

# SAMAR

## Mineral Profile

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Region:** *Eastern Visayas (Region VIII)*

**Province:** *Samar*

**Population** (as of 2015): *780,481*

**Income classification:** *1<sup>st</sup> Class Province*

**Major economic activities:** *industrial, farming and fishing*

Samar Island lies southeast of Luzon. It occupies the northernmost section of Eastern Visayas or Region VIII. The province of Samar (western) occupies the southwestern part of Samar Island.



Samar Island was divided into three (3) provinces: Northern Samar, Eastern Samar and Western Samar (officially known as Samar by RA 5650 on June 21, 1969).

The San Juanico Bridge connects Samar to the province of Leyte on the southeast across the San Juanico Strait. It is bounded on the north by Northern Samar, on the east by Eastern Samar, on the south by Leyte Gulf and on the west by the Samar Sea. Catbalogan City, the provincial

capital is 107 kilometers from Tacloban City, the regional capital of Eastern Visayas.

The province of Samar is divided into two (2) congressional districts, with the first district composed of nine (9) municipalities and one city (Calbayog), while the second district is composed of 15 municipalities and one city (Catbalogan), the capital and a newly created city. Majority of the municipalities and the two (2) cities are coastal and only four (4) are in the mainland. The province has a total of 951 barangays, being 409 coastal and 542 inland.

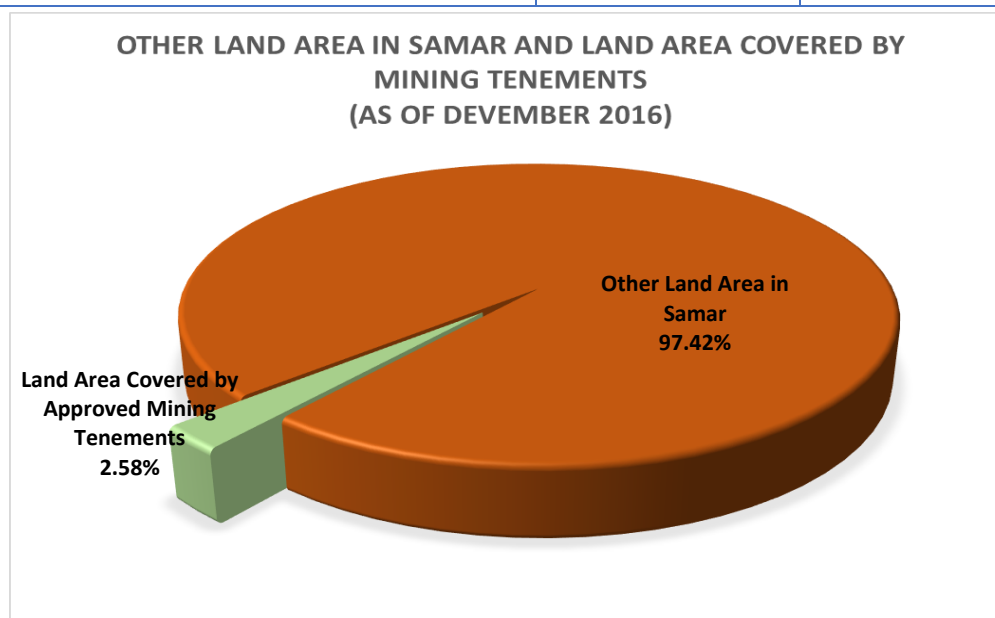
## II. LAND AREA AND MINERAL POTENTIAL

The total land area of Samar is 571,155 hectares, the largest among the three provinces which constitute 42% of the island's total land area and 26% of Region VIII.

The total area covered by the approved mining rights is only 2.58% or 14,748.7366 hectares of the total land area of Samar.

### Number of Mining Rights Issued by National Government in Samar

| TYPE OF MINING RIGHT                         | NUMBER   | AREA               |
|--|----------|--------------------|
| Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA) | 3        | 14,246.9090        |
| Exploration Permits (EP)                     | 1        | 501.8276           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>4</b> | <b>14,748.7366</b> |



### III. MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Samar Sur hosts no operating mines but has existing and valid mining tenements.

|             | <b>Mining Permits</b>  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>MPSA</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alumina Mining Philippines in Motiong and Paranas</li><li>• Bauxite Resources Inc., in Gandara, San Jose de Buan and Paranas</li><li>• Manganese Mineral Belt Mining Development Corp. in Catbalogan</li></ul> |
| <b>EP</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don Angelo Cobbarubias in Gandara</li></ul>  |

The major ore commodities of Samar are hematite and magnetite chromate, nickel and manganese. Meanwhile, copper, minor zinc and lead are usually in the primary form of sulfide and associated with abundant pyrite.



A mining site for Bauxite deposits in Brgy. Canliges, Paranas, Samar. The province has a 50-year moratorium on large-scale mining activities.

The municipalities of Paranas, Hinabangan, San Jose de Buan and Brgy. Calapi, Motiong are where mineral deposits of copper, manganese and bauxite are found. A wider copper prospect location covering an area of approximately 600 square kilometers is situated at Bry. Lawa-an, Paranas, Samar, about 30 kilometers southeast of Catbalogan.

Two area surveyed for manganese deposits are Brgy. Maylobe in Paranas and Cataydongan in San Jose de Buan, which cover an area of about 67 square kilometers. The Cataydongan deposit is similar to that of Maylobe, however, the host is different being pyroclastic and volcanic rocks.

Limestone widely outcrops in Samar. In some areas, massive coralline limestone suitable as “marble” for construction and indoor decorations are exposed for quarrying and processing.

The province has potential areas for mining which are classified into metallic and non-metallic minerals as listed below.

| Type of Minerals    | Location  |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Metallic</b>     |   |
| Bauxite             | Hinabangan, Paranas   |
| Copper              | Hinabangan  |
| Gold                | Gandara   |
| Manganese           | San Jose de Buan, Calbayog City, Daram                          |
| Pyrite              | Hinabangan  |
| <b>Non-Metallic</b> |   |
| Green tuff          | Paranas, Gandara  |
| Limestone (Marble)  | Calbayog City, Marabut  |
| Peat                | Basey   |
| Red Burning Clay    | Gandara, Catbalogan, San Jorge, Sta. Rita, Calbayog City, Basey |

#### **IV. ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION**

##### **➤ Mining Investments**

Total reported investments of mining permits in the province amounted to PhP31,000,000 (as of December 2015). In terms of amount invested, Alumina Mining Philippines reported the highest with 20 million.

##### **➤ TAXES PAID**

- Total amount of fees (occupation fees) earned mining permits in Samar to the Philippine economy amounted to PhP2,597,455.90 as of end of 2015.
- Alumina Mining Philippines, Inc. reported the highest amount paid with PhP1,355,558.62 as of end of 2015.
- Specific municipalities where the mining permits are located are in Motiong, Paranas, San Jose de Buan and Gandara.
- It is important to note that not all the taxes, fees and royalty payments made by the mining companies go to the host province, municipality or barangays where they are located. Only a partial of the amount collected is downloaded to the Local Government Units.
- Municipalities that are part of the mineral reservation in the province of Samar include Jiabong, Motiong, San Jose de Buan and Paranas .