

World Salt Resources



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ABSTRACT

Salt, one of the most basic of the raw materials used by the chemical industry as well as a compound absolutely necessary for bodily existence is found in most countries of the world in one or more of the following forms: (1) bedded salt, (2) salt domes, (3) salt lakes, or (4) salt brines. In addition over 50% of all of the countries also obtain salt by solar evaporation of sea water.

Unfortunately data on salt resources of all countries except those in North America and a few countries located in Europe are limited, and that which is available is scattered throughout a few obscure sources. Therefore I wrote to 146 geological surveys, many other government agencies as well as friends throughout the world in an attempt to collect recent data on each country's salt resources. Answers to these inquiries resulted in a compilation of the following data: location of salt deposits, reserves, depth of the salt horizons, analysis, and salt production statistics. This information also appears in map form.