

Diamonds worth an estimated \$13 million to \$16 million per year are produced by artisanal miners and exported, mostly through informal channels. Commercially exploitable deposits of coloured gems on the eastern side of the Rift Valley are now the subject of a mining rush comparable only to that of Brazil in the 1980s.

Tanzania is also host to two gemstones that are not found anywhere else in the world, Tanzanite and green garnet. The only known deposit of Tanzanite in the world is near Mererani, in northern Tanzania between Arusha and Moshi.

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