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The Trust Fund Project on Iron Ore Information was started by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in 1989. The Trust Fund produces two unique products on iron ore:

- **The Iron Ore Market Report**
- **The Iron Ore Statistics**

These products provide the only comprehensive, up-to-date statistics and analysis on developments in the world market for iron ore. They are indispensable to professionals interested in the iron ore market, whether producers, purchasers, shipping agents, suppliers of goods or services to the industry, analysts or consultants.

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The Iron Ore Market Report

The review on iron ore market developments (140 pages) is recognized as the most authoritative source of information on the iron ore market. The Report contains detailed reviews and data on iron ore production, trade, freight rates and prices, as well as an outlook for the eighteen months ahead.



BHP Billiton iron ore operations at Mount Whaleback, Australia (photo courtesy of BHP Billiton Ltd.)

The information used for the Report comes from UNCTAD and SNL databases, supplemented by information from a worldwide network of government and industry sources, as well as from publicly available publications, such as trade journals. The 2015 issue of the Report includes the following substantive chapters:

- *The iron ore market in 2014*
- *Steel in 2014*
- *Country information*
- *Companies in the global iron ore industry*
- *Project review*
- *The outlook for 2015 and 2016*

Overall, the Report presents a comprehensive overview of iron ore developments, as well as analyzing topical issues such as the evolution of Chinese demand for iron ore or freight rates.

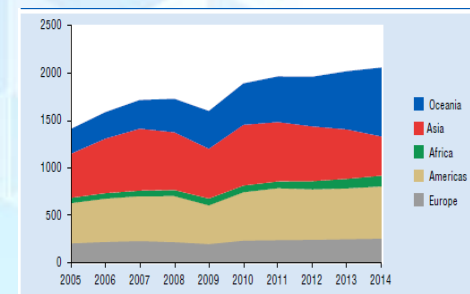
Iron Ore Statistics

Iron ore statistics are accessible from the **UNCTADstat portal** and include comprehensive annual data, starting from 2000. The Database is updated twice per year: first with full-year statistics from the previous year, then with a mid-year update during the current year. Statistics include data on:

- *Iron ore production by country*
- *Exports of iron ore, by exporting country and destination*
- *Imports of iron ore, by importing country and origin*
- *Trade matrices for iron ore*
- *Pellets capacity, production and exports*
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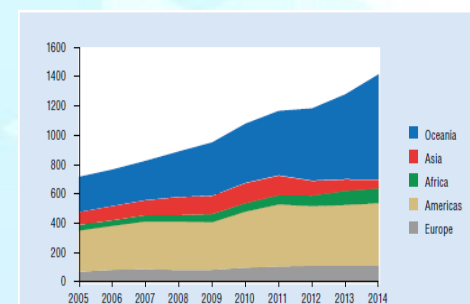
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World iron ore production, 2005-2014, million tonnes



Source: SNL Metals & Mining

World iron ore exports, 2005-2014, million tonnes



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