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**Ministry of Mines**



**Geology and Mineral Resources  
of Myanmar**

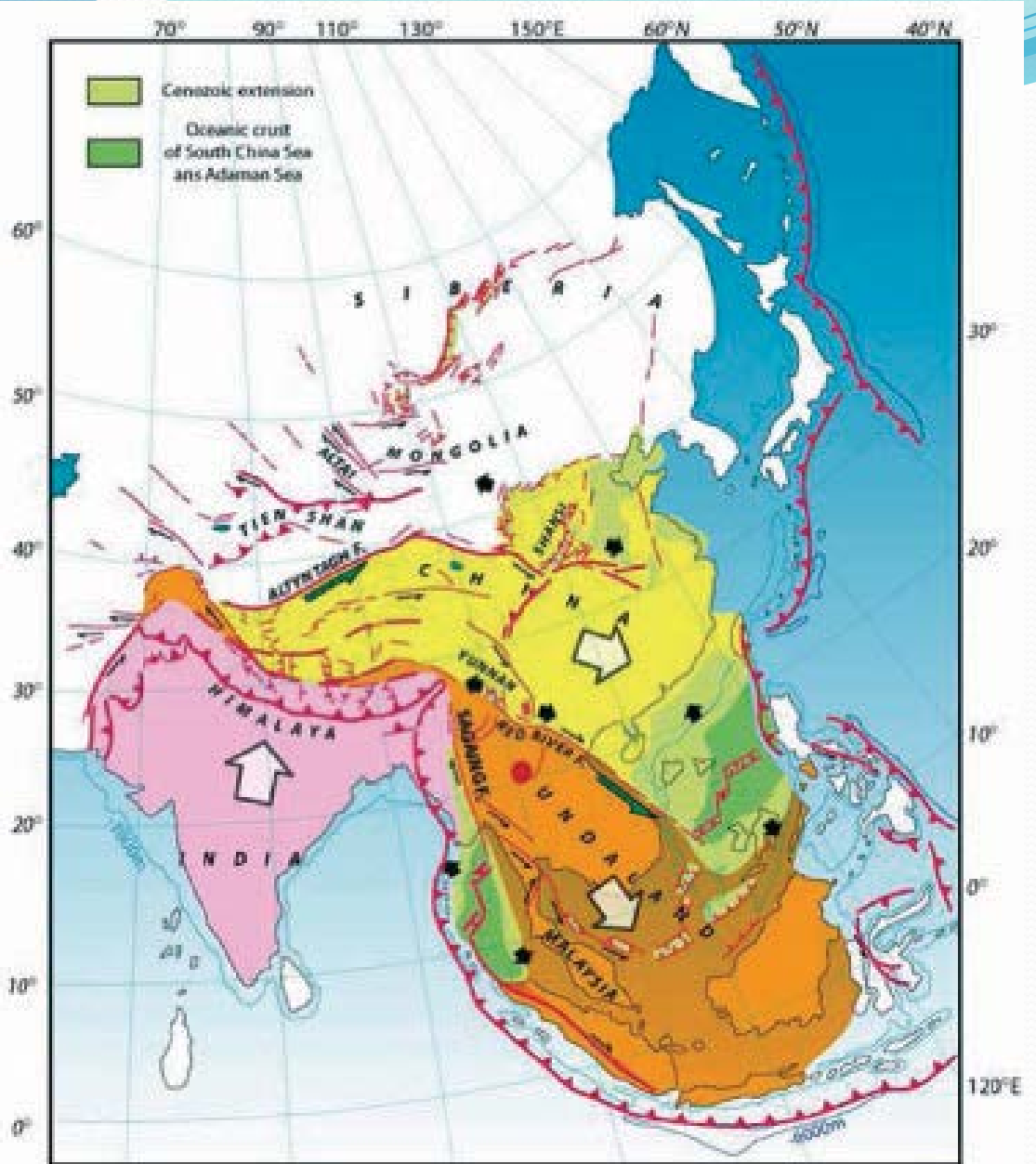
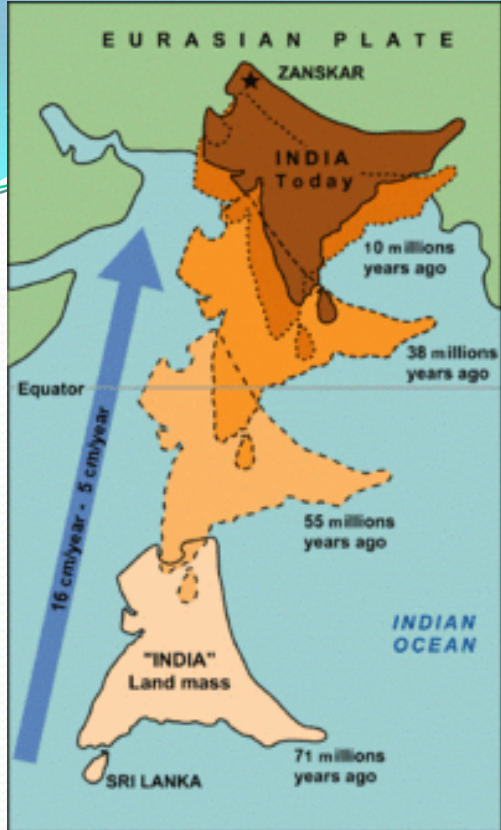
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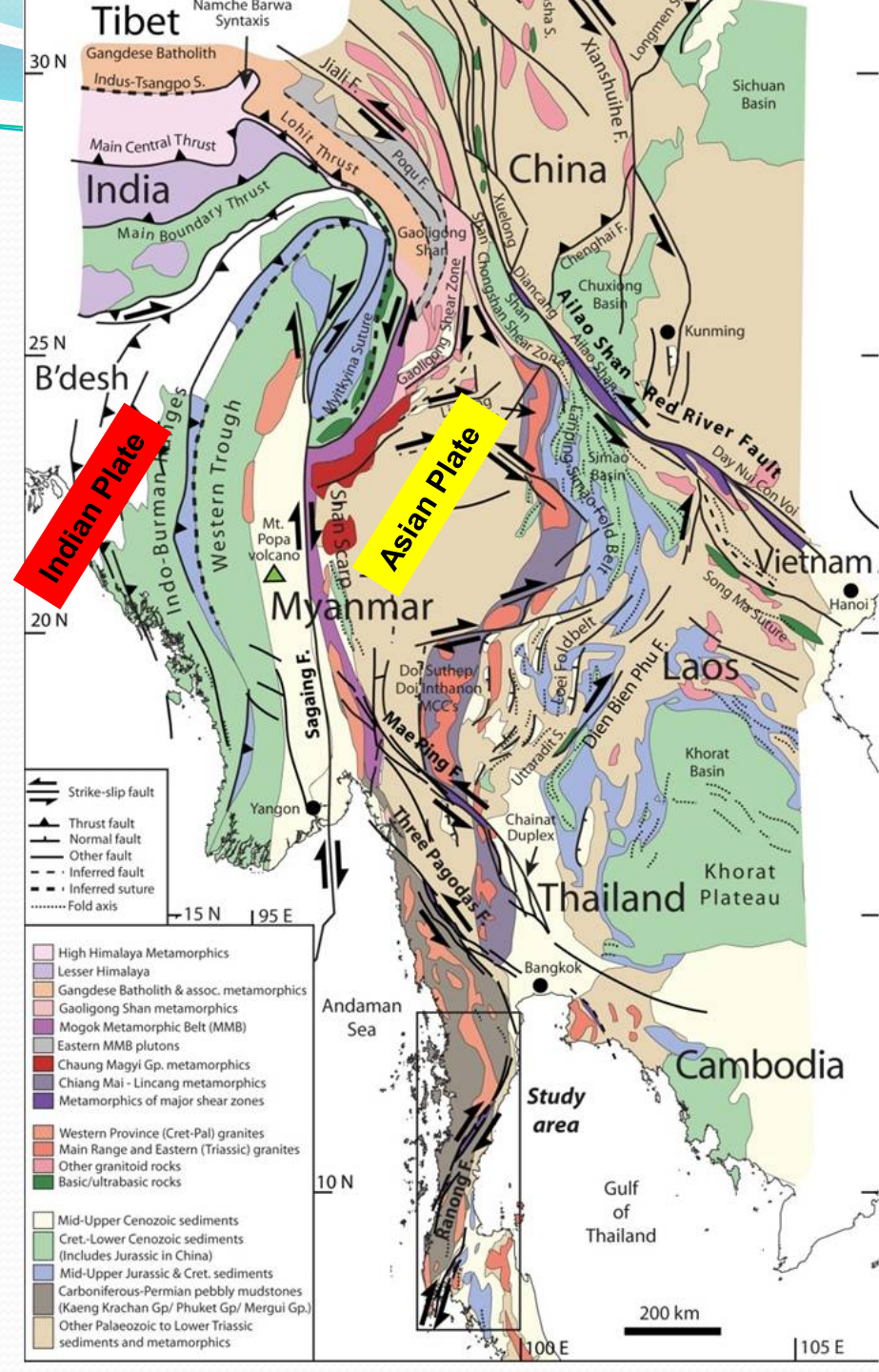
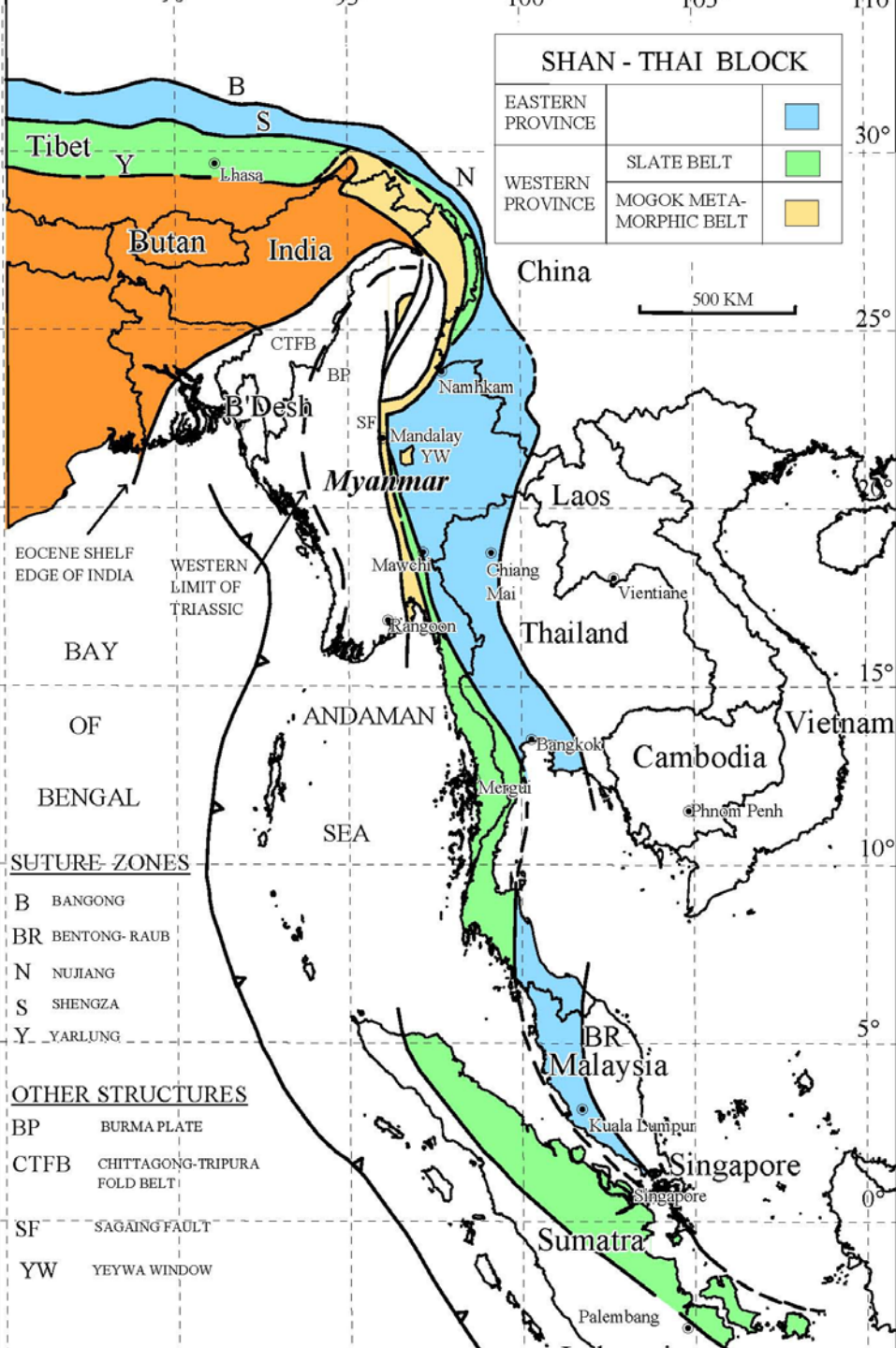


# 1. INTRODUCTION

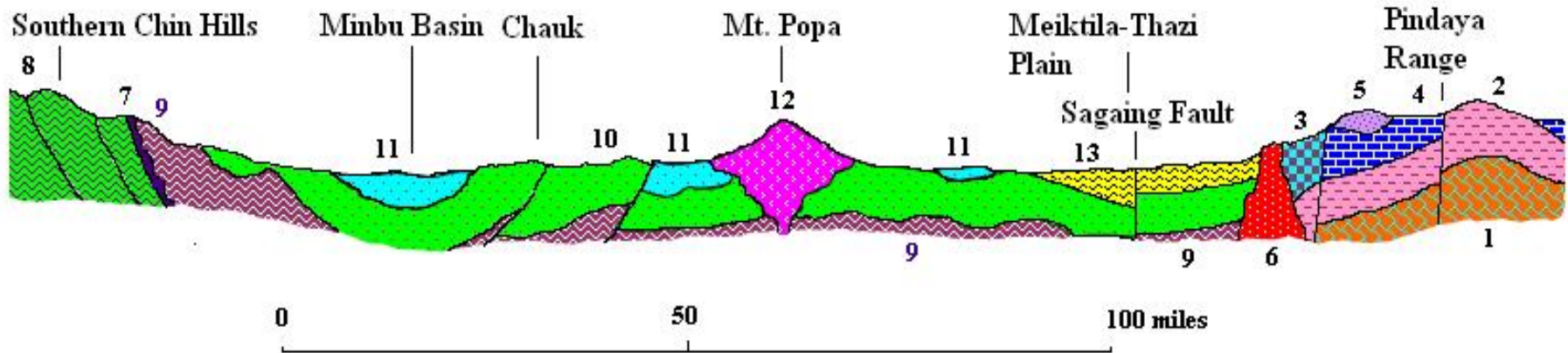
<b>Area</b>	:	<b>678528 sq.km</b>
<b>Coast Line</b>	:	<b>2100 km</b>
<b>NS Extend</b>	:	<b>2200 km</b>
<b>EW Extend</b>	:	<b>950 km</b>
<b>Population</b>	:	<b>60 millions(appx.)</b>
<b>Region</b>	:	<b>7</b>
<b>State:</b>	:	<b>7</b>
<b>Location</b>	:	<b>10° N to 28° 30'N 92°30'E to 101° 30'E</b>



**Regional Tectonic setting of Myanmar as a result of collision between Indian and -Asian plates**



**GENERALIZED GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTION ACROSS MYANMAR, APPROXIMATELY ALONG LATITUDE 21° N  
(Vertically Scale greatly exaggerated)**



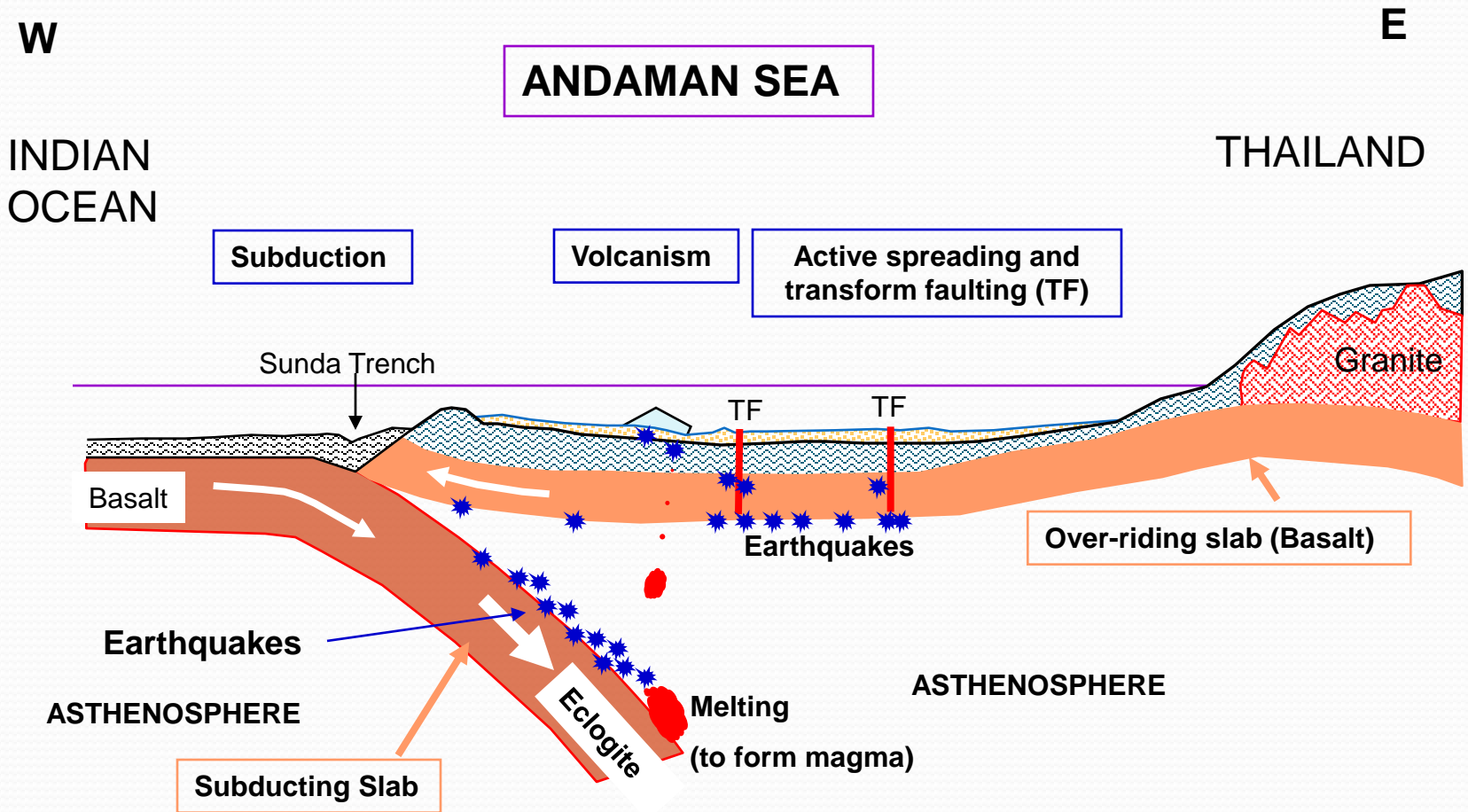
- 1\_ Chaung Magyi Group; 2\_ Lower Paleozoic units; 3\_ Lower Carboniferous units; 4\_ Plateau Limestone  
 5\_ Jurassic Units; 6\_ Mesozoic granitoids; 7\_ Upper Cretaceous-Paleocene ultrabasic rocks; 8\_ Miocene-Eocene flysch  
 9\_ Eocene molasse; 10\_ Pegu Group; 11\_ Irrawaddy sandstones; 12\_ Upper Cenozoic Volcanics; 13\_ Alluvium

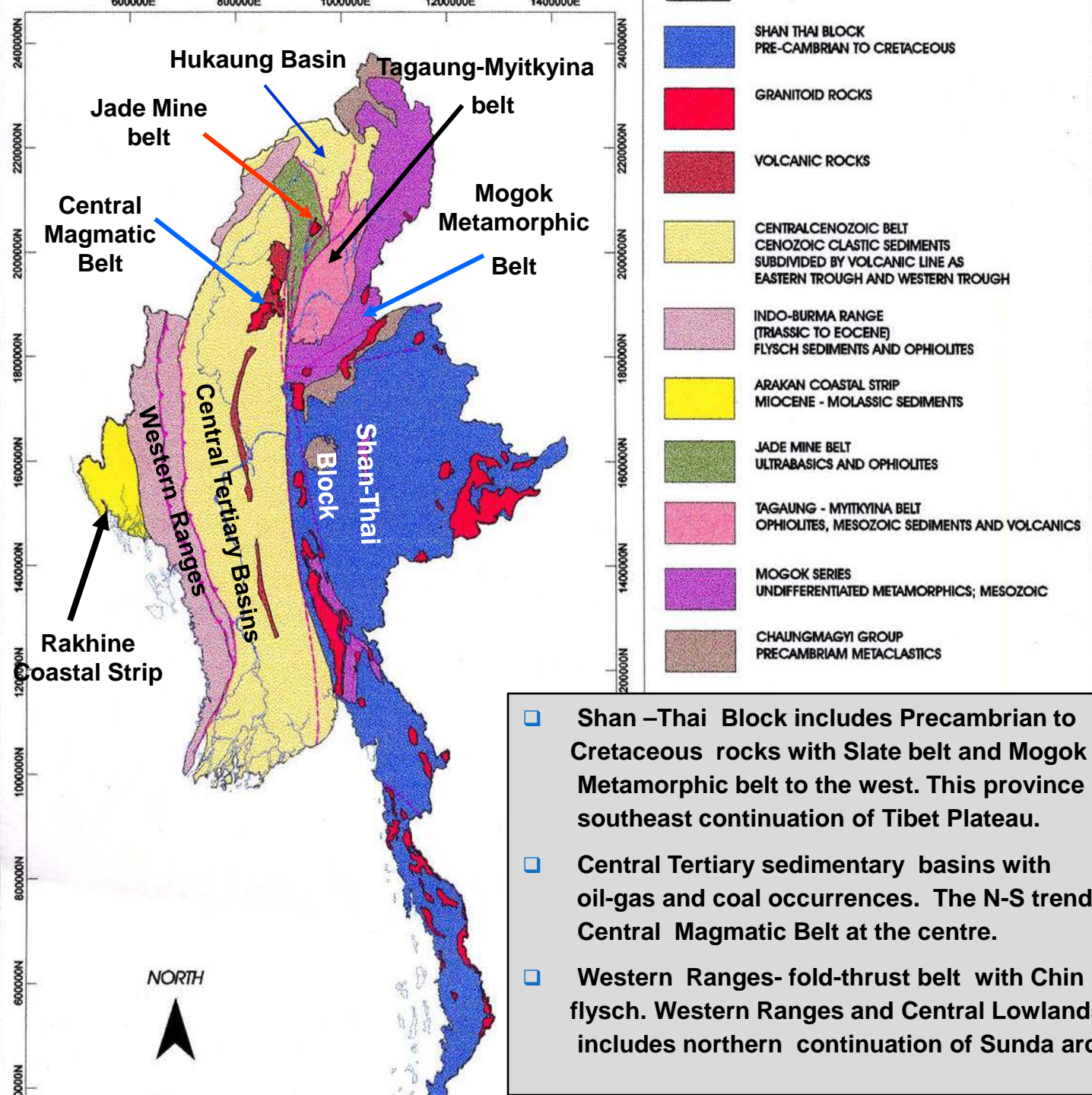
Dr. U Thein, 1992

GENERALIZED GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTION ACROSS MYANMAR

# Three modes of earthquake generation in the Andaman Sea

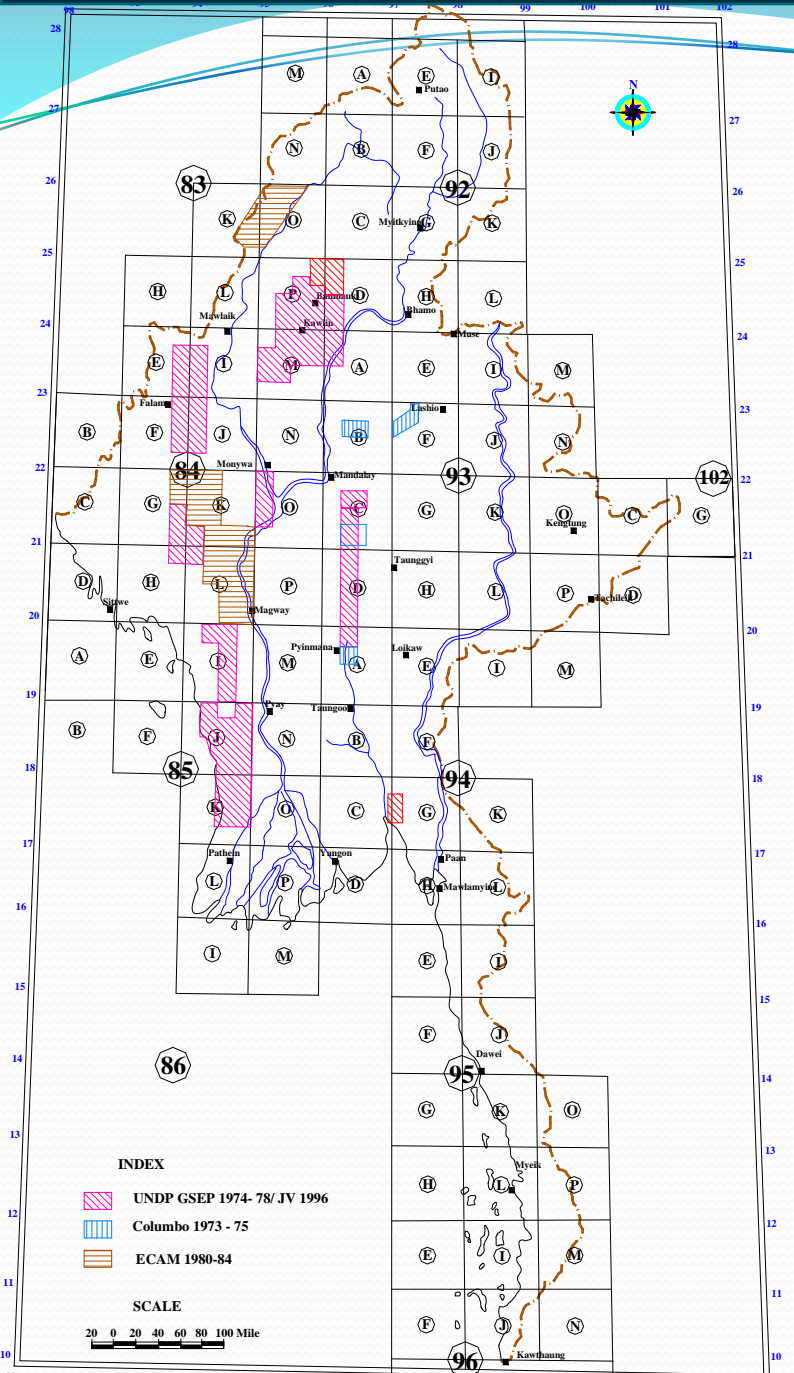
(Schematic tectonic cross-section along Lat 11°N)



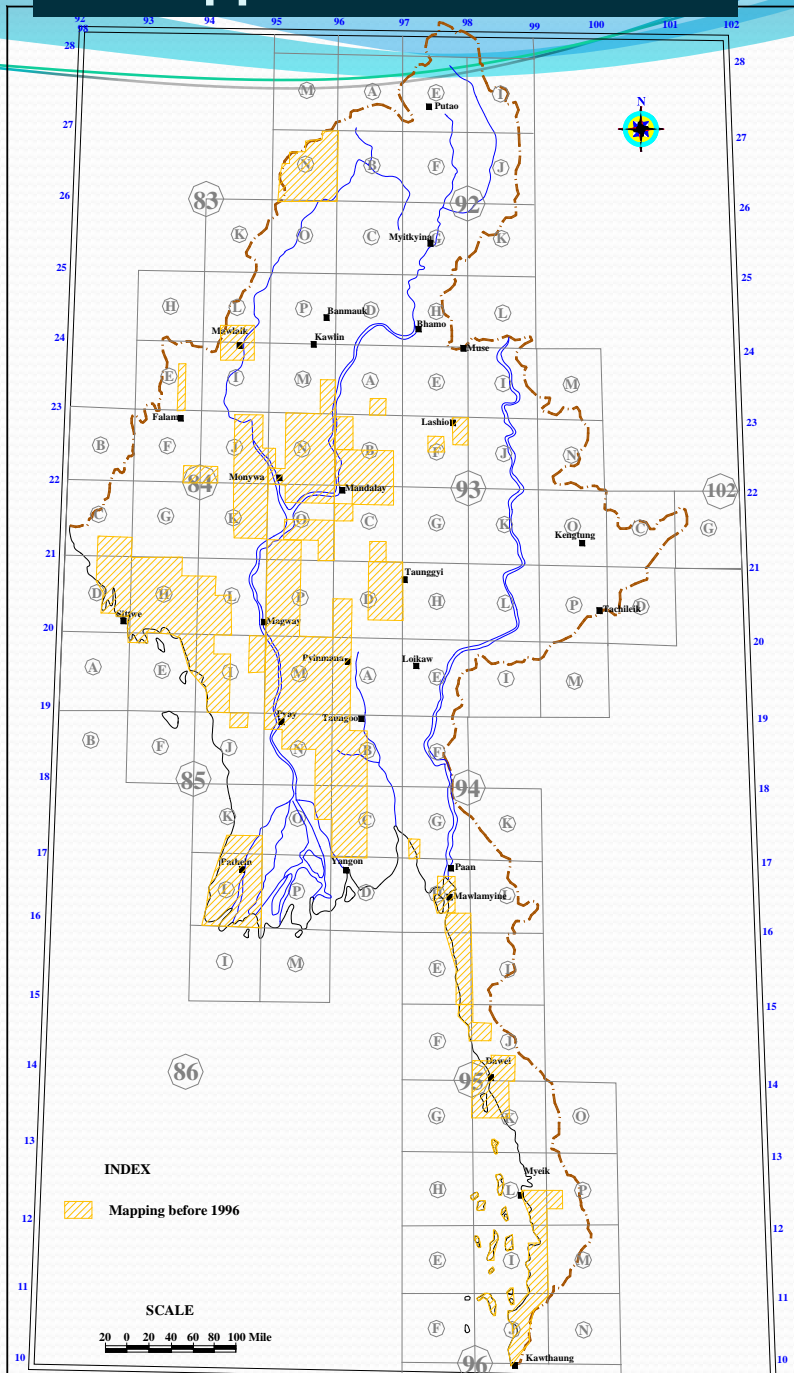


- Shan –Thai Block includes Precambrian to Cretaceous rocks with Slate belt and Mogok Metamorphic belt to the west. This province is southeast continuation of Tibet Plateau.
- Central Tertiary sedimentary basins with oil-gas and coal occurrences. The N-S trending Central Magmatic Belt at the centre.
- Western Ranges- fold-thrust belt with Chin flysch. Western Ranges and Central Lowlands includes northern continuation of Sunda arc.

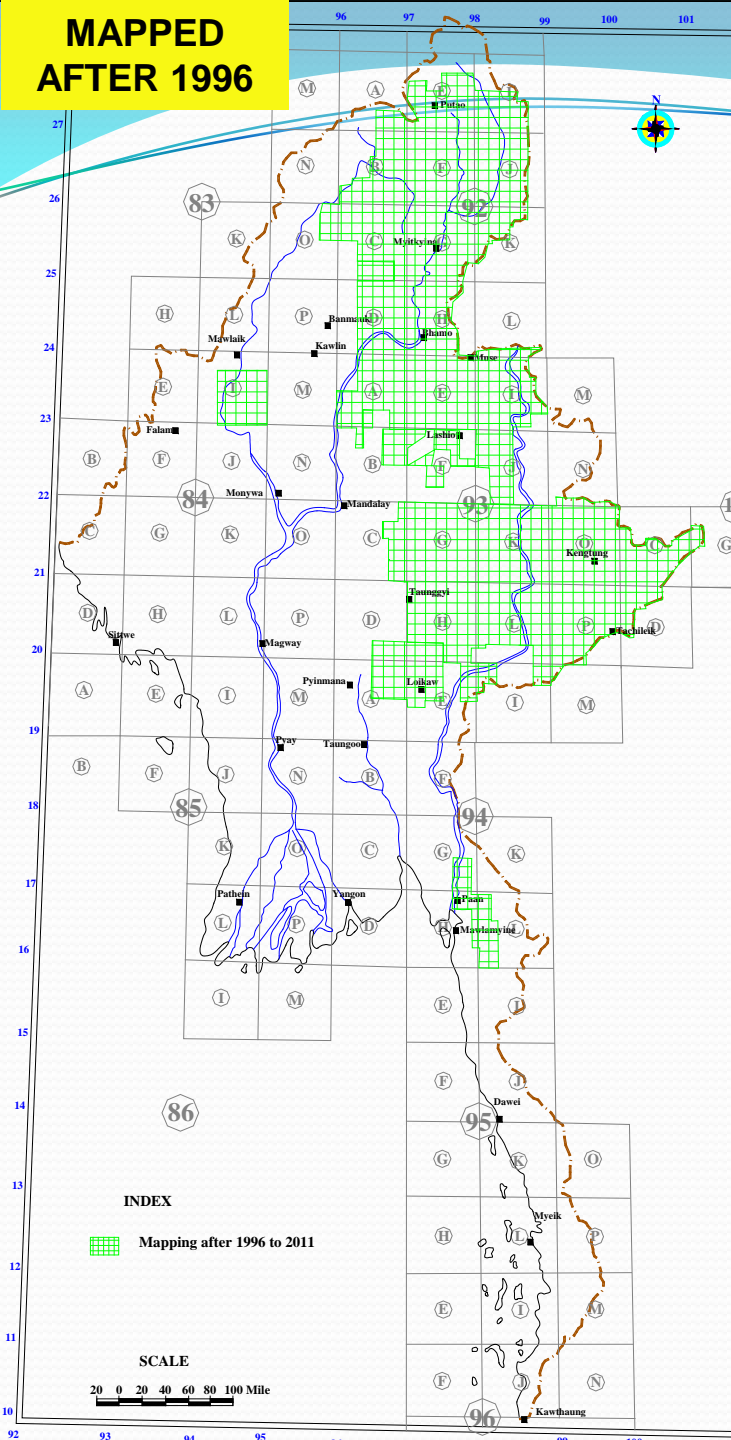
# Mapped by UN, COLUMBO & ECAMS



# Mapped before 1996



**MAPPED  
AFTER 1996**



From 1996, DGSE has carried out the country wide regional geological mapping projects especially at the remote area of Kachin, Shan North, Shan East, Shan South, Kayah, Kayin and Sagaing region.

Due to the intensive operation of the field parties, most of the remote area were completed in 2007-08. The remaining areas are ice-capped mountains of the northern part and Wa region and un accessible area of Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Kayah, Tanintharyi and Naga Hills.

These remaining areas were interpreted by the Remote Sensing and aerial photo interpretation. In 2008, The updated Myanmar Geological map has completed and registered as a copy rihgt in 1:100000 scale digital format with GIS application.

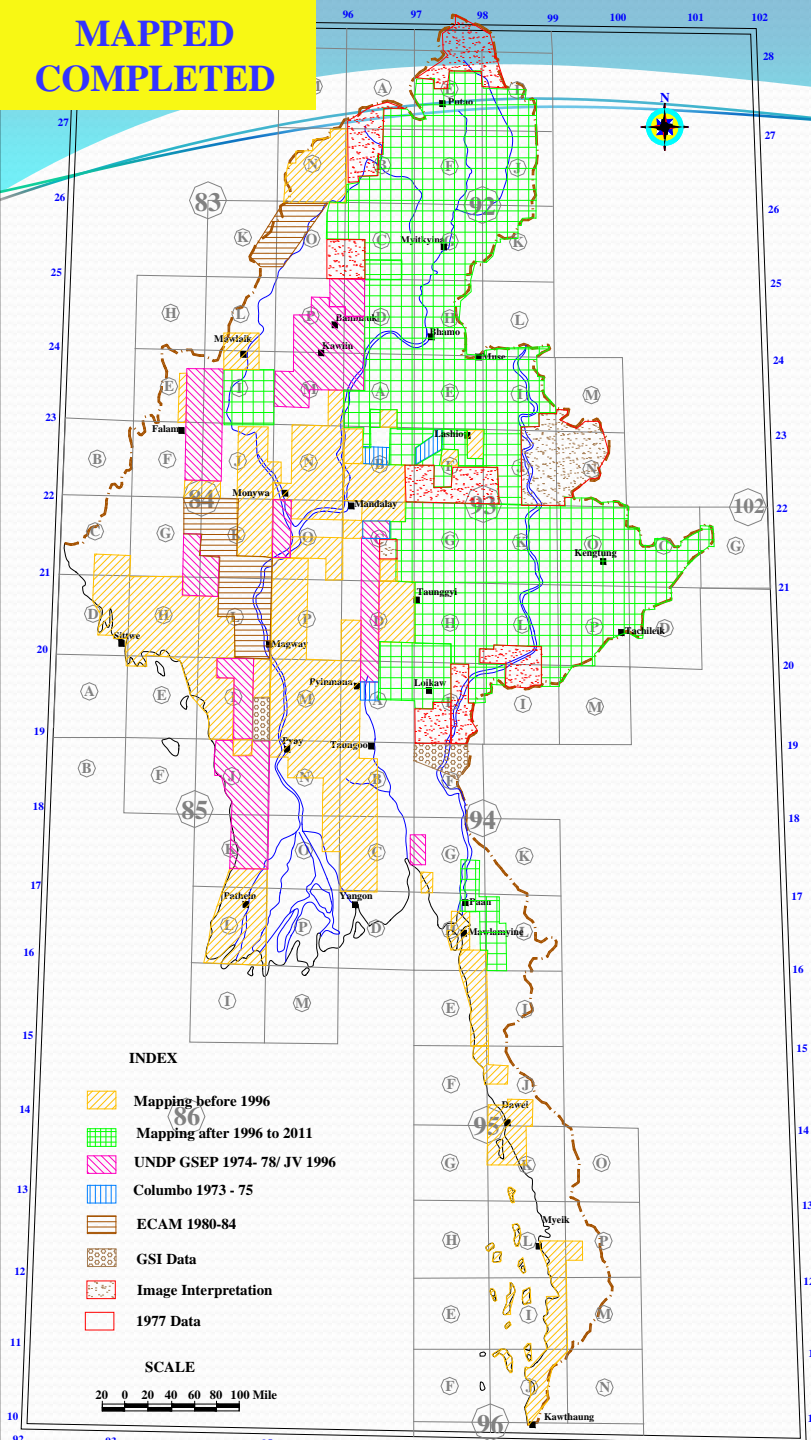
**MAPPED  
COMPLETED**

## STATUS OF GEOLOGICAL MAPPING

Area extent of Myanmar – 261227 sq miles

**Geological mapping area (on ground) ~70%**

**Geological mapping (by the aid of  
Aerial Photos & RS-GIS techniques) ~30%**





# In Myanmar, Mineral occurrences include

## **1. Metallic ore minerals**

Iron & metals for steel alloys- *Fe, Mn, Cr, Ni, Mo*

Base & non-ferrous metals – *Pb, Zn, Cu, Sn, W, Sb & Ti*

Precious & rare metals- *PGM, Au, Ag, Nb, Ta*

## **2. Industrial minerals & non-metallic raw minerals**

Chemical & fertilizer minerals- *Barite, fluorite, Gypsum, rock salt*

Ceramic & refractory minerals- *clay, limestone, dolomite, feldspar, quartz, glass sand*

Construction & building materials- *Decorative stones, road materials, limestone for cement*

## **3. Precious & semi-precious Gemstones**

*Ruby, Sapphire, Jade, Diamond, etc*

## **4. Fuel minerals**

*(oil, natural gas, oil shale, coal,*

# DISTRIBUTION OF LEAD-ZINC-SILVER DEPOSIT

**Lead Zinc Occurrences = 291**  
**Potential = 44 million ton**

**Phaleng(Shan North)**

**Paungdaw (Mandalay)**

**Mawhki (Kayin)**  
 Zn - 0.3%  
 0.332 million (Possible)

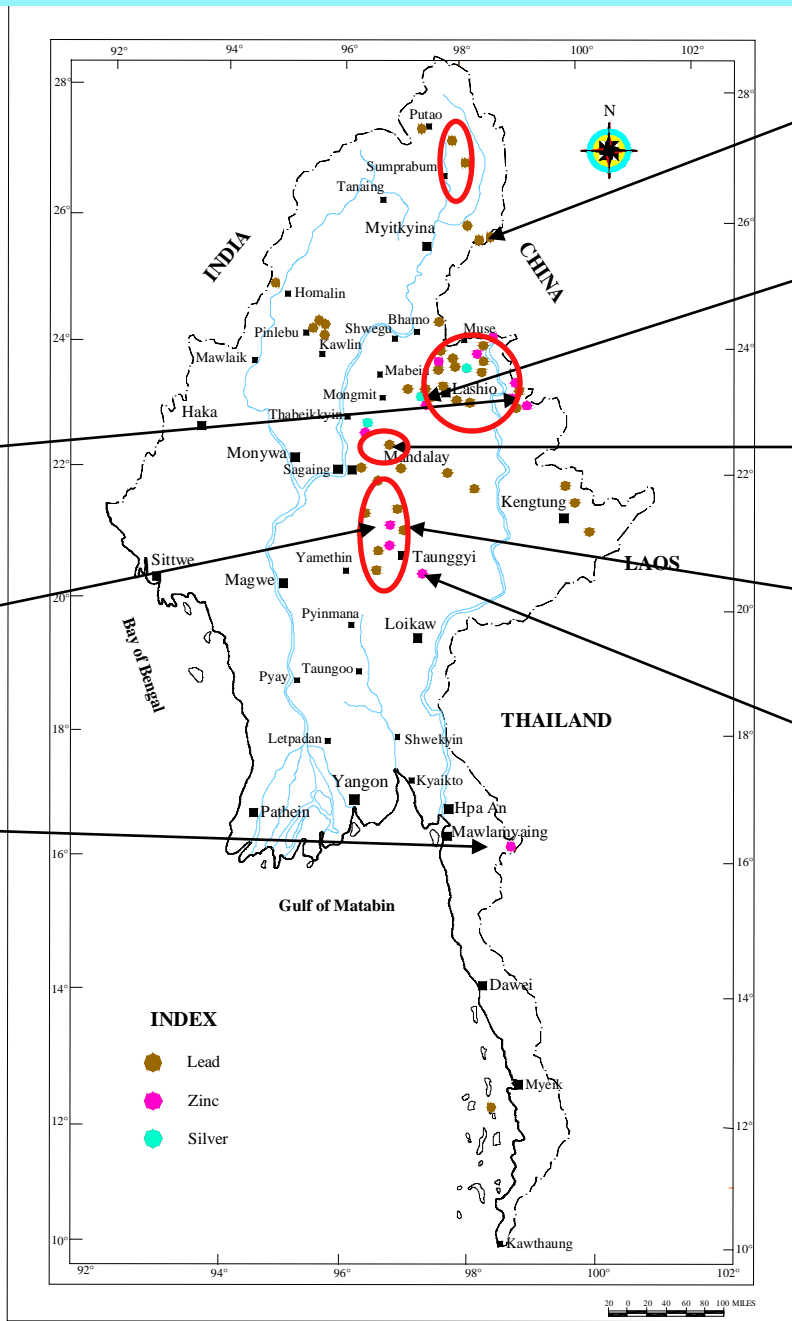
**Panwa (Kachin)**  
 Pb,Zn -1.06%  
 12.5 million (Possible)

**Bawdwin (Shan North)**  
 Pb,Zn -5%  
 12.8 million (Probable)

**Yadanatheingi (Shan North)**

**Bawsaing (Shan North)**

**LonChein(Shan South)**  
 Zn - 36%  
 0.234million (Possible)



**INDEX**  
 ● Lead  
 ● Zinc  
 ● Silver

0 20 40 60 80 100 MILES

# Lead-Zinc-Silver Deposits

-more than 100 occurrences of Pb-Zn-Silver mineralization in Myanmar

-mineralization occurs as five different styles

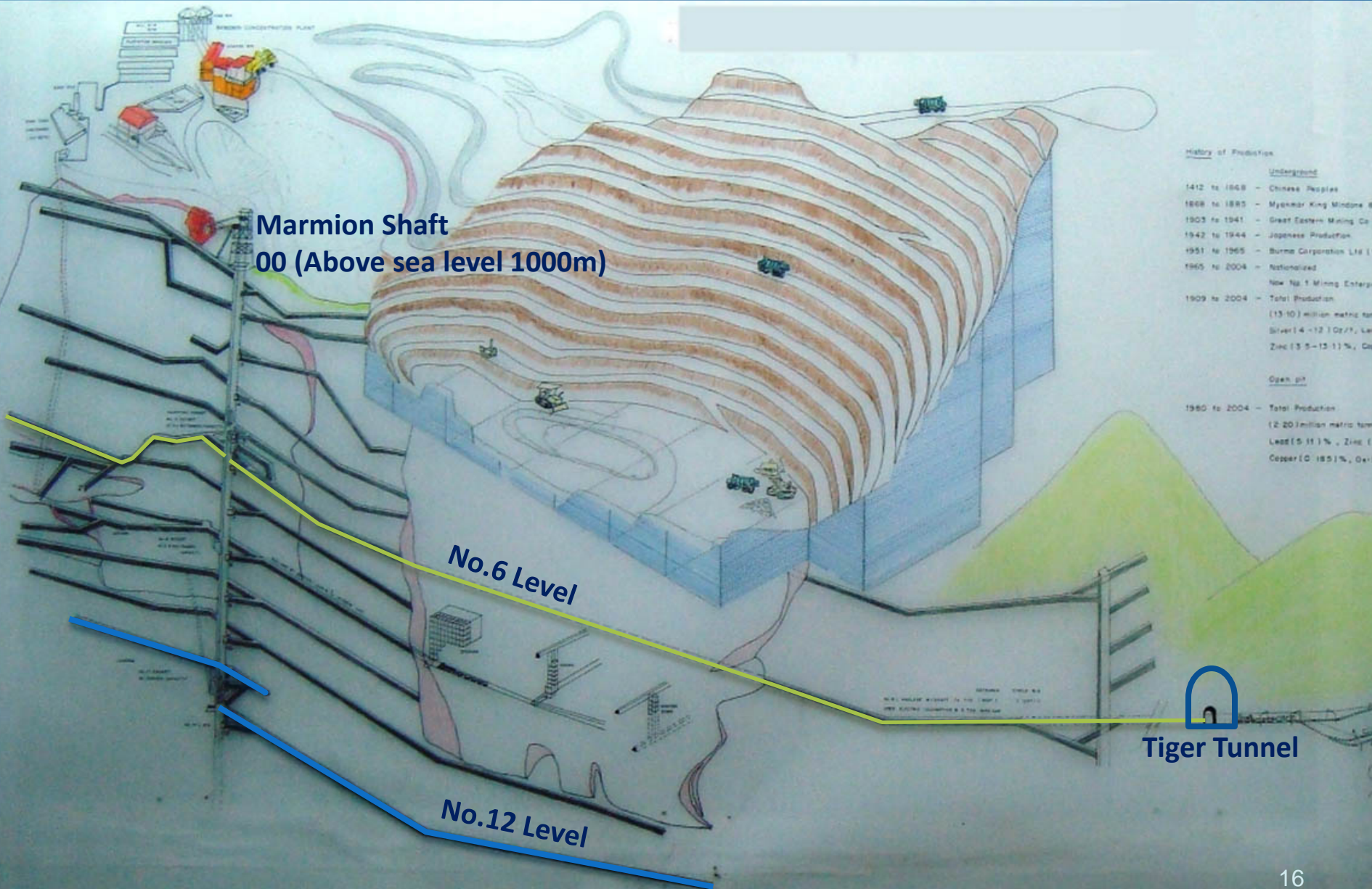
1. **Volcanogenic massive sulphides type(VMS) at Bawdwin mine**
2. **Mississippi valley type deposit at Bawsaing mine**
3. **Cavity filling vein-type in Yadanatheingi mine**
4. **in veins and skarn type near the contact between granitic rock and marble at Phaungdaw mine**
5. **Zinc carbonate deposit (secondary deposit) at Long Hken mine**

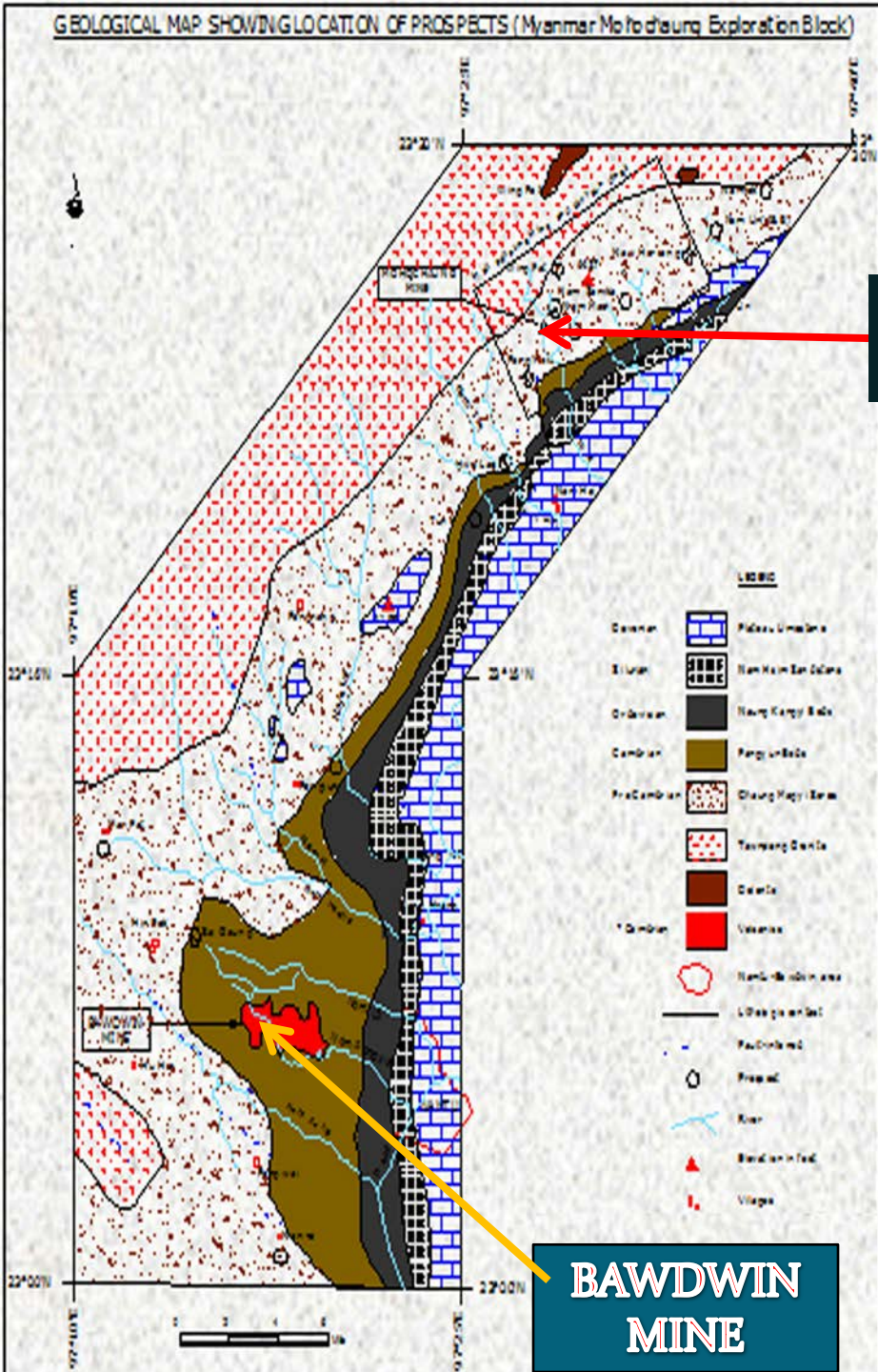
# Bawdwin Mine

The Largest Lead-Zinc-Silver Mine in Myanmar



# Main shaft and underground mine





**MOHO  
CHAUNG**

# Regional Geologic Map of the Bawdwin Area

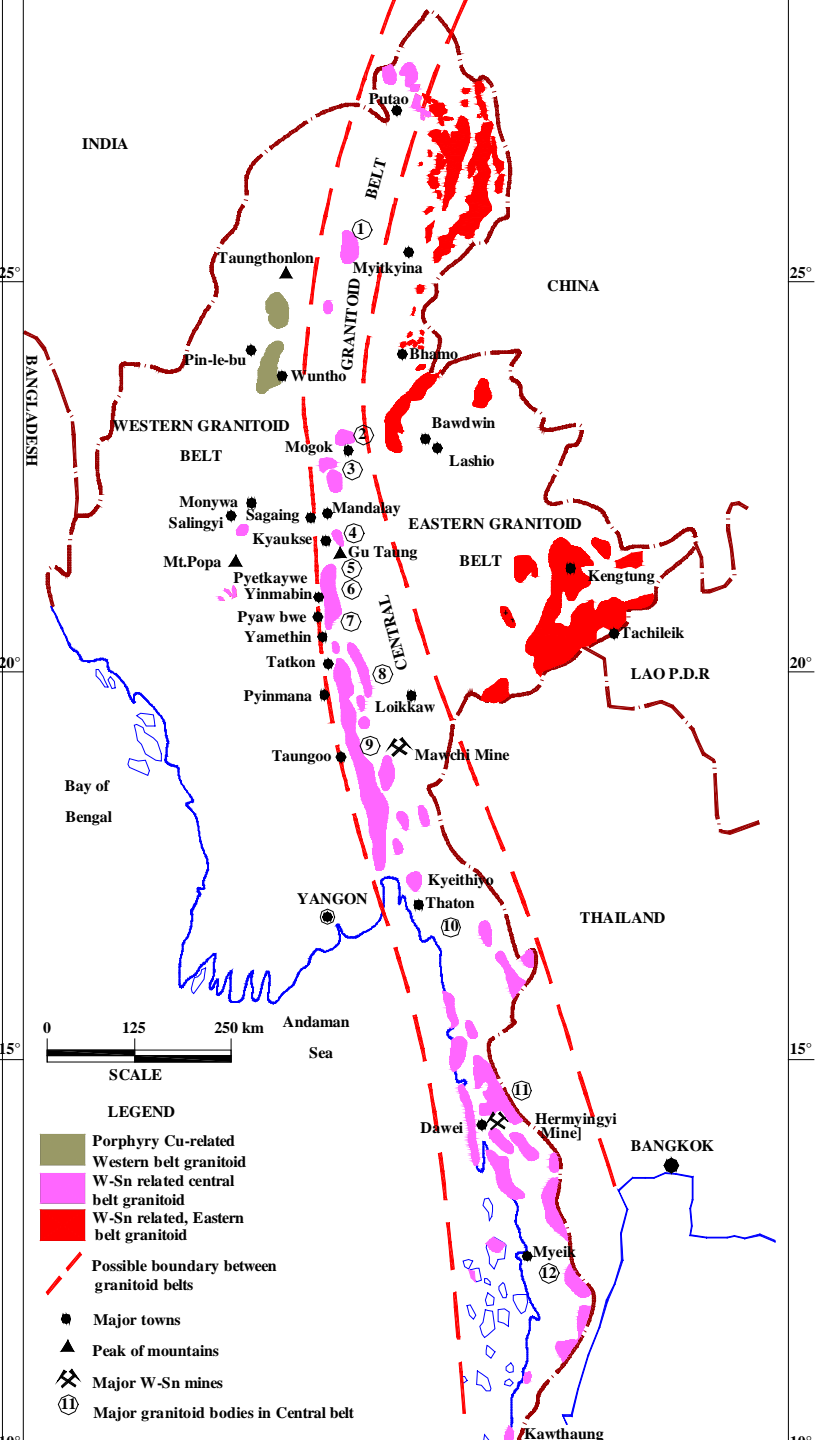
**BAWDWIN  
MINE**

# Bawsaing Pb-Zn Mine, Southern Shan State

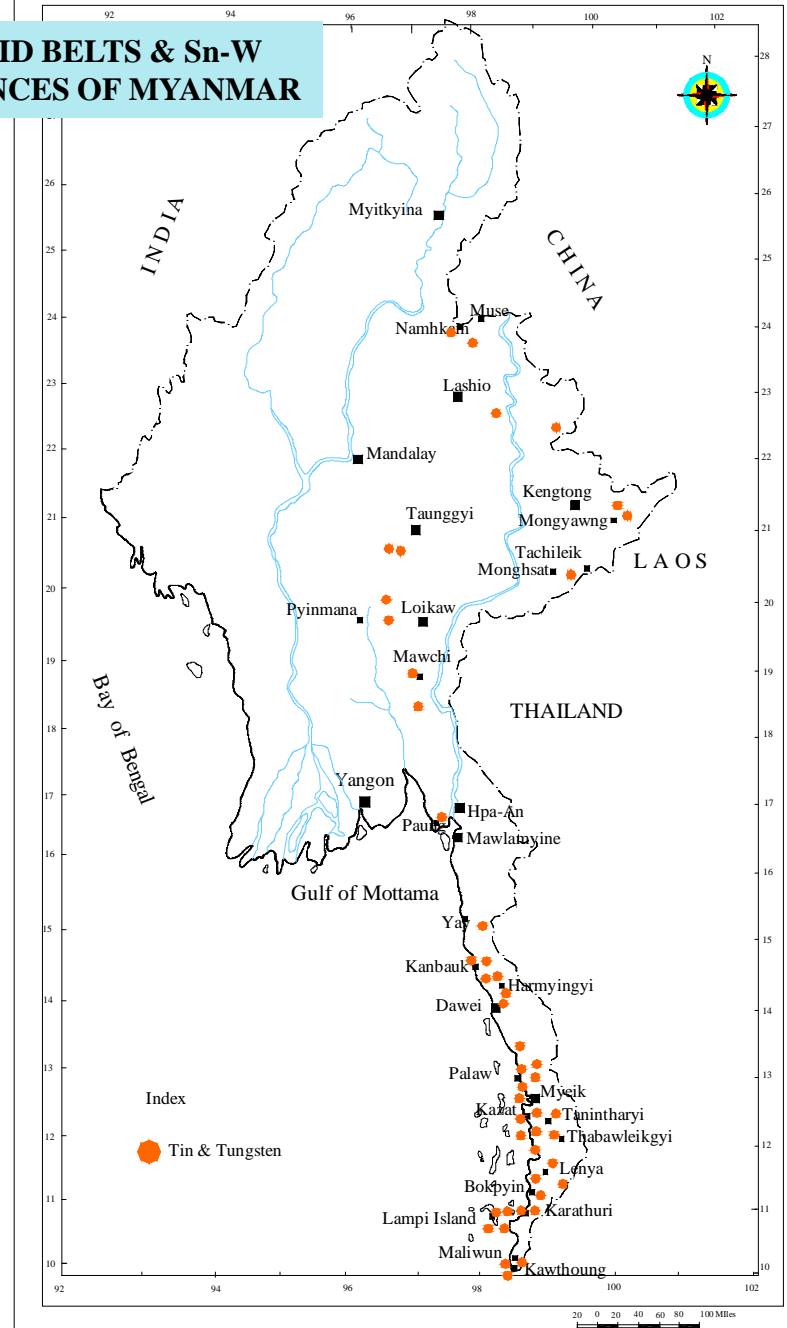
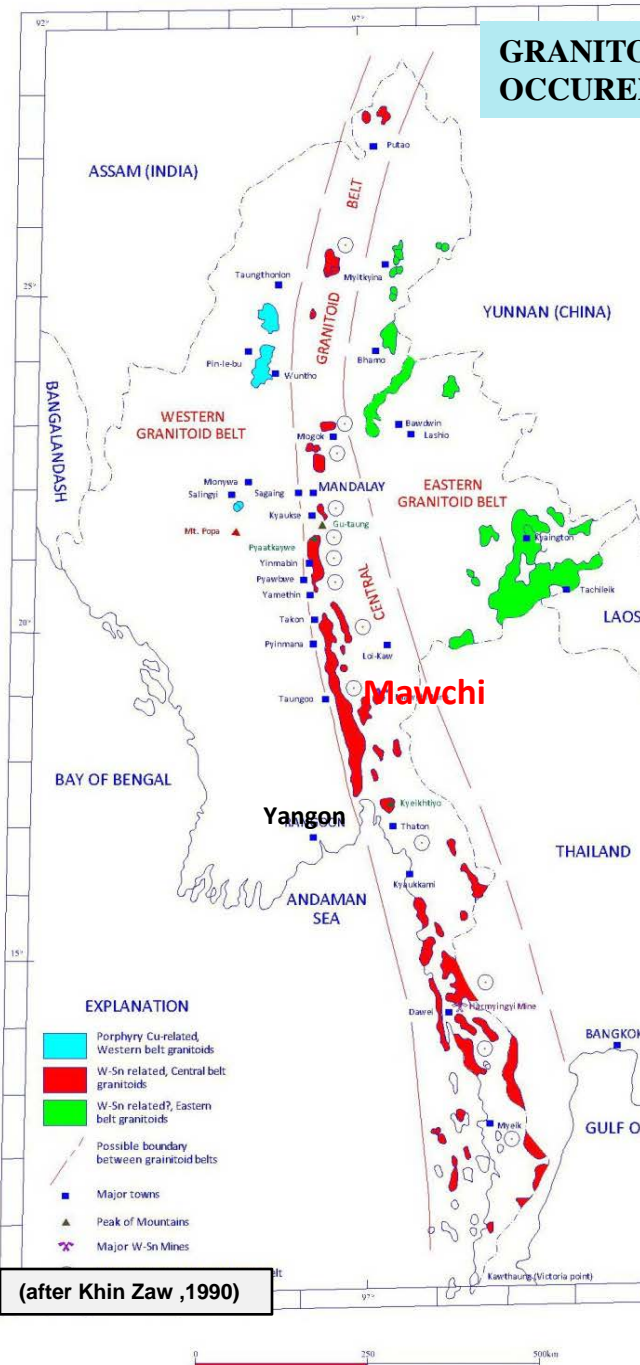


# REE POTENTIAL IN MYANMAR

- ❖ The western Granitoid Belt -Central Volcanic Arc
- ❖ The Central Granitoid Belt -Shan Scarp – Tanintharyi Region
- ❖ The Eastern Granitoid Belt -Eastern High Lands



## GRANITOID BELTS & Sn-W OCCURENCES OF MYANMAR



### Western Granitoid Belt

- Cretaceous to Lower Eocene
- characterized by high-level intrusions associated with Porphyry Cu (Au) related, younger volcanics
- emplaced as a magmatic-volcanic arc

### Central Granitoid Belt

- Upper Cretaceous to Lower Eocene
- characterized by mesozonal plutons associated with vein type *Sn-W* deposits
- associated with abundant pegmatites and aplites and rare co-magmatic volcanics

### Eastern Granitoid Belt

- ? Triassic
- characterized by medium to coarsely porphyritic
- mesozonal and *Sn-W* bearing granites

# DISTRIBUTION OF TIN - TUNGSTEN DEPOSITS

**Sn-W deposits, mainly associated with granitic intrusions along the tanzinthyri and western margin of shan plateau**

**Tin- Tungsten deposits= 480**  
**Potential = 40 million tons**

Padatchaung (Primary)

Heinze (Placer)

Kanbauk( Primary/ Placer)

Atwin Bokpyin (Placer)

Mawchi (Primary)

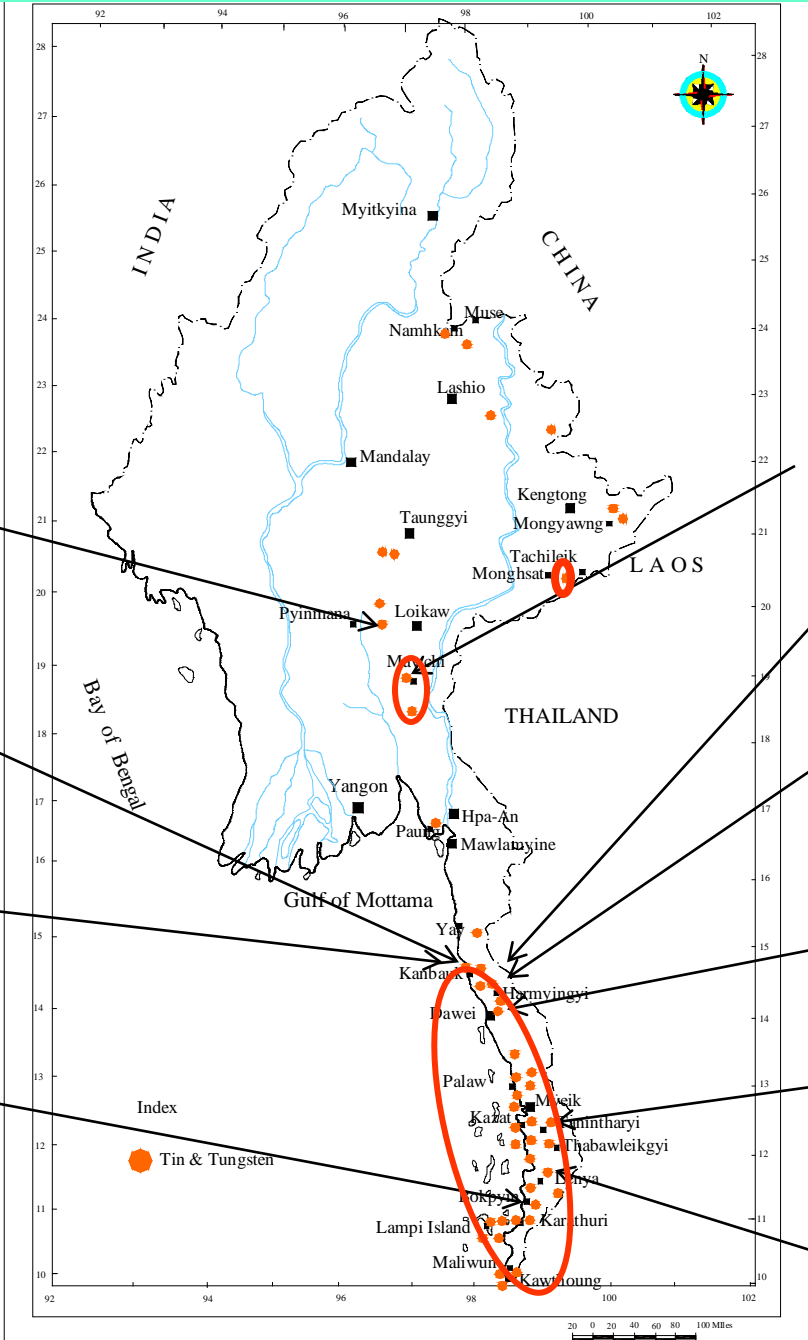
Hermyingyi (Primary)

Heinda (Placer)

KyaukmeTaung, Pagaye(Placer)

Theindaw(Placer)

Manawlon(Placer)



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 ● Tin & Tungsten

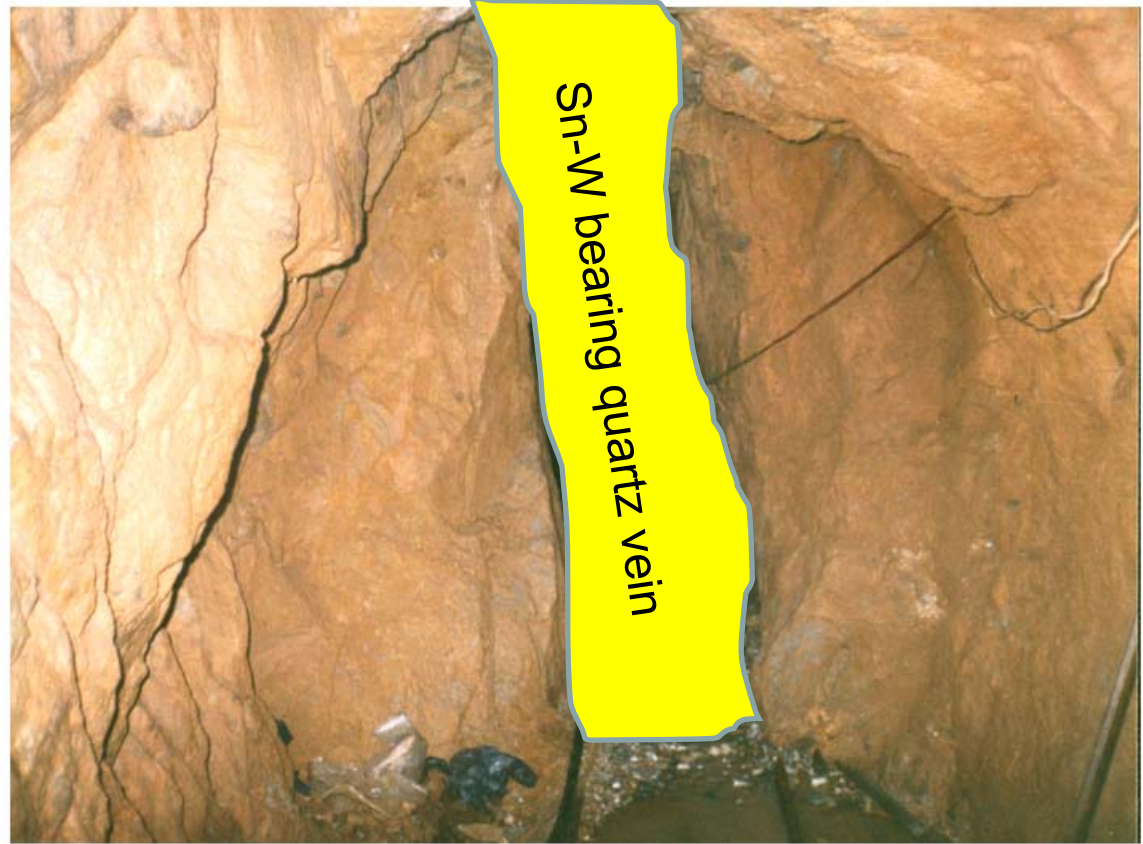
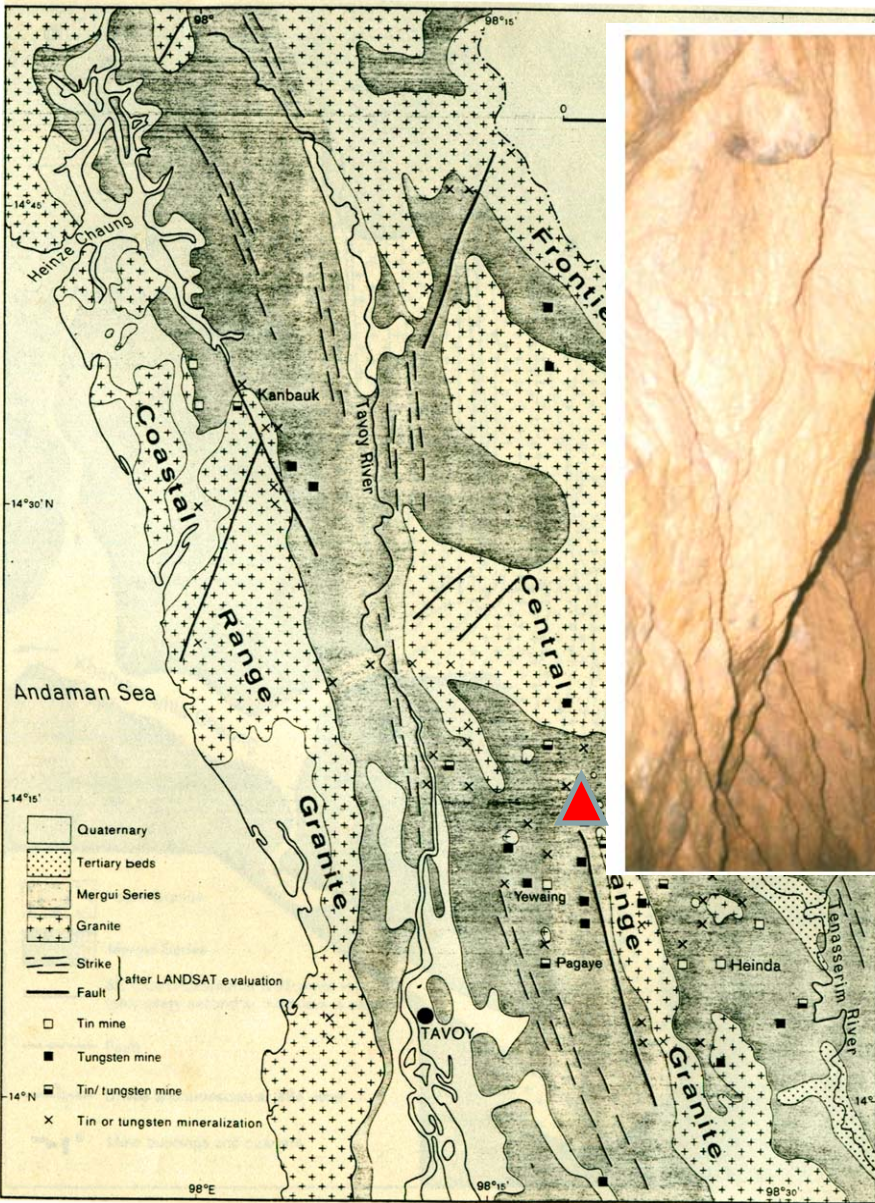
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# **Tin-tungsten Deposits**

- one of the most important mineral resources in Myanmar
- occurs along the granitic belt in SE Asia peninsula (distributed over more than 1200 Km in Myanmar with more prominent in Tungsten toward the north,
- passing through the Tanintharyi Division, Kayin, Mon, Kayah & Shan states and east of Pyinmana.
- Tin-tungsten ores occur in close association with granitoids and related pneumatolytic rocks emplaced during Jurassic, Cretaceous and possibly Triassic. The country rocks of these intrusive masses consist of the clastic Mergui Series, Taungnyo Group, Mawchi Series and Lebyin Group.
- Most of the cassiterite is mined from placers while tungsten is mined from hard rock veins.



Hermyingyi Sn-W mine, Dawei



## Main Tunnel of Hermyingyi Mine

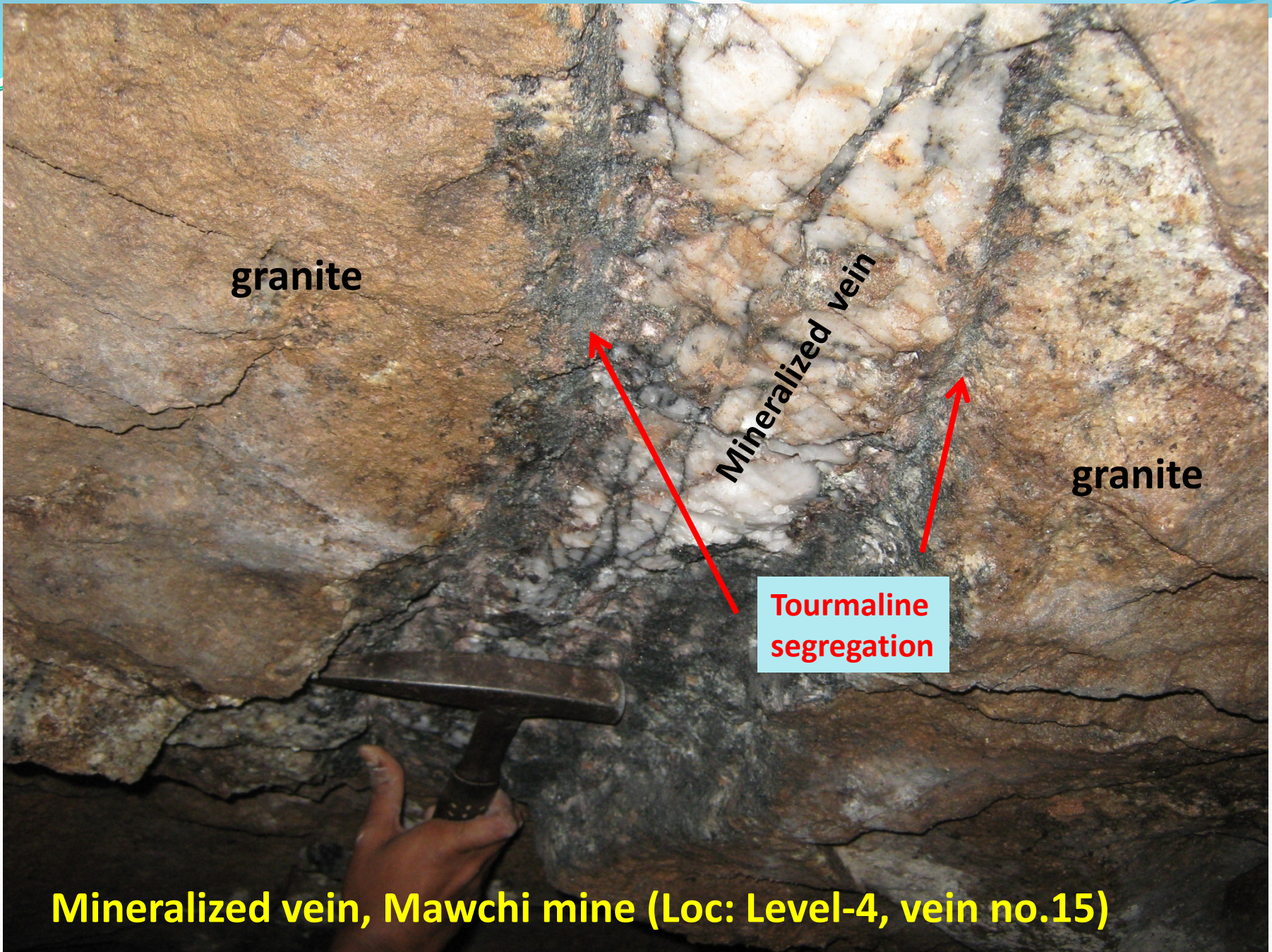
Location Map of the HerMyinGyi Mine



**Bucket Dredger in Tin-tungsten mining**

# Mawchi Sn-W mine, Kayah State





granite

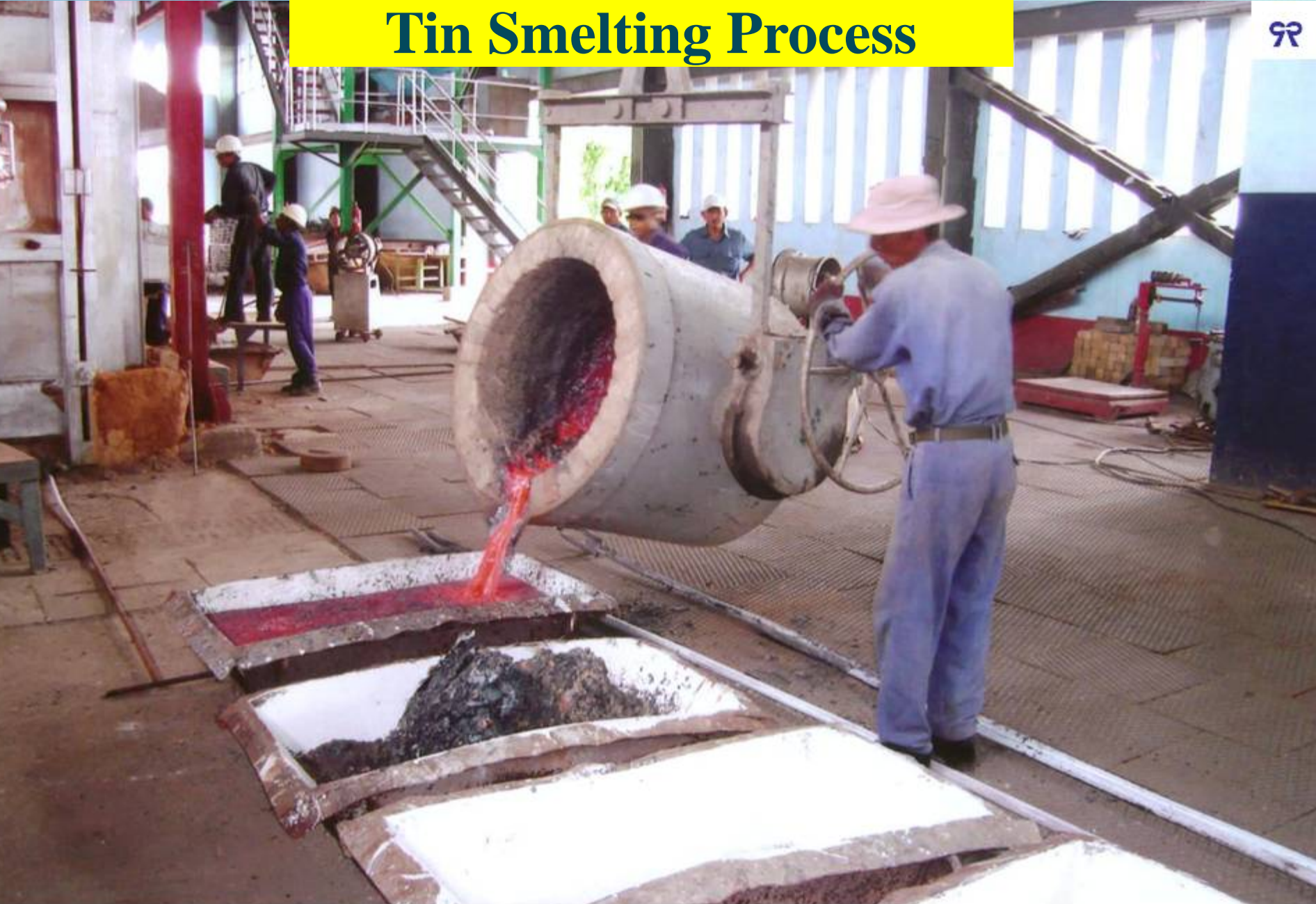
Mineralized vein

granite

Tourmaline segregation

Mineralized vein, Mawchi mine (Loc: Level-4, vein no.15)

# Tin Smelting Process



5 Tons/ day furnace မှထွက်ရှိလာသော Erode Tin များအား သံလေးထဲထည့်သွင်းနေပုံ

# DISTRIBUTION OF COPPER DEPOSITS

Shangalon  
Cu -0.23 %  
9 million (Possible)

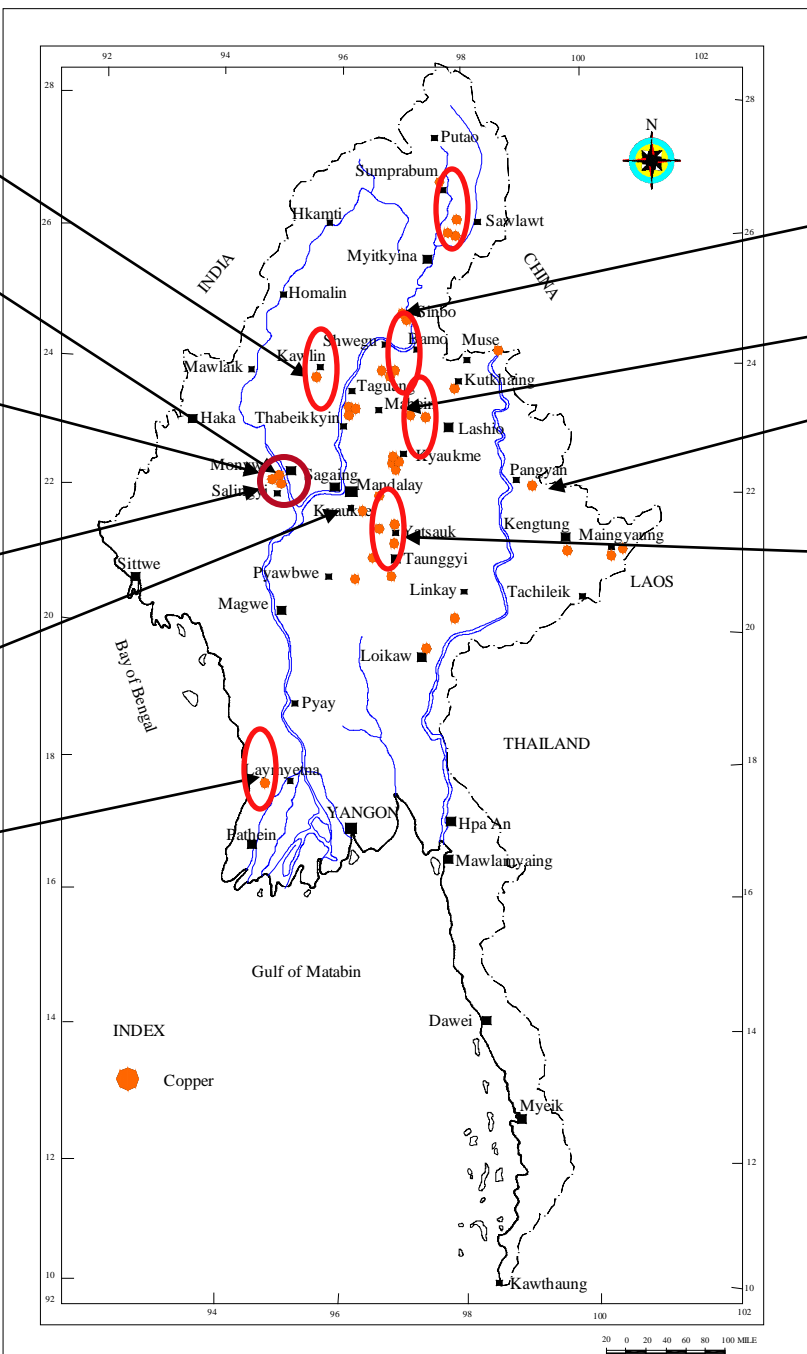
KyesinTaung  
Cu - 0.77 %  
66.5 million (Possible)

SabeTaung & south  
Cu - 0.7 to1.01 %  
27.86 million (Possible)

Letpadaung  
Cu - 0.4 %  
1478 million (Possible)

Sabe Taung  
Cu - 1.51 %  
0.88 million (Possible)

Laymyetna  
Cu - 0.8 to 2 %  
0.28 million (Possible)



Sinbo- Nankesan

Panmakut Manna

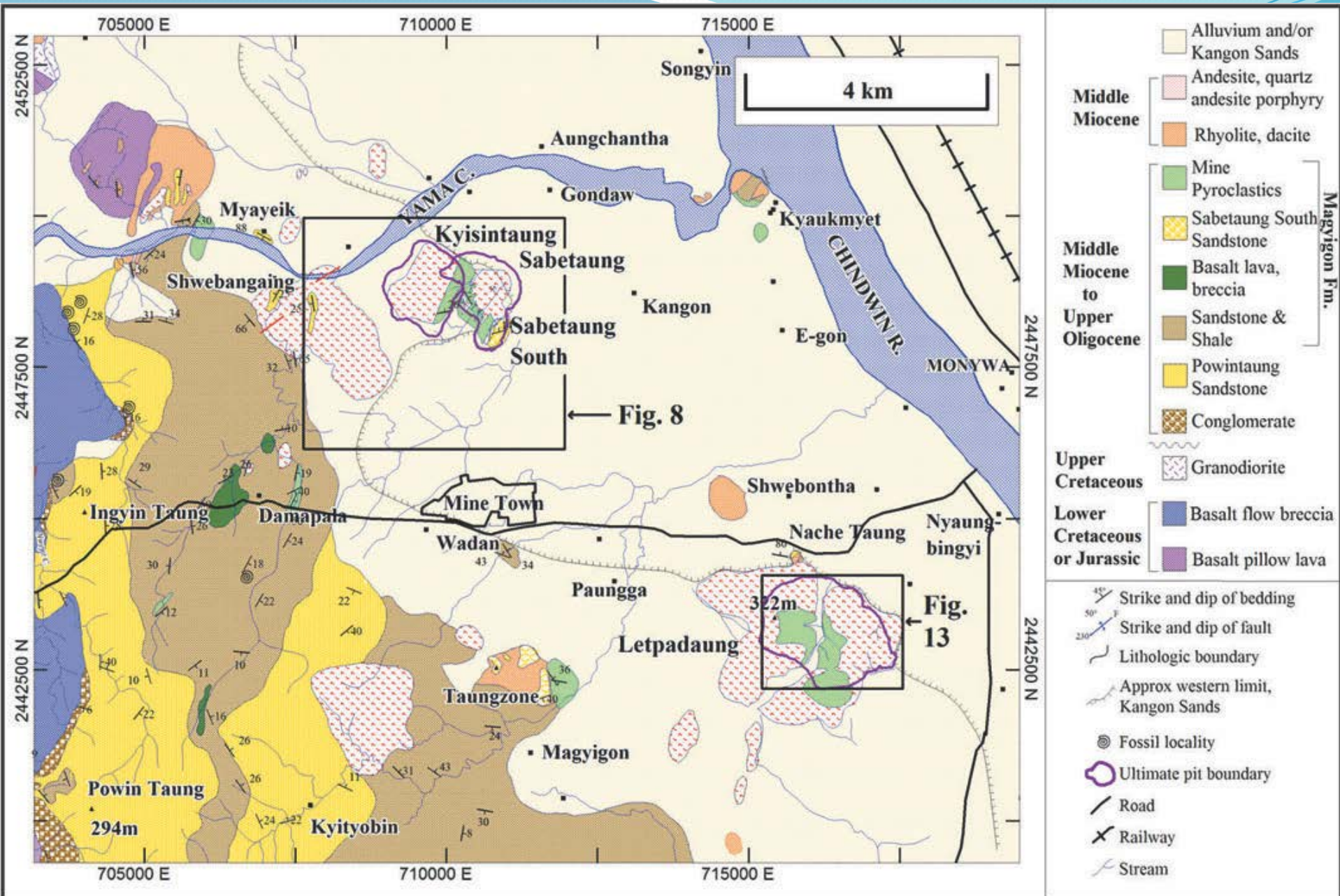
Panpwe KyaukTaung

Kweight Taung

-more than 50 occurrences copper mineralization in Myanmar

-The copper mineralization within the central volcanic arc started from Mt. Popa and passes through lower Chindwin area where the volcanics are hosted to the porphyry copper deposits at the Sabe Taung, Kyesin Taung, & Lepadaung Taung, Monywa.

**○ Potential area**



**Copper district geology**

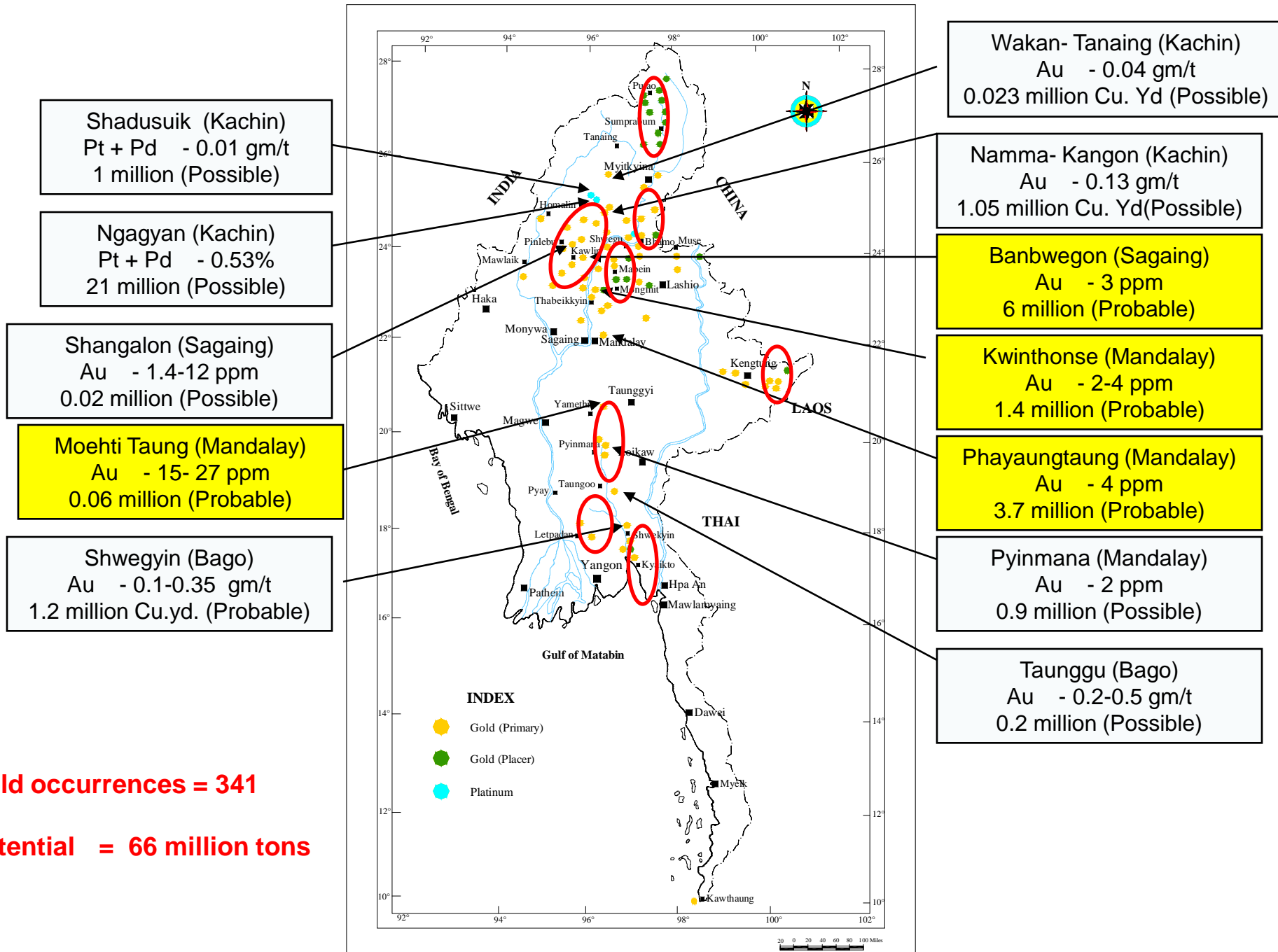
# **Monywa Copper Mine** **(open-pit mine)**





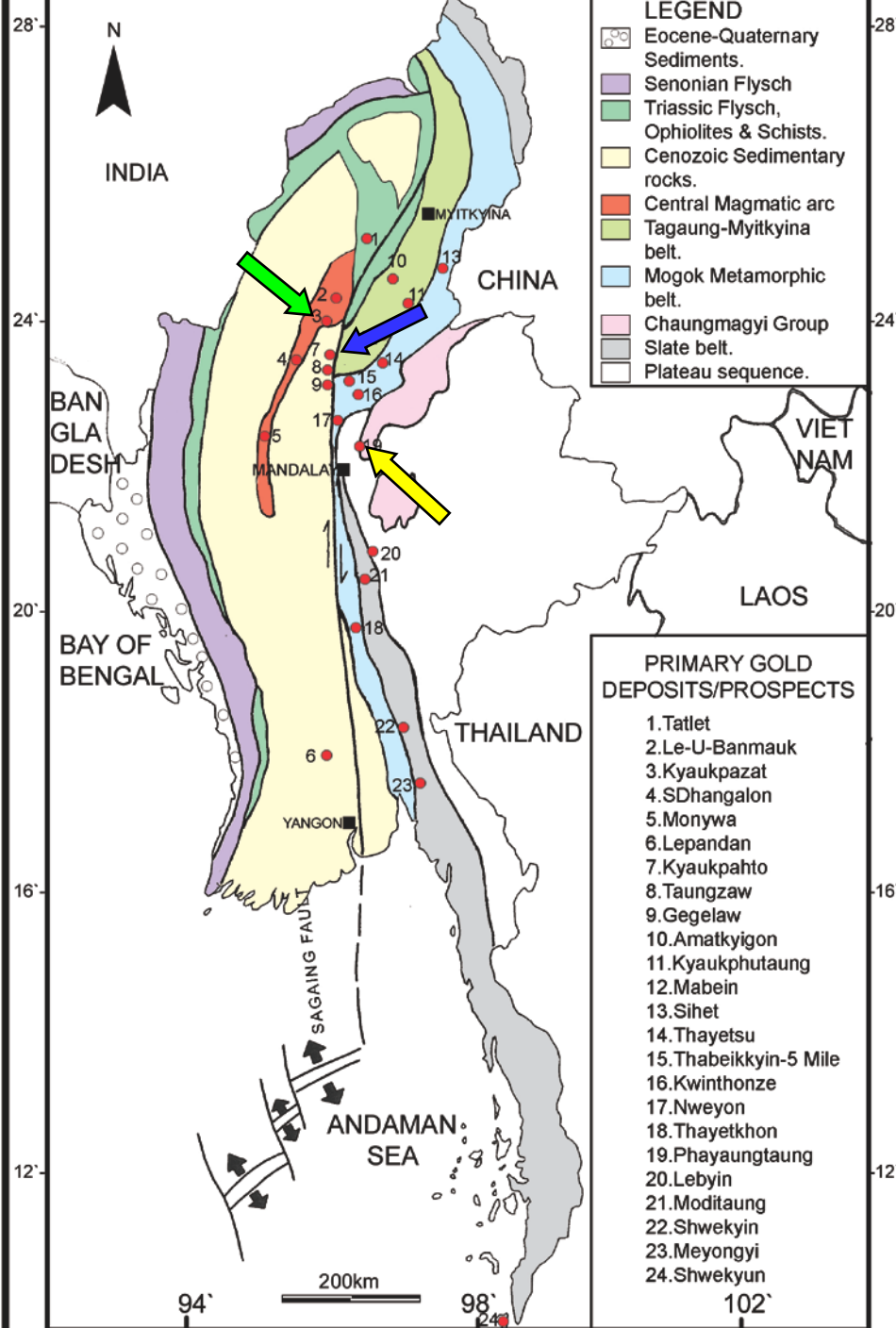
Cathode Copper from Monywa

# DISTRIBUTION OF GOLD- PLATINUM DEPOSITS



**Gold occurrences = 341**

**Potential = 66 million tons**



## PRIMARY GOLD DEPOSITS/OCCURRENCES IN MYANMAR

- Mesothermal gold-quartz lode, porphyry style Cu-Au & its related Epithermal Au along the central magmatic arc.**
- Sediment-hosted epithermal Au mineralization along the Sagaing fault zone.**
- Mesothermal and epithermal gold mineralization in Tagaung Myitkyina belt**
- Au(Cu) skarn & Mesothermal veins in marble, gneiss and granite within the Mogok metamorphic belt**
- Slate belt style Mesothermal gold-quartz veins in Chaung Magyi & Mergui Groups.**

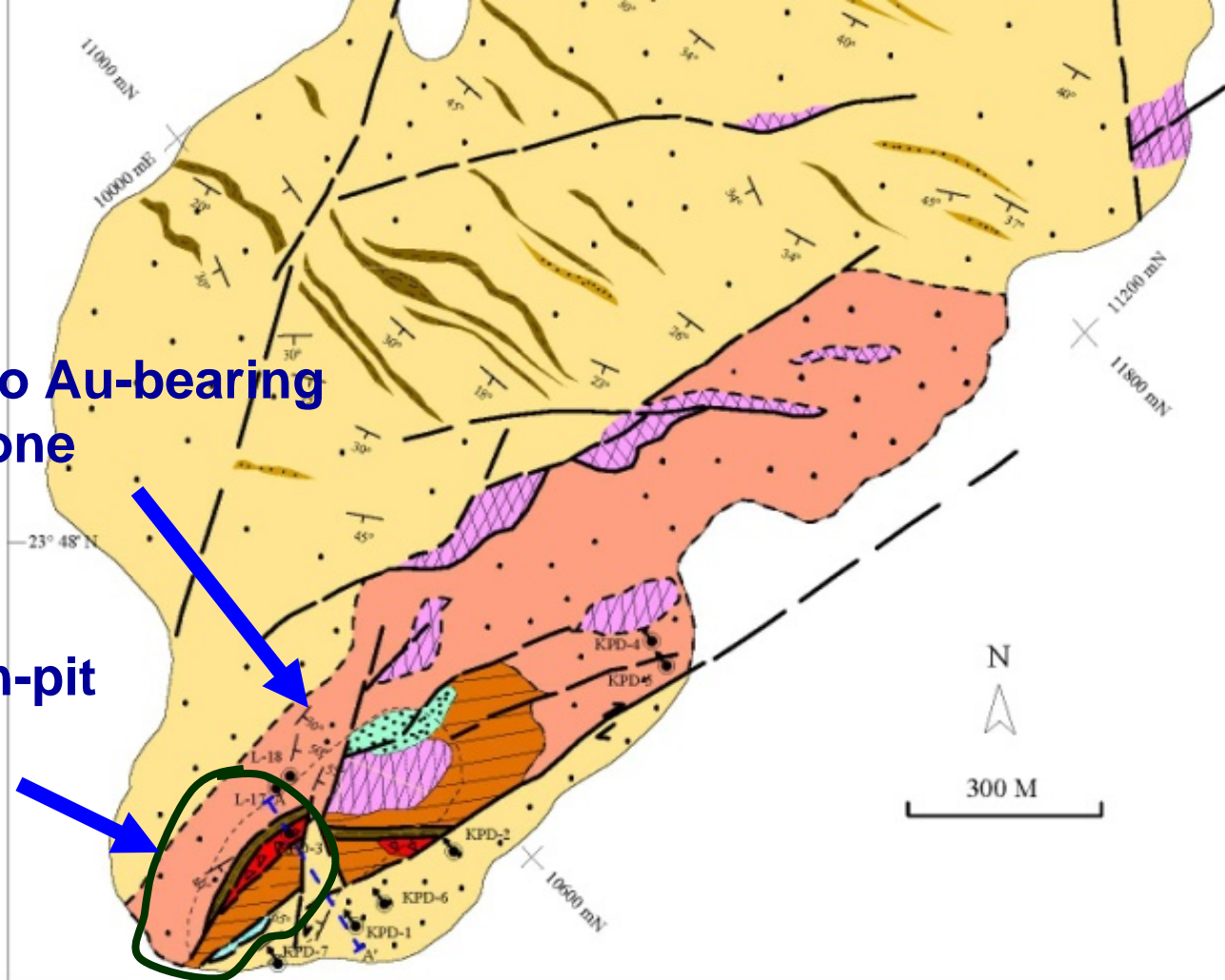
Fig.(2.1) Major structural belts and location of major gold deposit &



**PRESENT SITUATION OF THE KYAUKPAHTO GOLD MINE, LOOKING SOUTH**

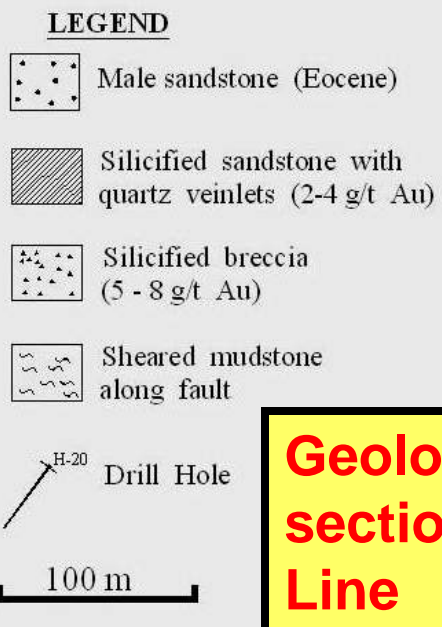
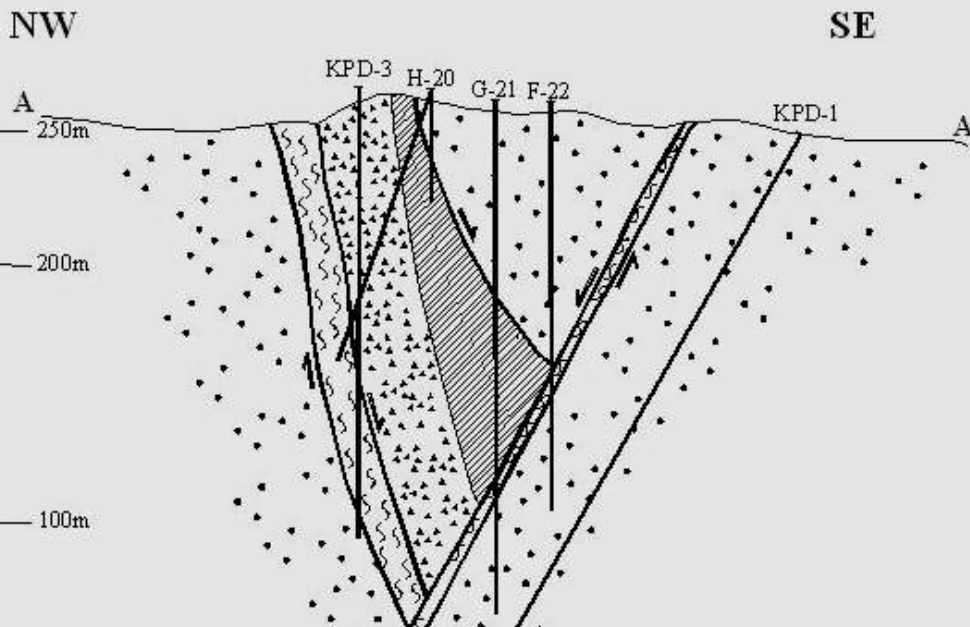
**Kyaukpahto Au-bearing silicified zone**

**Present open-pit mining site**

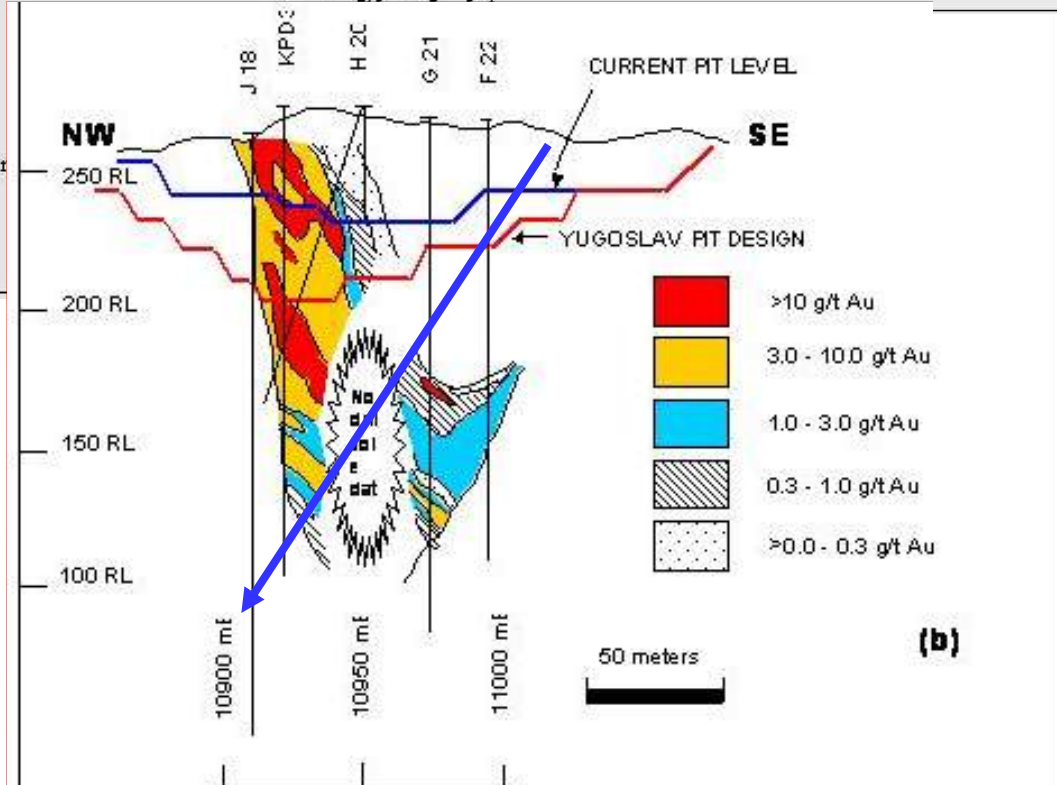


**LEGEND**

- |                                |                     |   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Alluvium                       | Vertical drill hole | Silicified breccia zone                       |
| Sandstone                      | Inclined drill hole | Intensely silicified zone                     |
| Siltstone                      |                     | Quartz vein stockwork zone                    |
| Shale/mudstone                 |                     | Argillic-decalcified ± weakly silicified zone |
| Fault                          |                     | Advanced argillic zone                        |
| Dip and strike                 |                     | Carbonate alteration                          |
| Pit boundary (Yugoslav design) |                     |   |
| Limit of alteration            |                     |   |



**Geologic cross-section, 10375 mN Line**



**Gold distribution, 10375 mN Line**

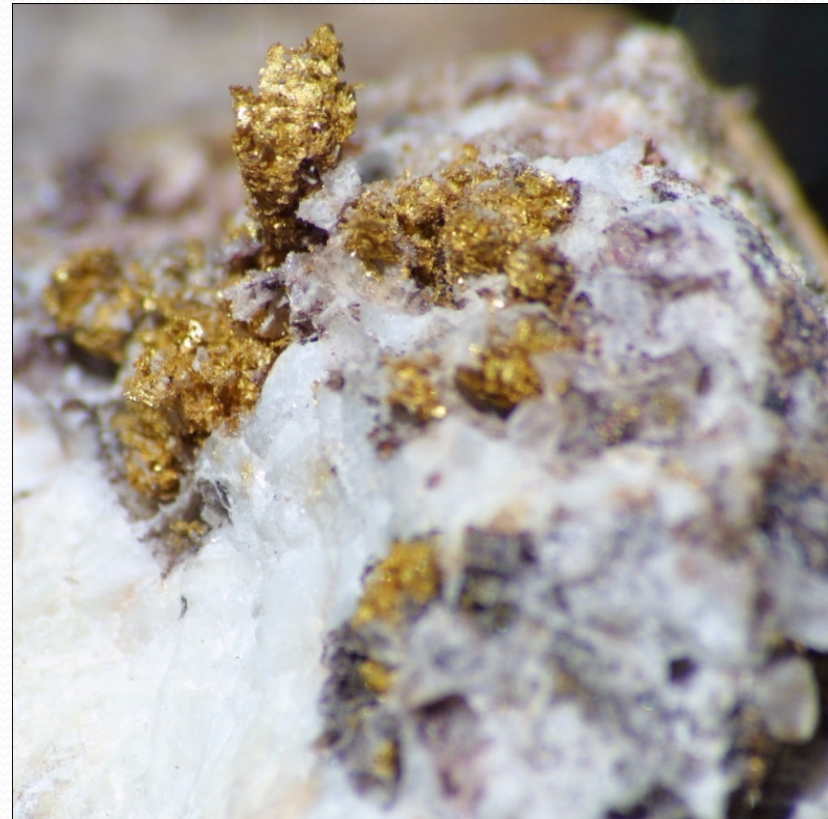
# Moditaung gold mine

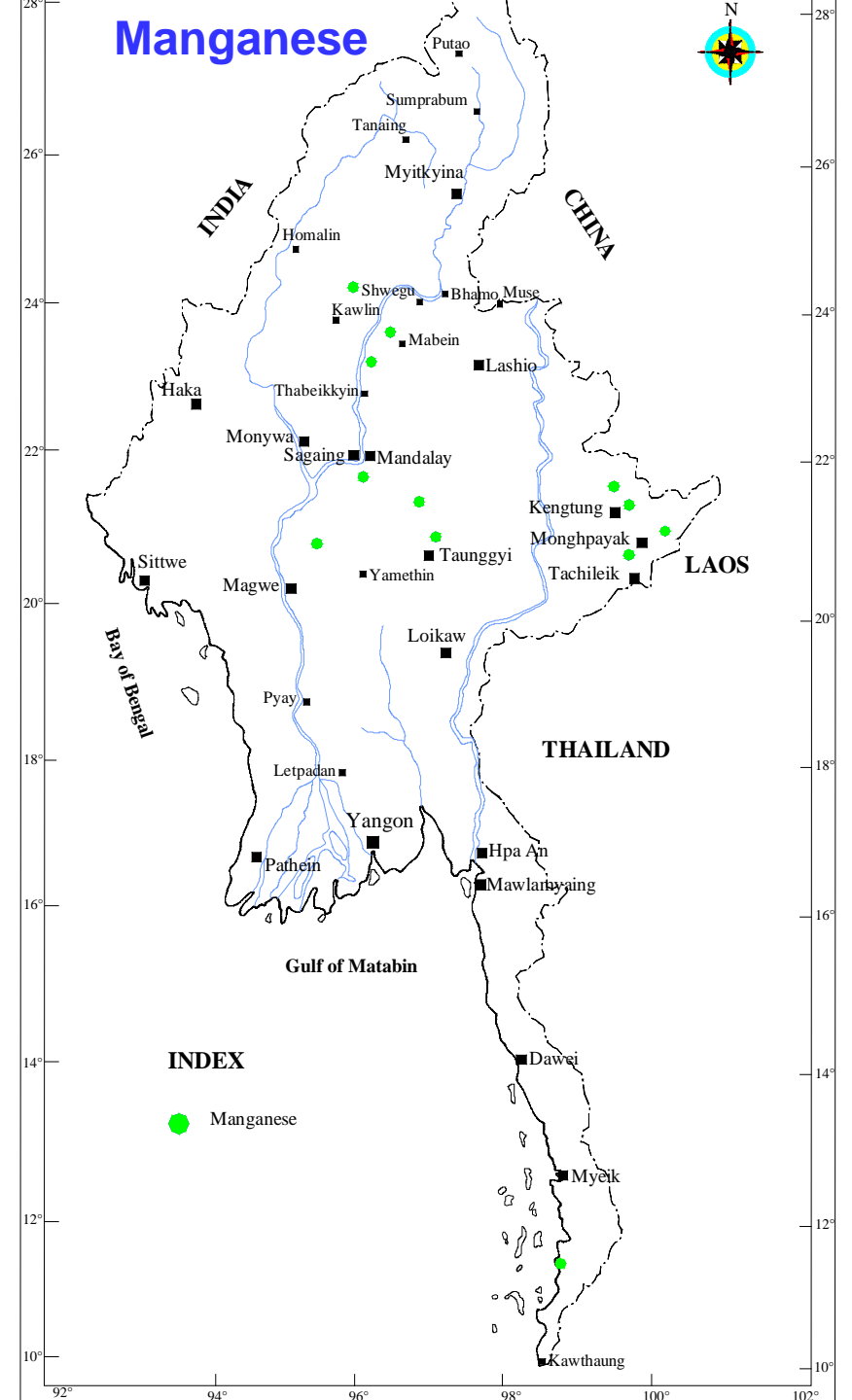
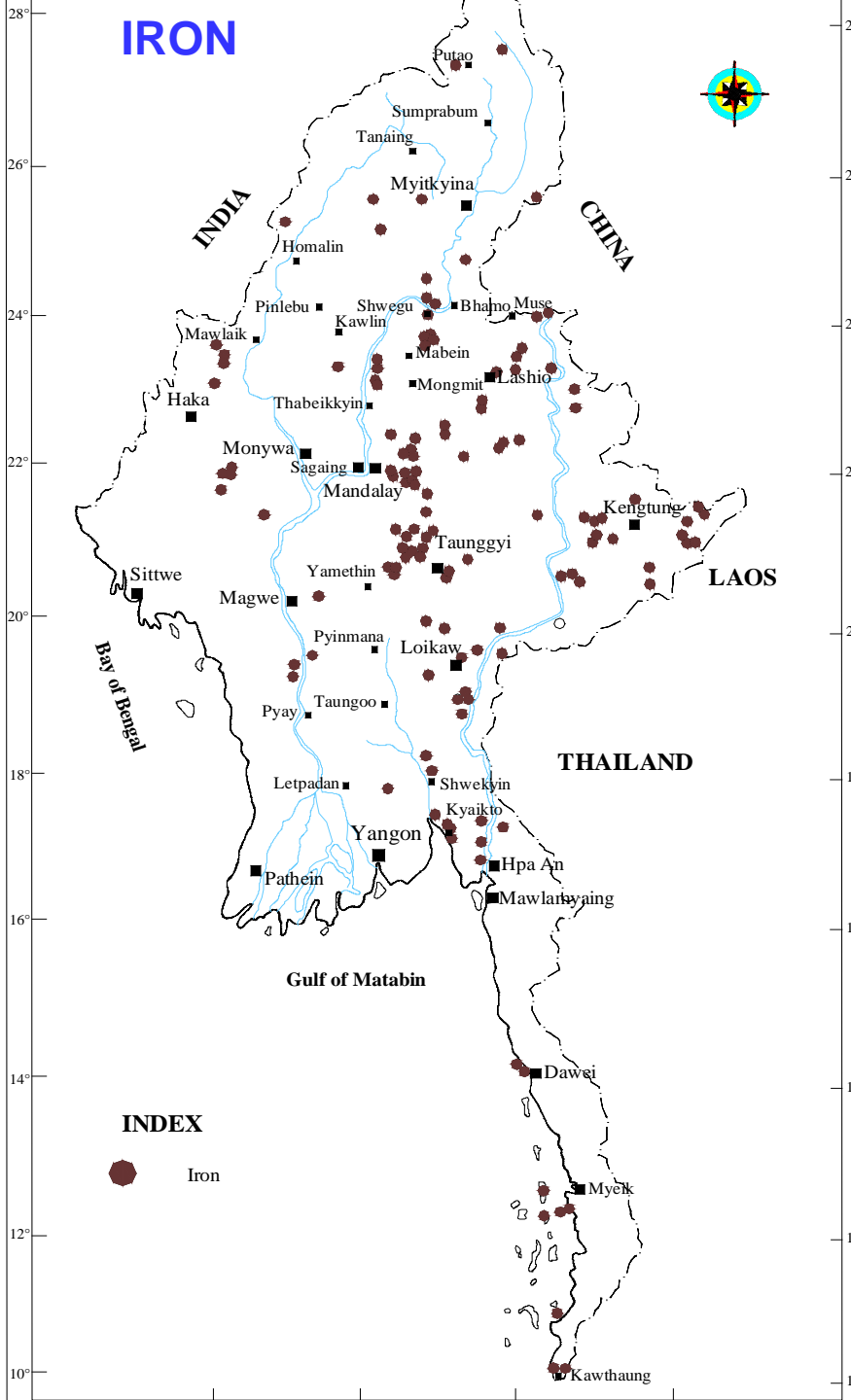


**laminated book & ribbon vein. 77cm@122 to 575g/t below oxide zone. Htongyi Taung 950m level**

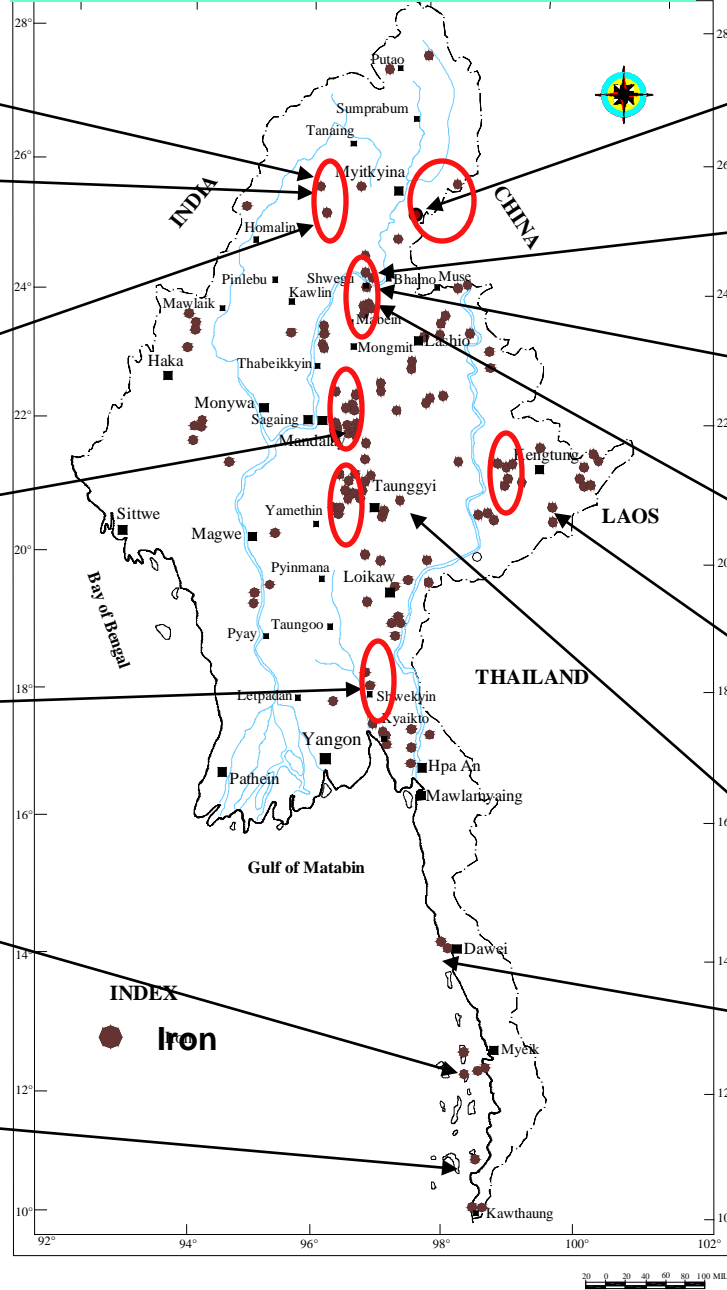
**Segment of Au-bearing quartz vein on 950m level at Htongyitaung, 40cm@11 g/t, looking SE.**

- Coarse visible gold commonly present in veins assaying over 30g/t Au
- Gold not encapsulated in pyrite.
- Gold is frequently observed in hand specimens in both the oxide and sulphide zones.





## DISTRIBUTION OF IRON DEPOSITS



Lamaung (Kachin)  
Fe -51.54%  
8.9 million (Probable)

Kathaing Taung (Kachin)  
Fe -50.56 %  
223 million (Probable)

Sanleik (Kachin)  
Lim.  
10 million (Potential)

Kyatwinye, Inya  
(Mandalay)  
Fe- 54 %  
3.7+ 4.5 million (Probable)

Minlan Thanseik,  
ShweGyin (Bago)  
Fe -28-56.7 % (Lim,)  
75.53 million (Possible)

Kanmaw  
Island(Tanintharyi)  
Fe -36 %  
21.2 million (Probable)

Kho Island (Tanintharyi)  
Fe -46.05 %  
7.6 million (Probable)

Kantawyan(Kachin)  
Fe -49-69%  
2.354 million (Possible)

Taungkaton Taung  
(Kachin)  
Fe -37- 45 %  
2.3million (Potential)

TaungNyo Taung (Kachin)  
Fe -40.67 %  
18.9 million (Potential)

Haemaung (Kachin)  
Fe -45.93 %  
1.1 million (Potential)

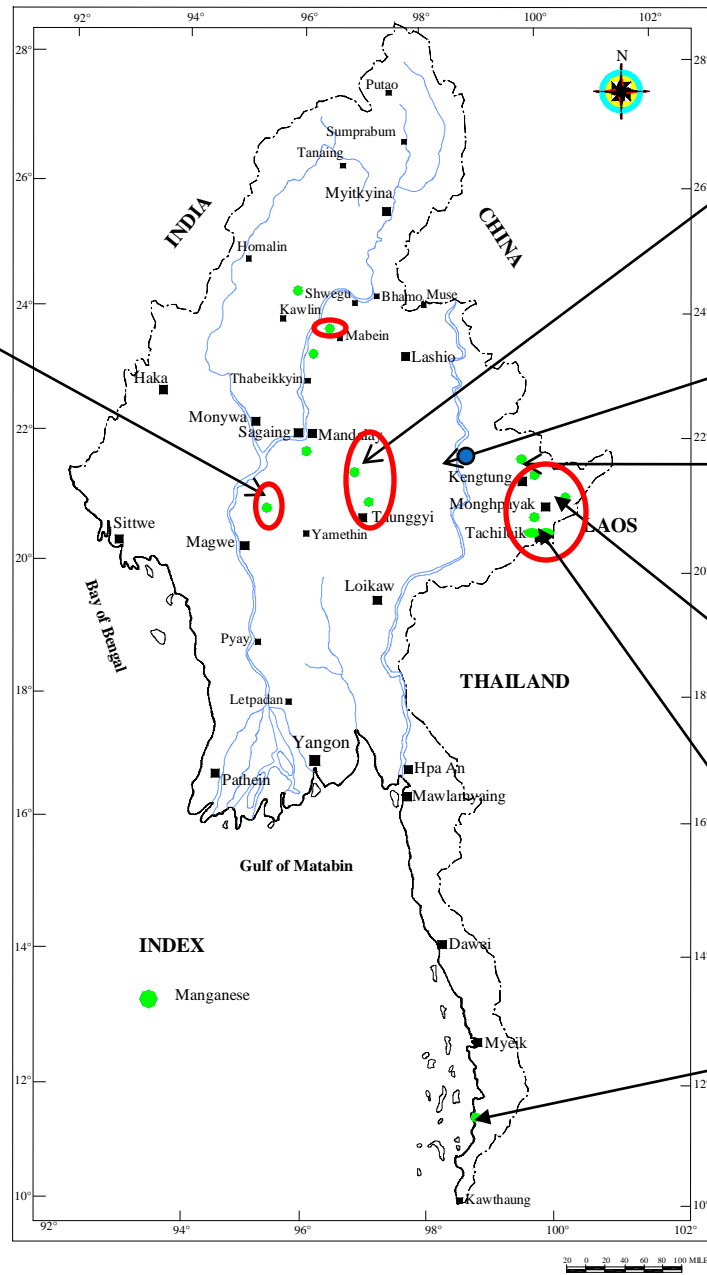
Mongkannwe (Shan East)  
Fe -39- 66 %  
21.5 million (Potential)

Pinpet (Shan South)  
Fe -56.4 % ( He, Lim)  
80 million (Probable)

Maputae Island  
(Tanintharyi)  
Fe -42 %  
1 million (Probable)

**Iron Occurrences = 393**  
**Potential = 495 million tons**

# DISTRIBUTION OF MANGANESE DEPOSITS



Kyaukpadaung (Mandalay)

Monpyin (Shan South)

Tar Pin (Shan East)  
Mn - 6.6%  
0.65 million (Possible)

Wansaw -Wanpaing (Shan East)  
Mn - 12.53%  
4.95 million (Possible)

Areye (Shan East)  
Mn - 25%  
1 million (Possible)

Wansalot (Shan East)  
Mn - 14%  
0.135 million (Possible)

Powel Island(Tanintharyi)  
Mn - 27%  
2.8 million (Probable)

**Manganese Occurrences= 52**

**Potential = 9 million tons**

**INDEX**  
● Manganese

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# DISTRIBUTION OF NICKEL DEPOSITS

**MWETAUNG**  
 Ni- 1.19%  
 110 mt (Probable)

**MAUNGDAW-NANMADAW**  
 Ni- 0.41%  
 0.49 mt (Possible)

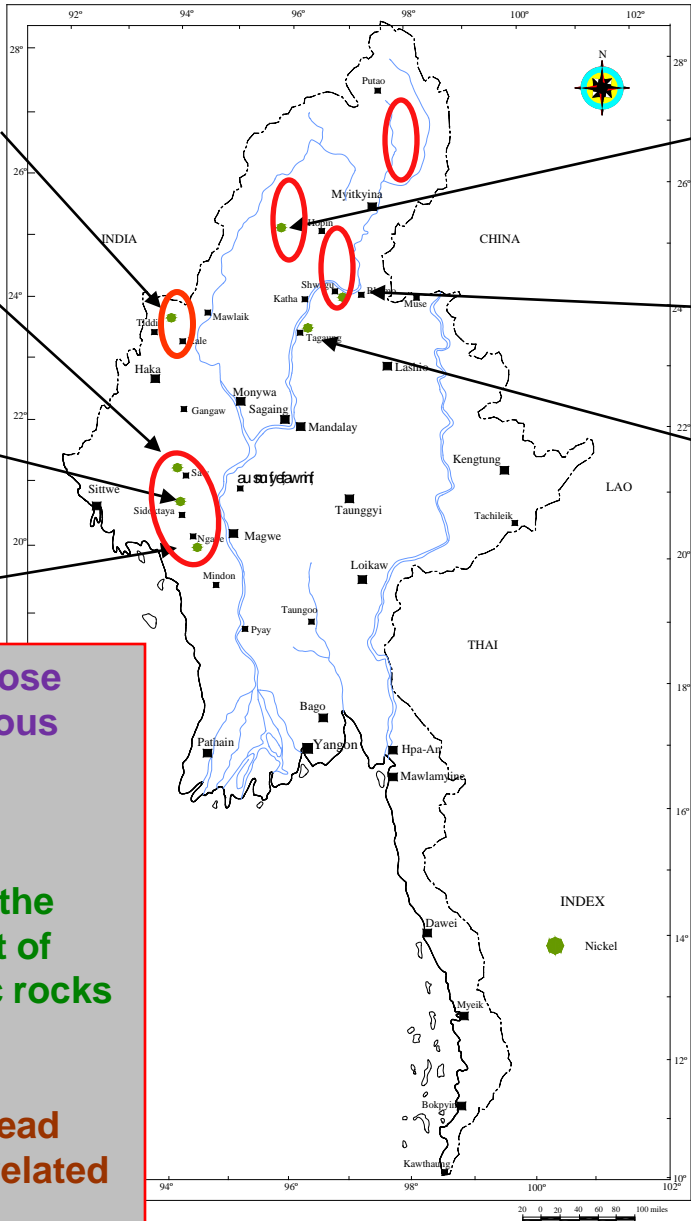
**MINDINKYIN**  
 Ni- 0.45%  
 0.02 mt (Possible)

**UKINTAUNG, HKAKYINTAUNG**  
 Ni- 0.4%  
 0.046 mt (Possible)

**INDAWGYI**  
 Ni- 0.41%  
 5.0 mt (Possible)

**TAUNGGADON**  
 Ni- 0.67%  
 0.028 mt Possible)

**TAGAUNGTUNG**  
 Ni- 2.06%  
 40 mt (Possible)



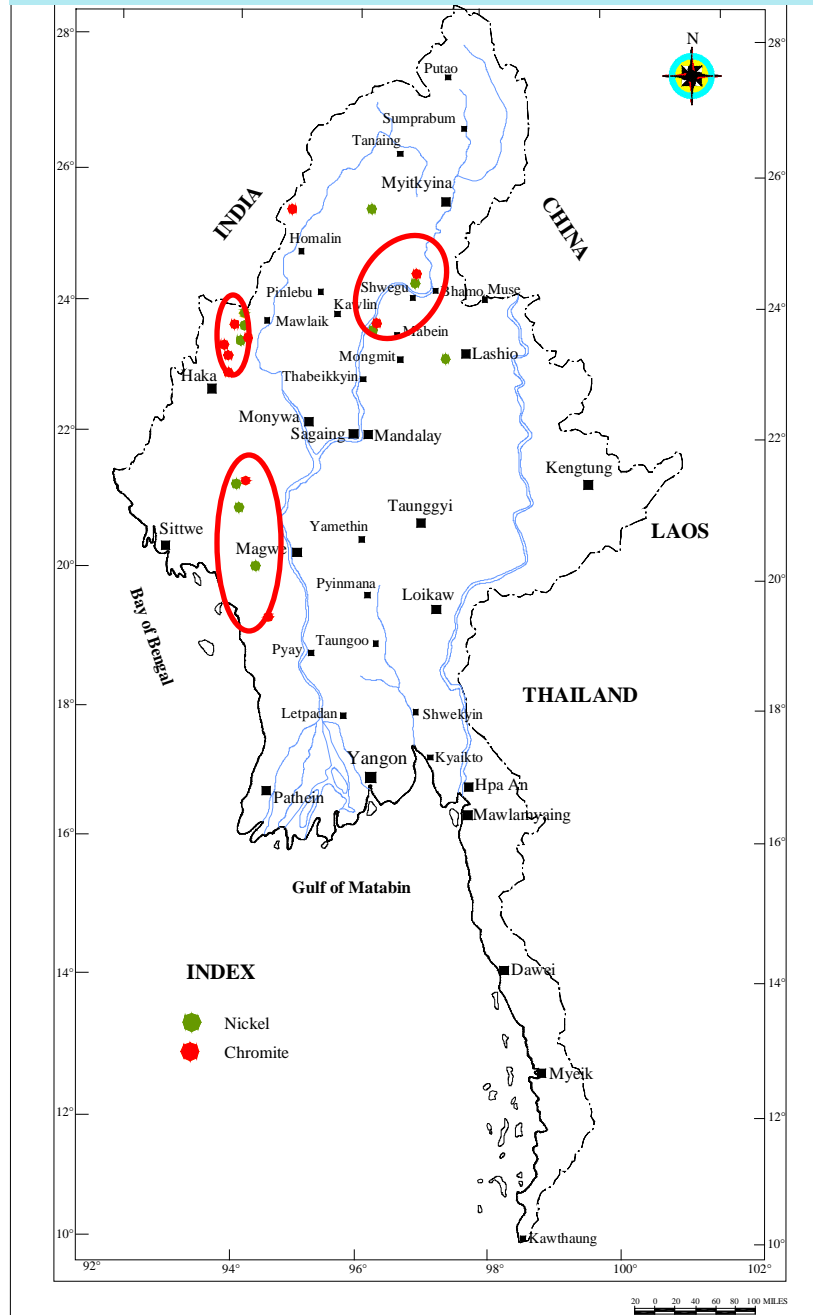
Ni-Cr mineralization occurs in close association with ultramafic igneous rocks emplaced during Late Cretaceous-Early Eocene.

At Mwetaung & Tagaung Taung, the deposits have formed as a result of tropical weathering of ultramafic rocks (Ni laterite deposits)

Cromite deposits are of widespread occurrences in Myanmar being related to N-S trending ophiolite lines.

**Nickel Occurrences = 14**

# DISTRIBUTION OF CHROMITE OCCURRENCES



**Chromite Occurrences = 43**

# Tagaung Nickel Project



# Processing Plant



# Nickel laterite mine site



**TAGAUNGTAUNG**  
**Ni- 2.06%**  
**40 mt (Possible)**

**Resource estimation-**  
**40 mt with ~ 2.0 % Ni**

# DISTRIBUTION OF ANTIMONY DEPOSITS

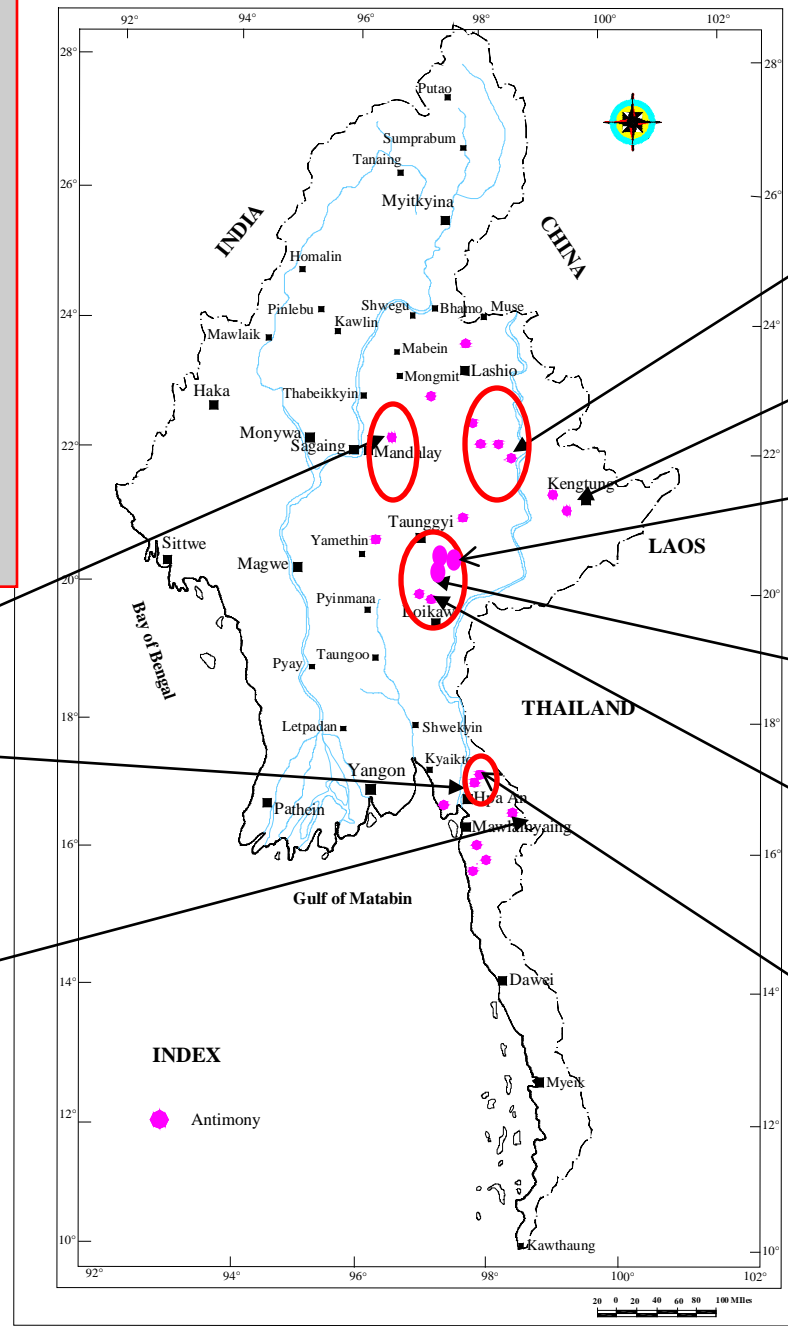
## Antimony deposits

-More than 140 occurrences of stibnite and other sb-bearing minerals are known in Myanmar.

-The majority of antimony mineralization occurs in the late Paleozoic carbonates (Triassic to Permian in age) & also in the late Pleozoic clastic sediments of the Mergui series.

-generally found in veins or lenses, or both.

-So far, the best known antimony deposit s are at Thabyu, Kayin State, near Thai Border. The ore is reported to be of high grade.



Nahok,Shan

Mong Inn,Shan

Liharmyar, Hopone

Peinchit,Kayah

Konsut,Kayah

Laga,Kayin

Lebyin,Mandalay

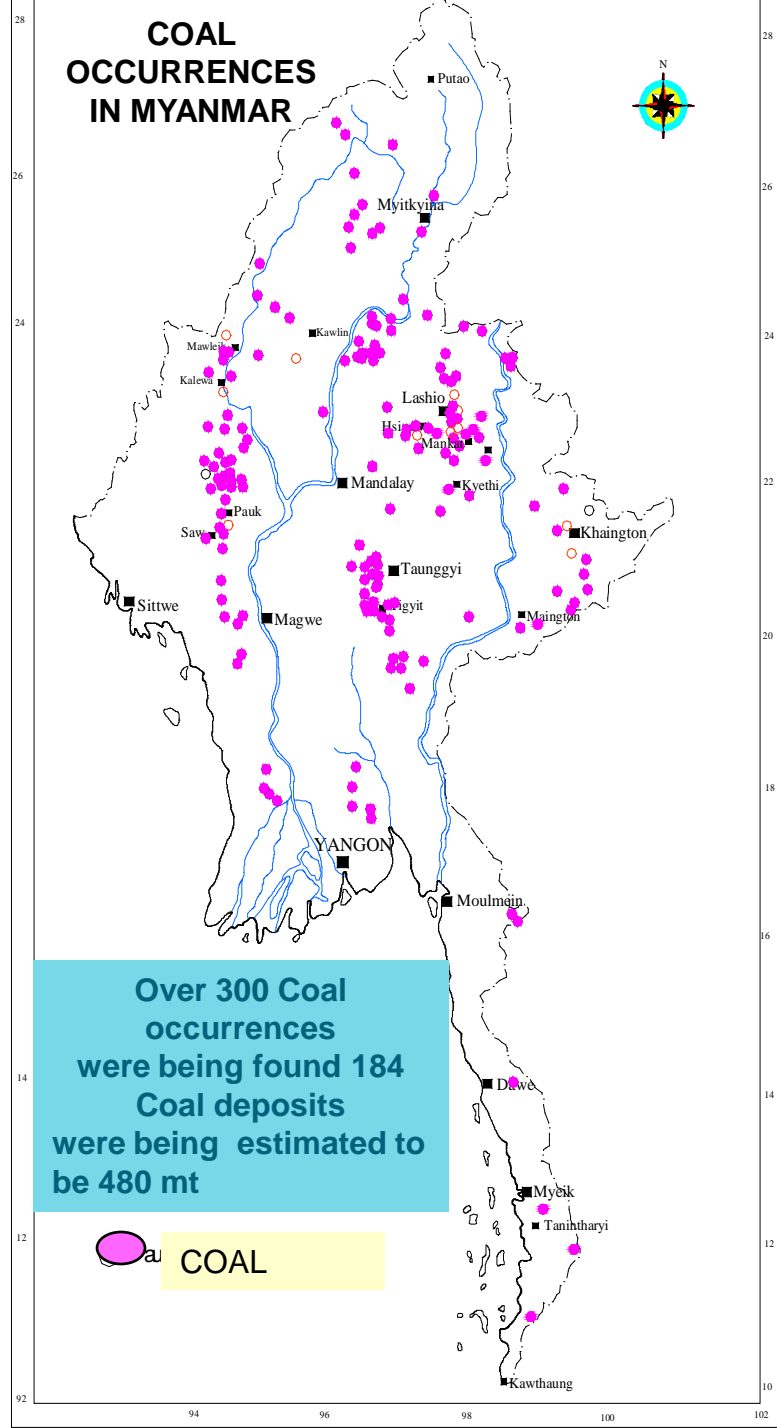
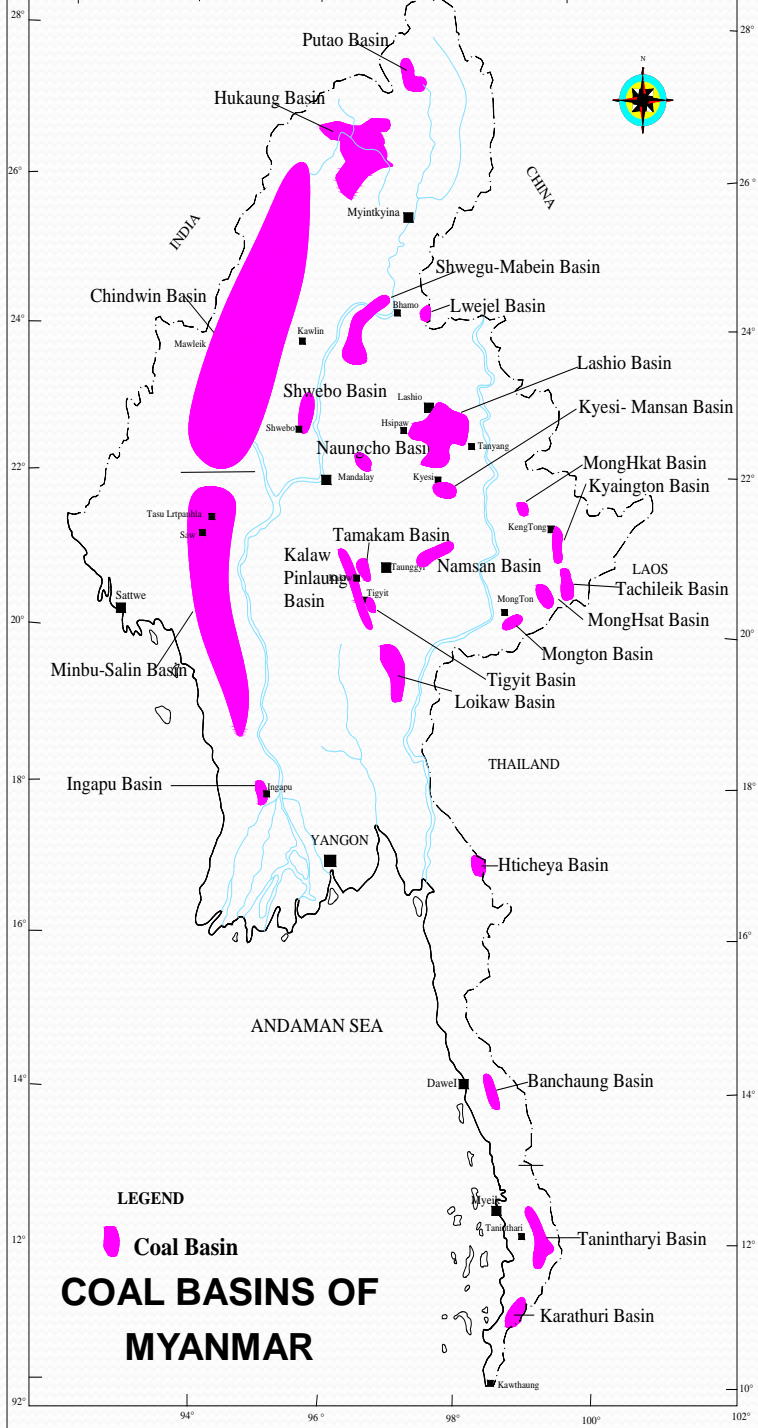
Kadaik, Mon

Thabyu,Mon



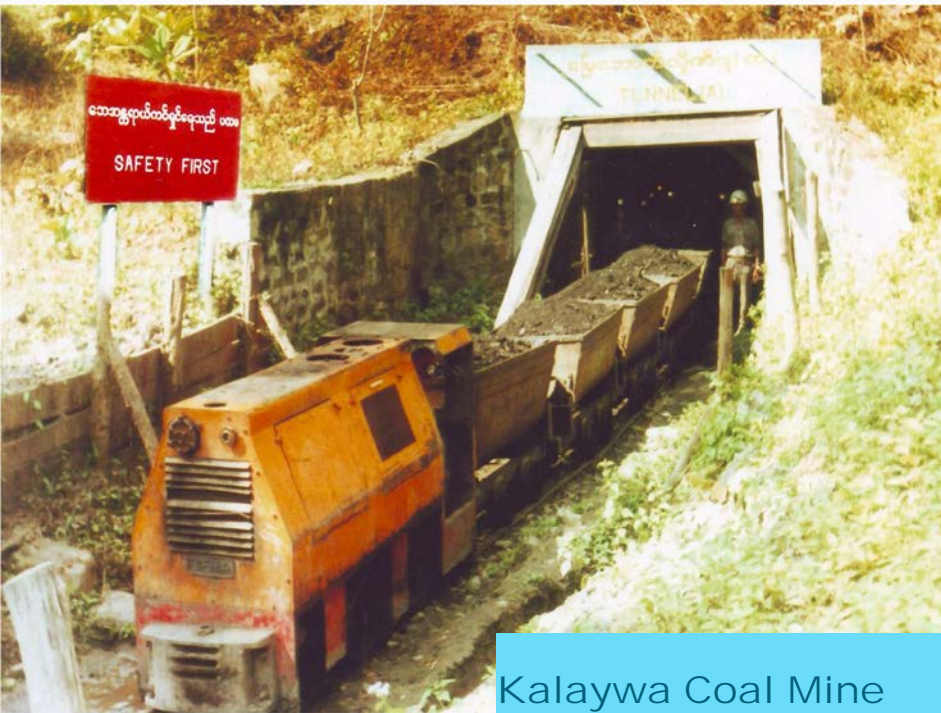
**Antimony mine, Hopone area,  
Shan State**







**Coal exposures, Kalewa-Mawleik area**

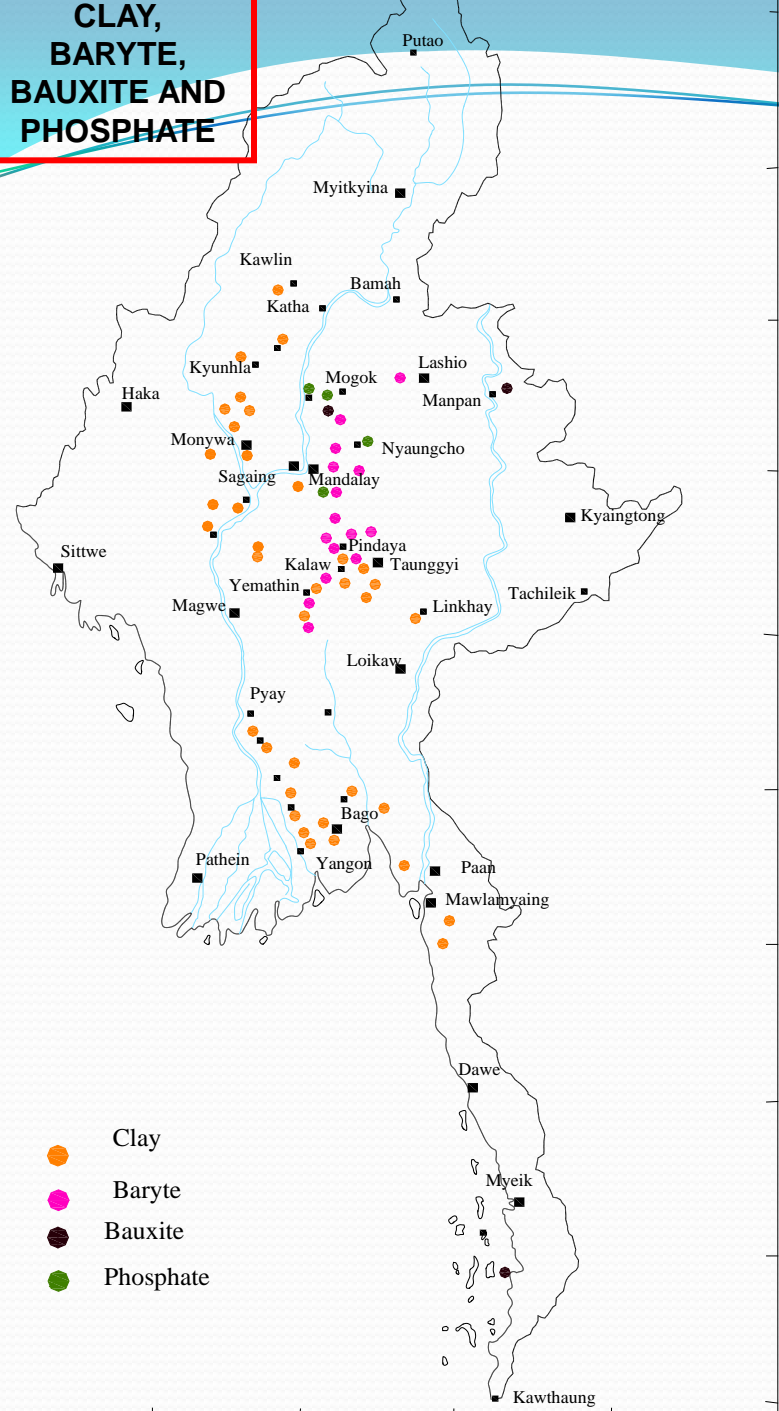


**Kalaywa Coal Mine**

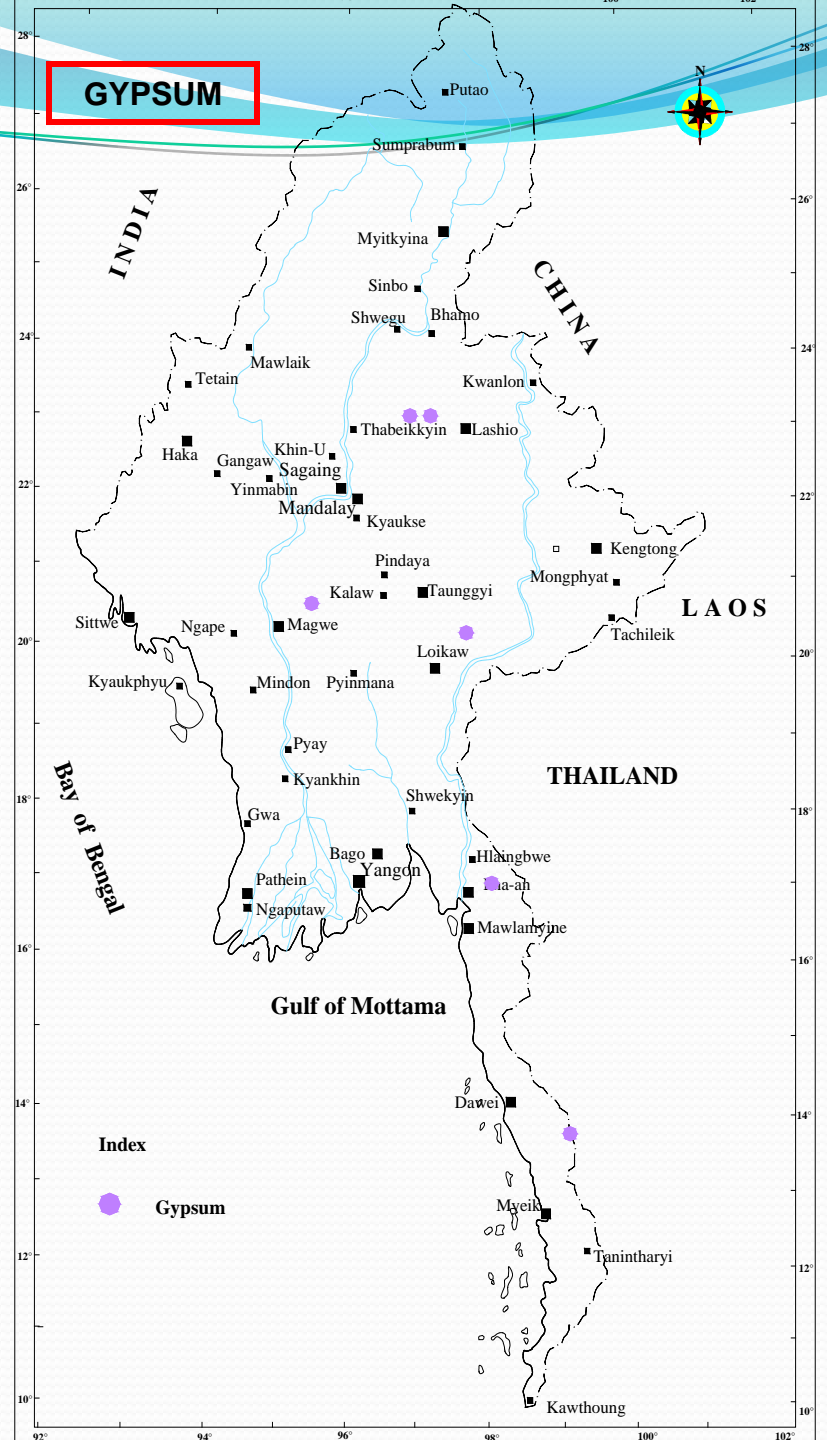


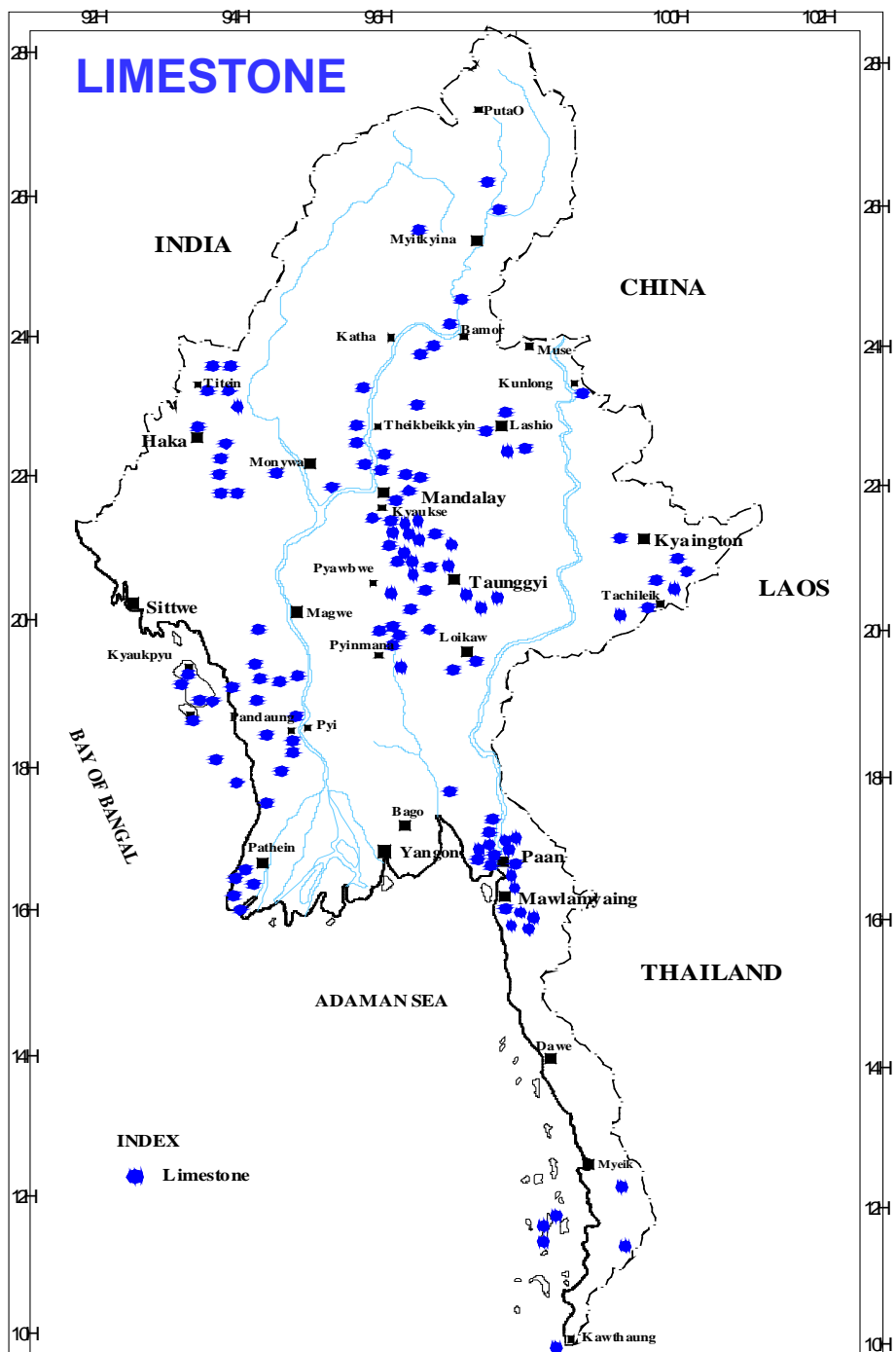
**Namma Coal Mine**

**CLAY,  
BARYTE,  
BAUXITE AND  
PHOSPHATE**



**GYPSUM**





Lime stone deposits = 452

# Gemstones of Myanmar

**Mogok gemstone tract** : Ruby, sapphire and spinel occur as primary minerals in marble, calc-silicates and as well as obtained from placers in eluvial and alluvial sediments.

**Jade mine area:** Jadeite-albite dykes and veins intruded into serpentinite bodies at the Tawmaw- Lonkin area,

**Burmese amber (Burmite):** The major occurrences are located in the Hukwng valley -

-other ruby occurrences are Nayaseik and Pyinlon.

Jade Mine area

Amber

Mogok Ruby ,  
Sapphire

Mongshu  
Ruby

Shan-Thai  
Block

Rakhine  
Coastal Strip

Western Ranges  
Central Cenozoic Belt

504.5cts ruby





# Jade mine site, Phakant



# Jade mine (Aerial View)





## **RUBY from Mogok Gemstone Tract**



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rkdif;½SL;ausmufrsufrsm;



# Sapphire from Mogok Gemstone Tract

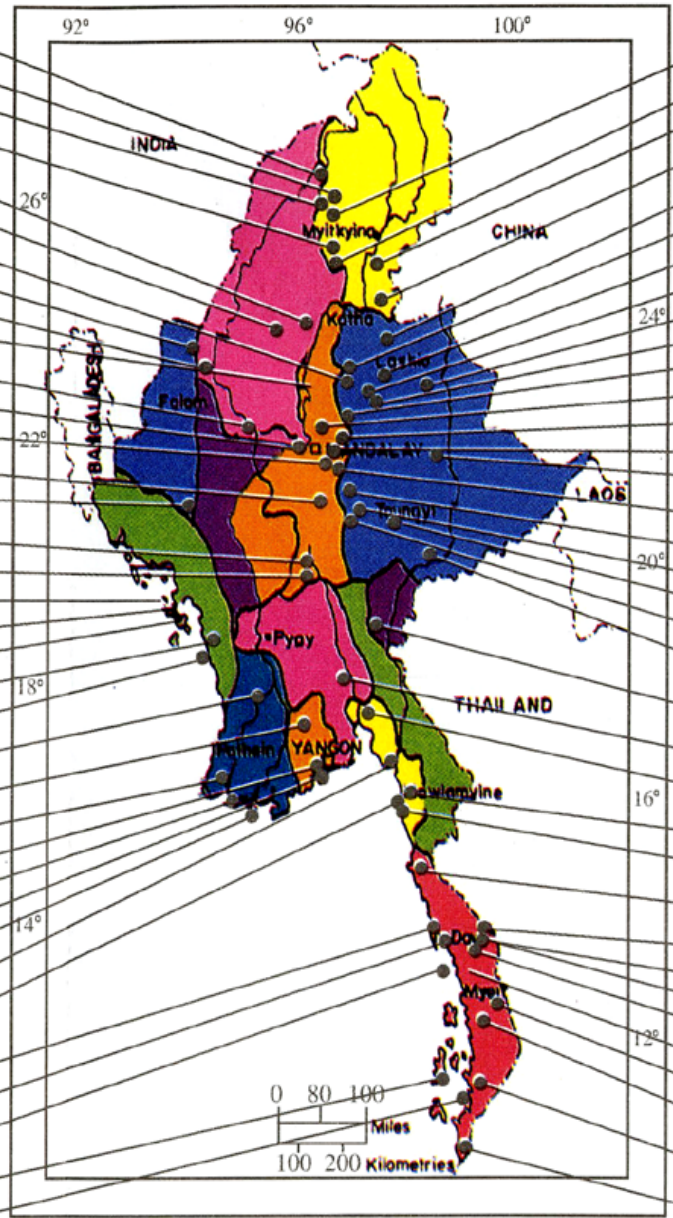


# Assorted Gemstones from Mogok Area



# MINERAL OCCURRENCE IN MYANMAR

Khanti Jade
Lonkhin Jade
Kathaingtaung Iron
Indawgyi Platium / Gold
Kyaukpahto Gold
Shangalon Copper/Gold
Mogok Gem
Mwetaung Nickel/Chromite
Kalewa Coal
Tagaungtaung Nickel/Chromite
Monywa Copper
Sagaing Limestone
Taungnima Limestone
Tharzi Soda Ash.
Kanpetlet Nickel/Chromite
Thayetkhon Gold
Pyinmana Tin/Limestone
Kyauktalon Salt
Sane/Lawetet Salt
Kyaukyetain Limestone
Myothaung Salt
Thandawe Pearl
Lemyatnha Copper
Lepadan Gold
Chaug Gwa Limestone
Than Lyin Tin Refinery
Thamehbyu Salt
Kyauktan Salt
Thingangalay Salt
Htanpinchaung Salt
Kyeikhami Salt
Dawei Tin Up Grade Plant
Laba Salt
Mali - Kyun Pearl
Pale - Kyun Pearl
Kho - Kyun Iron



Phakant Jade
Namma - Kagon Gold
Sinbo Copper
Myothit Gold
Pyinlong Gem
Mongmeik Diamond
Bawdwin Lead - Zinc-Silver
Sanlaung Coal
Nama Coal
Hsipaw Gypsum
Yadanatheingi Lead - Zinc - S
Phayaungtaung Gole
Pyin - Oo - Lwin Iron - Barite
Kwenapha Limestone
Mongshu Gem
Kyaukse Copper/Limestone
Bawsaing Lead - Zinc - Silver
Heho Barite
Pangpet Iron
Lebyin Antimony
Wansalaung Gem
Mawchi Tin/Tungsten
Shewgyin Gold
Meyongyi - Meyongale Gold
Natsan Antimony
Panga Salt
Kanbauk Tin
Hermyingyi Tin/Tungsten
Kyaykmedaung Tin
Heinda Tin
Pagayee Tin
Nanthila Tin
Theindaw Diamond/ Tin
Tharabon Limestone
Bokpyin Tin
Maliwun Tin

Fig.1



**Thank You**