



# Taraba State Economic Environment

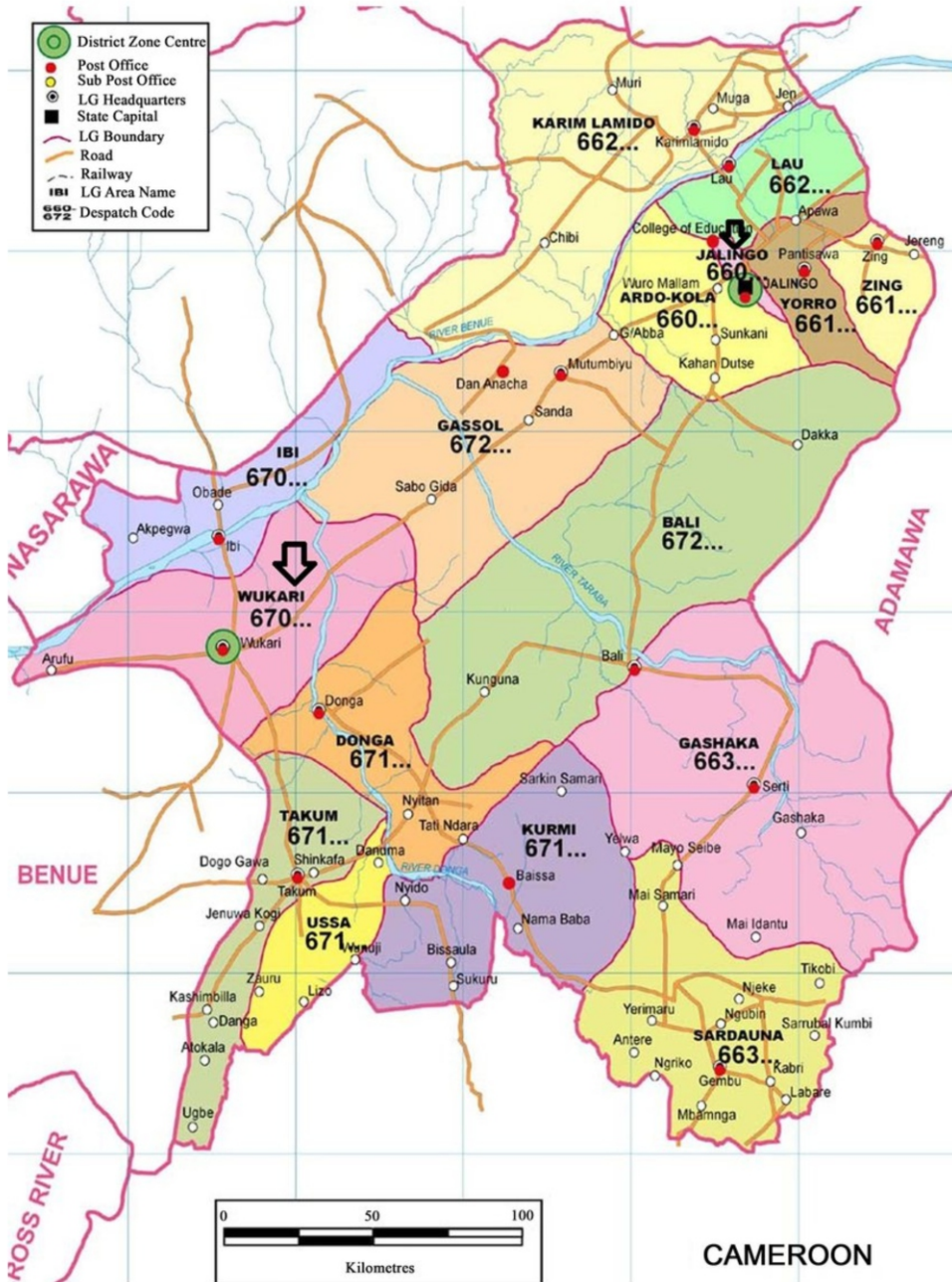
Discover the Untapped Potential of Taraba State:  
Investment Opportunity for Growth and Sustainability.



# BUREAU FOR SOLID MINERALS TARABA STATE

## PRELIMINARY UPDATED MINERAL MAP OF TARABA STATE

### EXPLANATION



- ABSESTORS
- AGATE
- BARITE
- BAUXITE
- BENTONITE
- BERYL
- BRINE
- CALCITE
- CLAY
- COLUMBITE
- COPPER
- FELDSPAR
- FIRECLAY
- GRAPHITE
- GALENA
- GOLD
- GYPSUM
- ILMENITE
- IRON STONE
- LIMESTONE
- LITHIUM
- MONOZITE
- PYRITE
- RUTILE
- SAPPHIRE
- TANTALITE
- WOLFRAMITE
- URANIUM
- ZIRCON

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# Overview

## Jalingo

Capital City

Taraba State is in the North-Eastern part of Nigeria and is named after the Taraba River.

## 1991

Created

## \$13.27b

GDP

## \$3.720

Per Capita

## \$124million

Annual Budget

## 4M+

Citizens



## 59,400km<sup>2</sup>

Land Mass



## 33c

Average Temperature

## 16

Local Government Areas

## 2

Senatorial Districts

## 19.4%

Urban Population



## 52.5%

Adult literacy



## 17 years

Median Age

## 2.4 Million

Labour force

**Politics:** Democratically elected government



**People:** Culturally diverse with over 15 tribes, popularly referred to as Nature gift





## MEET YOUR HOST



**HIS EXCELLENCY  
DR. AGBU KEFAS  
GOVERNOR, TARABA STATE**

The Executive Governor of Taraba State is a statesman driven by an unyielding passion for progress, education, and service - a leader poised to steer Taraba State towards an era of prosperity, inviting foreign investors to join hands in shaping a future defined by growth and sustainability.





# Biography

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Agbu Kefas was born into a legacy of military and public service in Taraba State. Educated at esteemed institutions in Nigeria and globally recognized through executive education certifications from Harvard Kennedy School, his recent PhD achievement underscores his relentless pursuit of knowledge.

Following a distinguished 21-year military career, he pivoted into key government agency roles within the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Presidential Committee on North-East Initiative, demonstrating a deep-rooted dedication to national development.

Transitioning into politics, His Excellency's passion for transforming communities became evident as he rose to the State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in Taraba State. His landslide victory in the Taraba State PDP gubernatorial primary election in 2022 signifies his unwavering commitment to uplifting Taraba State into a beacon of growth and opportunity.

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## Key Industries

With its fertile soil and stunningly diverse outdoor landscape, the state stands as a beacon for agriculture, supporting the cultivation of various food and cash crops including;

### i. Crops:

Rice, Maize, Sorghum, Millet, Cowpea, Groundnut, Soybean, Cassava, Yam, Sweet potato, Plantain, Banana, Mango, Pineapple, Papaya, Watermelon, Tomato, Pepper, Okra, Beniseed

### ii. Fruits:

Mangoes, Pineapples, Papayas, Watermelons, Bananas, Plantains, Guavas, Avocados, Citrus (oranges, lemons, limes), Berries (strawberries, raspberries)

### iii. Livestock:

Cattle (beef and dairy), Goats (meat and milk), Sheep, Pigs, Chickens (broilers and layers), Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits, Fish (catfish, tilapia

### iv. Tree Crops:

Cocoa, Tea, Coffee, Cashew, Shea butter, Palm oil, Rubber Spices, Herbs: and Other Produce Ginger, Chili peppers, Garlic, Onion, Honey, Gum Arabic, Sesame seeds Melon seeds.

Beyond agriculture, the newly elected Taraba State administration is harnessing the natural gifts of the state, which are currently underdeveloped and represent an untapped revenue source in sectors now identified as key drivers for industrialization, leading to job creation and infrastructural development across the state.

Taraba is also a tourist haven with picturesque landscapes. It is home to the incredible Mambila Plateau. Mambilla Plateau houses the Chappal Waddi Mountain, which stands at a height of 2,419 meters and is believed to be the highest point in Nigeria.



**Agriculture**  
Harvesting Taraba Tomato



**Forestry**  
Reviving Baissa Timber



**Power Generation**  
Kashimbila Dam



**Solid Minerals**  
Restricting the value chain



**Culture and Tourism**





## Accessibility

The state is accessible by Air and by road



Direct Flight  
Jalingo to Abuja

Local existing private airlines operates 3 times a week, connecting flight direct to Danbaba Suntai Airport in the state capital Jalingo, to Nigeria Capital Airport Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport and the rest of the world.



Kashimbila  
Airstrip

Soon to commence flight services to Kashimbila Airport in the south where the Hydro-power Dam and game reserve are located. The airports' southern location makes this area of the state accessible.



Helicopter  
Service

State run Helicopter service to provide investors with efficient access to remote sites.



Road

Good road network to allow movement of goods around and out of Taraba to Sea Ports in Lagos or Port Harcourt.





# Banking & Financial Services



There are over 10 top rated national commercial banks in Taraba State, including Taraba Micro-finance Bank (TMB) and Taraba Savings and Loans (TSL).

TMB & TSL are state run banks and have a good network of local branches that provide financial services to investors operating within rural communities. Both Banks are well capitalized and have consistently delivered excellent banking services.



## SECURITY

Taraba is a peaceful state with a low security alert level. The roads are well policed and have minimal to no security threats on the highways that link the state capital. There is no direct threat to investors or their investment.







# Culture and Tourism

Unspoiled beauty authentic cultural encounters.

**Investing in  
Eco-friendly resorts  
Guided tours  
Infrastructure  
Community engagement  
to unlock potential**

Discover the untouched allure of Taraba State, a hidden gem nestled in Nigeria's embrace. Its lush landscape, and rich cultural tapestry weave a narrative of natural beauty waiting to be unveiled. With cascading waterfalls, verdant forests, and diverse wildlife, Taraba holds a promise of unparalleled experiences for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.

Yet, despite its breath-taking potential, Taraba's gifts remains largely untapped. This untouched canvas presents a unique opportunity for visionary investors to sow the seeds of development and sustainability. Some of such attractions include Wapanghaku and Crocodile Pond in Wukari , Mambila Mountains, Gashaka Gumti National Park in Gashaka, Nwonyo Fishing Festival in Ibi attracts fishermen and spectators alike.

**Mambila Plateau, Taraba State**





# Solid Minerals





Through the Bureau for Solid Minerals in the State, Taraba State has incorporated a company called Taraba Minerals Resource Company Limited. This is the legal means in which any state in the federation Nigeria is allowed to go into mining directly to develop solid mineral deposits, the state is actively sourcing partnerships that will fund operational and capital expenditure and improve human capital throughout the mining value chain.

The state has undertaken some exploratory activities on delineated areas and has also marked some mineralized zones. Future partnerships will also include more in-depth geophysical studies to ascertain reserves.





# Solid Minerals Listings

Metals Non-Metals Gemstones





Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Metals	1.	Azurite	Yorro/Zing, Gashaka, Kurmi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of copper metal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascertained location of occurrence and collection of sample for exhibition only.</li> <li>• Qualitative analysis and quantitative evaluation yet to be done.</li> </ul>
	2.	Cassiterite	Gashaka, Kurmi, Sardauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of bearing metal for alloy and tin plating and tin salts for dying and printing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked on at Serti in 1949.</li> <li>• Existing potential yet to be revaluated</li> <li>• Field sample collected for exhibition.</li> </ul>
	3.	Chromite	Bali and Donga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of special steel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reported occurrence with obtained samples</li> <li>• Location yet to be ascertained and prospect not determined.</li> </ul>
	4.	Columbite	Gashaka, Kurmi,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of ferrotantalum alloys in the manufacture of rockets and aircraft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked on at Serti in 1940s.</li> <li>• Existing potential yet to be revaluated</li> <li>• Field sample collected for exhibition.</li> </ul>
	5.	Gelena	Ibi, Karim Lamido, Sardauna, Wukari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of batteries, lead metal and in nuclear reactors.</li> <li>• Production of alloys, chemicals for dyeing printing, glass making, insecticide production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked on at Arufu in Wukari L.G.A. In the 1940s.</li> <li>• Needs re-evaluation for exploitation</li> <li>• Samples have collected for exhibition.</li> </ul>
	6.	Haematite	Sardauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In production of Iron</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascertained location of occurrences</li> <li>• Samples collected for exhibition only.</li> </ul>
	7.	Ilmenite	All Sixteen LGA of the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of Iron and Titanium Oxide for industrial chemicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of occurrences are numerous and known.</li> <li>• Found mostly as heavy mineral fraction of stream sediments in most parts of the state.</li> </ul>
	8.	Magnetite	All Sixteen LGA of the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of Iron and steel for construction tools and machineries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascertained location of occurrences</li> <li>• Samples collected for exhibition only.</li> </ul>
	9.	Malachite	Ibi, Karim Lamido, Bali,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of copper metal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of occurrence known,</li> <li>• Sample collected but not tested</li> </ul>





Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Metals	10.	Monozite	Gashaka Kurmi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A source of Radioactive ores for nuclear purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It occurs in association with cassiterite of Serti (Gashaka L.G.A)</li> <li>• Yet to be investigated to determine reserves.</li> </ul>
	11.	Uranium (i) Pitchblende (ii) Torbenite	Lau, Zing, Yorro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is used as pitchblende in nuclear reactors for the production of various energy-nuclear weapons, photography and chemical reagents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three uranium ores that have been found to occur in Lau, Yorro &amp; Zing L.G.As are Arnotite, Pitchblende and tortbernite.</li> <li>• Investigations by the Nigeria Uranium Mining Company (NUMCO) in 1980 obtained as reserve estimate of 52 metric tones in one site that was investigated in details.</li> <li>• Other prospects are yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	12.	Antimonite	Bali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source of the metal Antimonite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	13.	Rutile	Bali, Donga, Gashaka, Kurmi, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chief sources of titanium oxide for industrial chemicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled and tested,</li> <li>• The TiO<sub>2</sub> content of most collected sample is greater or equal to 60%</li> </ul>
	14.	Bauxite	Sardauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of aluminium metal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated</li> </ul>
	15.	Gold	Gashaka Kurmi, Bali, Takum, and Sarduana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In jewellery and currency production worldwide,</li> <li>• Used in production of scientific instruments, &amp; dental appliances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked it Serti (Gashaka L.G.A) and Galea (Kurmi L.G.A) in the 1940s by the Europeans.</li> <li>• The deposits need to be re-evaluated for exploitation.</li> </ul>
	16.	Silver	Wukari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In productions of jewellery and plating of metal and for monetary purpose, photography,</li> <li>• Production of table wares, and electronic equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native silver was named at Arufu by the Europeans in the 1940s. The deposit need to be re-evaluated for exploitation, as huge potential still exist.</li> <li>• Silver is contained in various proportions in the Galanaores. The Galanadeposits need to be</li> </ul>





Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Non-Metals	17.	Molybdenite	Bali, Gashaka, Kurmi, Sardauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of various metal alloys that are extremely hard,</li> <li>• Though and can withstand very high temperature.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of occurrences known,</li> <li>• Sample yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	18	Manganese	Sardauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of ferro alloy metal in making steel where hardness and toughness are desired,</li> <li>• Used in dry batteries and also for production of chemicals and disinfectants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated</li> </ul>
	19.	Palladium	Karim Lamido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use for jewellery, dental alloys, surgical instrument, photography,</li> <li>• Catalizer in chemical and petroleum industries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtained in the sample of Galena collected from Karim Lamido L.G.A.</li> <li>• The chemical analysis of the Galena yielded 4% Palladium content</li> </ul>
	20.	Pyrite	Donga, Jalingo, Kurmi, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of sulphur used in manufacturing of matches and gun powder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	21.	Lepidolite	Bali, Gashaka, Kurmi, Donga, Ussa, Takum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The major source of Lithium used in rechargeable batteries, mobile phones, microwaves, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of deposit yet to be done.</li> <li>• Reserve not known</li> </ul>
	22.	Scheelite	Yorro, Zing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The major ore of tungsten which is used as light bulb filaments and X-ray tubes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	23.	Tantalite	Kurmi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used as a source of tantalum and niobium metals, computer chips.</li> <li>• Telecom/Chemical equipment, special steel production.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported occurrence</li> <li>• Yet to be sampled and tested</li> </ul>
	24.	Gypsum	Ibi, Karim Lamido, Lau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of cement, fertilizer, Chalk and paint also for production of POP for medical use and pesticides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.</li> </ul>
	25.	Kaolin	Bali, Donga, Lau Sardauna, Takum, Ussa, Gassol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of paints, drugs, paper, tyre, chalk and ceramic wares</li> <li>• Fertilizer production and petroleum industries as anticake detergents</li> <li>• Pesticides production.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampled for exhibition, potential yet to be determined fully. Like Barite it occurs in commercial quantity.</li> </ul>





Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Non-Metals	26.	Kyanite	Ibi, Wukari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial raw material,</li> <li>Refractory wares.</li> </ul>	• Sampled for exhibition not yet evaluated
	27.	Limestone	Ardo-Kola, Ibi, Karim, Lamido, Lau, Wukari	Production of cement, fertilizer and calcium carbide or welding purposes, use as flux for melting metallic ores	Sampled, tested and found to have high CaCO <sub>3</sub> content of greater or equal to 70%. Over a large area of occurrence in Lau L.G.A among others. Reserves not yet determined
	28.	Marble	Ussa,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction materials,</li> <li>Used in lime production.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reported occurrence with obtained samples.</li> <li>It is pure white and has granular texture.</li> </ul> Evaluation yet to be done
	29.	Milky Quartz	Bali, Gashaka, Kurmi, Sarduana, Yorro, Zing	In production of glass and abrasives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occurs in veins and pagematites</li> <li>Sample for exhibition, reserved unknown.</li> </ul>
	30.	Rose Quartz	Donga, Takum	• Mostly used for jewelleryes	Reported occurrence with obtained samples. The prospect are yet to be determined
	31.	Brine	Ibi, Karim Lamido, Wukari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for flavour and food preservation, for animal skin tanning</li> <li>Production of industrial chemicals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is being produced locally at Akwana in Wukari L.G.A and has a long history of its production.</li> <li>The prospect is yet to be evaluated for large scale production</li> <li>The Brines (salt springs) of K/Lamido L.G.A are yet to be sample or evaluated</li> </ul>
	32.	Trona	Karim-Lamido	• In production of soap and sodium compounds used in breaching, dyeing and printing of fabrics	• Sampled for exhibition but yet to be evaluated.
	33.	Zircon	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Sardaura, Takum, Ussa	• Used for jewelleryes and production of high grade abrasives, source of Zirconium metal and used in construction of nuclear reactors	• Samples for exhibition reserves not known.







Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Gem Stones	34.	Aquamarine	Ardo-Kola, Takum, Bali, Kurmi, Sardauna, Ussa	• For Jewelleries	• Sampled and location ascertained • Reserves not determined.
	35.	Amethysts	Ardo-Kola, Bali, Donga, Gassol, Sardauna, Yorro, Ussa	• As gemstone for jewelleries	• Sampled and location ascertained • Reserves not determined.
	36.	Beryl	Ardo-Kola, Takum, Bali, Kurmi, Sardauna	• Chief source of beryllium metal (for special steel in rocket production) used for ornaments	• Samples and location of occurrences ascertained • Reserves yet to be determined.
	37.	Chalcydonic Agates (i) Camelian	Bali, Donga, Ibi, Kurmi, Sardauna, Yorro.	• As semi gemstone for production of room decorators.	• Sampled from various known locations. • Reserves not known.
		(ii) Chrysoprase	Sarduana, Yorro.	• As semi gemstone for jewelleries	
		(iii) Heliotrope	Donga, Kurmi, Sardauna	• As semi gemstone for jewellery and production of room decorators.	
		(iv) Onyx	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Kurmi, Yorro	• As semi gemstone for jewellery and room decorators	
		(v) Plasma	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Ussa,	• As semi gemstone for jewellery and room decorators.	
		(vi) Prase	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa, Yorro	• As semi gemstone for jewellery and room decorators.	
		(vii) Sard	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Sardauna, Yorro	• As semi gemstone for jewellery and room decorators.	
		(vii) Sardonyx	Bali, Donga, Kurmi Sarduana, Yorro.	• As semi gemstone for jewelry and room decoration	





Mineral Class	S/No.	Mineral	Locality	Some Known Industrial Uses	Remarks
Gem Stones	38.	Cubic Zirconium	Kurmi	• Gemstone for jewellery	• Reported occurrence with obtained sample. Prospect yet to be investigated
	39	Garnet (Pyrope)	Bali, Kurmi, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa	• Production of abrasives • Jewellery	• Reported occurrence with sample obtained • Reserves known
	40	Glassy quartz	Ardo-Kola, Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Sarduana, Takum, Ussa	• In production of glass, ceramics, electronic components • Watch making	• Sampled from various locations. • Reserves not known
	41.	Morion	Bali, Kurmi, Gashaka, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa	• As gemstone for jewellery • Room decoration	• Reported occurrence with obtained sample. • Evaluation of deposits yet to be done.
	42	Ruby	Bali, Gashaka, Karim-Lamido, Kurmi, Sarduana, Yorro	• As gemstone for jewelry • Production of abrasives and discs	• Reported occurrence with obtained sample. • Prospect yet to be investigated
	43.	Sapphire	Bali Gashaka, Karim Lamido, Kurmi Sardauna, Ibi, Yorro, Zing	• As gemstone for jewellery	• Deposit not investigated but worked. • An unknown quantity of sapphire has been worn from deposit in Sarduana and Karim Lamido L.G.As of the State through illegal mining operation.
	44.	Topaz	Bali, Kurmi, Sardauna, Ussa	• As gemstone for jewellery • Production of abrasives.	• Reported occurrence obtained with sample. • Prospect yet to be investigated
	45.	Tourmaline	Bali, Donga, Kurmi, Sardauna, Takum, Ussa, Gashaka	• As gemstones for jewellery • Manufacture of pressure gauges & Radio Transmitters	• Reported occurrence with obtained samples. • Prospect are many but yet to be investigated
Radioactive	46.	Thorium	Bali	• Nuclear energy	• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.
Non-metallic	47.	Coal	Sardauna, Kurmi, Donga	• Production of Electricity	• Sampled but yet to be evaluated.





# SOME MINERAL RESOURCES AND ARTISANAL MINING ACTIVITIES IN TARABA STATE



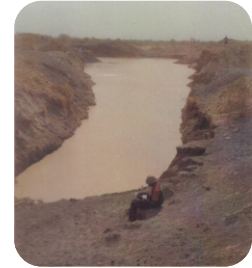
Bauxite exposure on the outskirts of Maisamari, Sardauna L.G.A



Local prospecting for Sapphire Sardauna L.G.A



Local gold mining on part of dry stream bed west of Serti, Gashaka L.G.A



Local barite mining location at Didango, Karim Lamido L.G.A



Artisanal mining of Sapphire, Sardauna, L.G.A



A local Mining pit



Uraniun ore exposure, the dark brown portion is a small pond the locals fetch water for drinking



Local draining of water from a mining pit



Graphite exposure at Chinchin



Calcite artisanal mining site Pupule, Zing L.G.A



Local mining of Lead and Zinc at Akwana, Wukari L.G.A



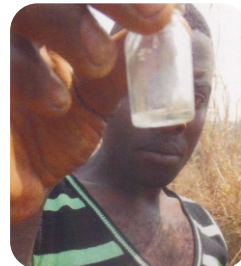
Calcite artisanal mining at Pupule, Zing L.G.A



Low laying Syenite rock body associated with calcite at Pupule & Appawa



Small quantity of gold collected in Kenor gold mining site being displayed by one of the local miners



Site for recovering Zircon sand on river Mala at Sarkin Boka



SAPPHIRE



COPPER ORE



URANIUM



AMETHYST



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