programs for CY 2018

Mining Forest Program

- Total area of 3,232.64 Hectares planted from 2011 to 2018 by operating mining companies in the province of Benguet

National Greening Program (NGP)

- A total of 21,708.1522 hectares were planted.
- A total of 36,852 Hectares potential areas for rehabilitation.

Environmental Protection and Management

The Philippine government ensures the adequate protection of the environment, before, during mining operations and beyond the life of the mine.