



**MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU**

**CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION**  
**Mineral Profile**

**Region** : Region VII (Central Visayas)  
**Province** : 4  
**Cities** : 16  
**Municipalities**: 97  
**Barangays**: 2,446  
**Population** (as of 2015 Census)  
**Total** : 6.04 Million  
**Major economic activities**: Industry

**ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION**

**Php 4.58 Billion or 0.9%**  
Estimated Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of Region 7 (Central Visayas) from mining and quarry industry accounted to 0.9 percent of the total GRDP of the Region in 2016.

**Mining Investment**

**Php 108.4 Million**  
(estimated, as of December 2016)

**GROSS OUTPUT**

**Copper, Gold, Silver, Limestone, Dolomite**

**Php 12.8 Billion and Php 1.2 Billion**  
The value of metallic and non-metallic minerals extracted in the region.

Although majority of the mining operations in Central Visayas is for non-metallic minerals which is valued at P 1.2 Billion, Central Visayas is poised to be the largest Copper Concentrate producer in the Philippines. The total value of the metallic mineral products, P12.8 Billion is from copper concentrate and its by-products – gold and silver.

**EXPORT**

**US\$ 1.6 Billion** (2016)  
The total estimated export value of copper concentrate, gold, silver in 2016 is **US\$ 184.6 Million** with China, Japan, Korean are its major trading partners. For non-metallic exports such as processed Dolomite, processed limestone, and marbleized limestone, total export value is **US\$ 163 Million** with Taiwan, Japan, Guam, India, US, China, Korea, New Caledonia, and Indonesia.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**4,507 employees**  
This statistic shows the number of regular and contractual employees hired by the mining operators. However, employees of the contracting services have not been accounted yet.

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



**Economic Growth**

**The Philippine government commits to provide a competitive investment climate and adequate protection of the rights and privileges of mining investors**

**TAXES AND FEES PAID:**

**Php 7.4 Billion**  
The total contribution of mining contractors, operators, and exploration permit holders to the Philippine economy through the amount paid for income tax, excise tax on mineral, customs duties and fees, value added tax, local business tax, real property tax, community tax among other national and local taxes.

**Social Equity and Development**

**The Philippine government recognizes the rights and participation of the communities and indigenous peoples and ensures that fair and equitable sharing of benefits among the company, the government and host communities**

**MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Cebu – 1 copper mine; 1 dolomite mine; 3 limestone mine; marbleized limestone mine; 1 andesite and basalt mine; 5 mineral processing plants  
Bohol – 1 limestone mine; 2 mineral processing plants  
Negros Or.— 1 silica mine  
Siquijor— 1 limestone mine

**LAND AREA AND MINERAL POTENTIAL**

**1,192,635 hectares** (source: Namria)  
Total land area of Central Visayas

**31.5 percent or 376,207 hectares**

Percentage of the province' total land area covered by mining tenements and mining application. This data is however subject to the mandatory relinquishment as provided by law.

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

**Php 357 Million**  
Total amount committed by operating mines for the development of their host and neighboring communities through their approved Social Development and Management Program.

**Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION**

**Php 331 Million and Php 85Million**  
Amount committed by operating mines for the implementation of approved plans/ programs/projects/ activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan for/as of 2016 respectively. The CLRF Steering Committee is still deliberating the FMRDF of 8 mining companies.

**MINING FOREST PROGRAM**

**75,704 seedlings**  
Planted by operating mines in over 42 hectares of land within and outside the mining area as of 2016.

*“Mining shall be pro-people and pro-environment in sustaining wealth creation and improved quality of life.”*