



MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU

Mineral Exports

US\$ 2.797 Billion

Exports of minerals in 2015 Copper, gold and nickel are the country's top mineral exports. Japan, Australia, Canada and China are the major countries of destination.

Employment

236,000

Workers currently employed in the minerals industry. While estimates vary, it is conservatively assumed that for every job in the industry, about four indirect jobs may be generated in the upstream and downstream sectors.

Taxes Paid

PhP 25.782 Billion

Amount of national and local taxes, fees and royalties that the minerals industry generated and contributed to the Philippine economy in 2015.

Economic Growth

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

Mineral Statistics

PhP 110.21 Billion

In 2015, the total estimated production value for metallic minerals is PhP110.21 Billion, down by 22.45% or PhP31.90 billion vis-à-vis 2014's PhP142.11.

PhP 80.90 Billion

Estimated Gross Value Added (GVA, excluding crude oil) in mining at current prices in 2015.

Primary Mineral Commodities

Gold

PhP 35.33 Billion

Estimated value of gold produced in 2015.

Nickel & Nickel Products

PhP54.90 Billion

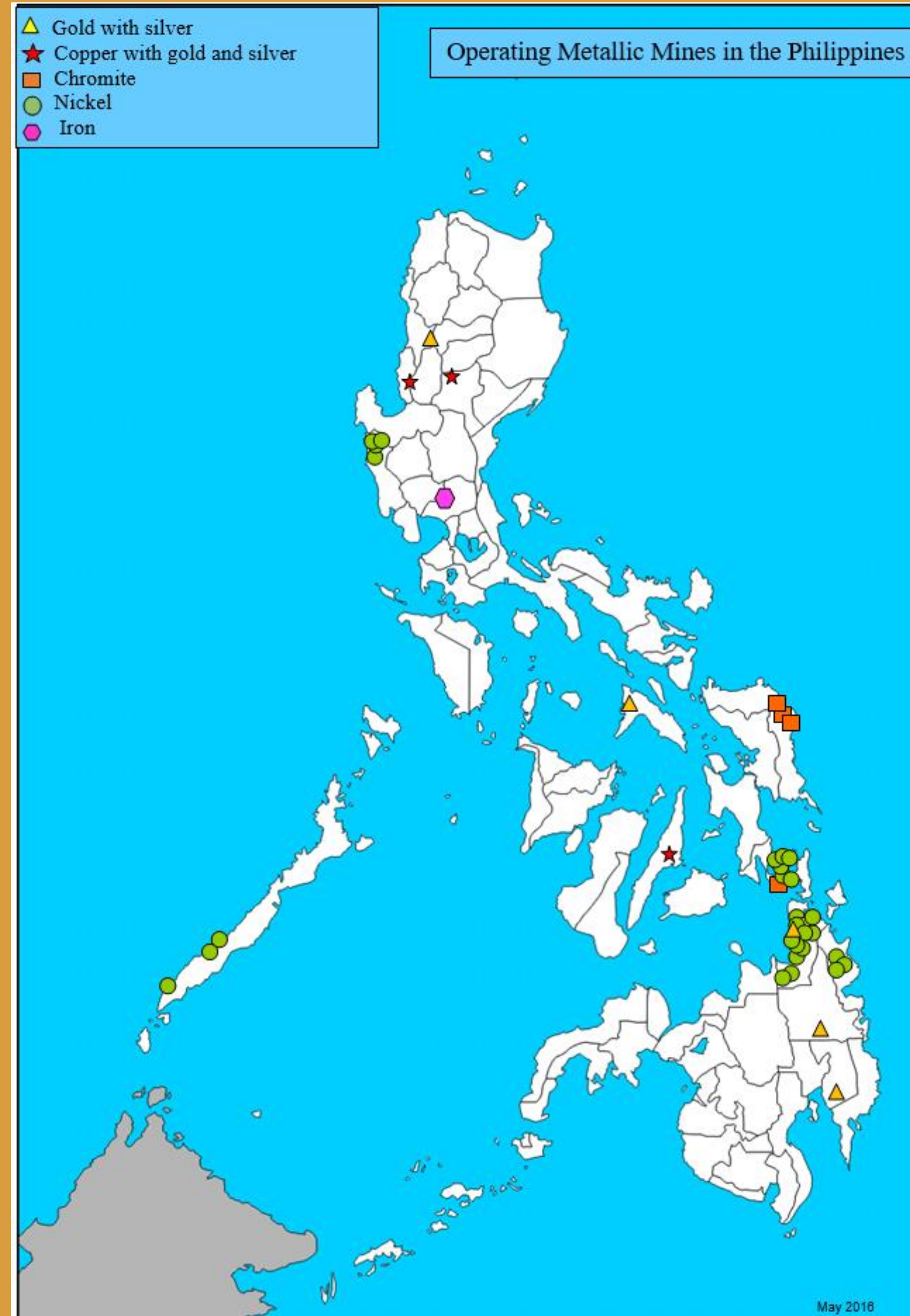
Estimated value of nickel produced in 2015

Copper

PhP18.98 billion

Estimated value of copper produced in 2015

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



Mineral Resources Development Projects

Operating Mines and Quarries

- 40 metallic mines (5 gold mines, 3, copper mines, 27 nickel mines, 4 chromite mines and 1 iron mine)
- 62 non-metallic mines (35 limestone/shale quarries, 6 silica quarries, 17 aggregate quarries, 1 dolomite quarry and 3 clay quarries)
- 5 processing plants (2 gold processing plants, 2 nickel processing plants and 1 copper processing plant)
- 16 cement plants
- 2,397 small quarries and sand & gravel operations covered by permits issued by LGUs

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

Land Area and Mineral Potential

30 Million

Total Land area of the Philippines in hectares.

2.2 Million

The Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in square kilometers with a total shoreline of 35,286 kilometers, making it the 3rd longest shoreline in the world.

9 million

Number of hectares identified as having high mineral potential.

2.70% or 0.811 million hectares as of June 2016

Percentage of the Philippines' total land area covered by mining tenements. However, it should be emphasized that said area is still subject to the mandatory relinquishment by contractors provided by law.

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.

Social Development and Management

PhP13.153 Billion as of August 2016

Amount committed by mining companies for the development of their host and neighboring communities through their approved Social Development and Management Programs. Around 767 barangays stand to benefit from the implementation of approved community/social projects of various companies.

Environmental Protection and Management

PhP19.119 Billion and PhP3.878 Billion as of August 2016

Amount committed by mining companies for the implementation of approved plans/programs/projects/activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programs and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plans, respectively.

Mining Forest Program

Number of seedlings planted by 99 mining companies in more than 23,927.56 hectares of mined-out and other areas as of 2015. Of these, 25.916 million trees have survived, or a survival rate of 95.31%. Under the National Greening Program, the mines sector has committed to reforest 34,000 hectares from 2011 to 2013. In 2013, various tree species were planted and 47,809.154 hectares were reforested as of December 2015.