

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

BURKINA FASO

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Burkina Faso's economy was dominated by agriculture, which accounted for about 40% of its gross domestic product (GDP). The minerals sector typically has accounted for only 1% to 2% of the GDP. There is international and local interest in developing the diamond, gold, limestone, manganese, phosphate,

and zinc deposits of Burkina Faso. For more-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Burkina Faso, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

TABLE 1
BURKINA FASO: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 2/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Gold 3/ kilograms	5,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	1,450
Manganese, Mn content of ore	17	30	9	10	1
Pumice and related volcanic materials	10	11	11	11	10
Salt	7	7	7	7	5
Stone, marble	100	110	110	110	100

1/ Includes data available through August 12, 1998.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, other industrial minerals and construction materials (phosphate, sand and gravel, etc.) are produced, but information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

3/ Includes undocumented artisanal production.