



Afghanistan Marble Industry

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Afghanistan has over 400 varieties of marble with total value of around USD150-200 billion. According to Mitchell (2008) reports, the total estimated marble deposits in Afghanistan reach over 9 billion MTs. Afghanistan can supply marble to regional and international markets almost for indefinite period of time. Moreover the US geological survey has discovered 66 marble and granite reserves in Afghanistan, which are located in, Kabul, Parwan, Nangrahar, Wardak, Bamyan, Panjshir, Laghman, Herat, and Balkh provinces.

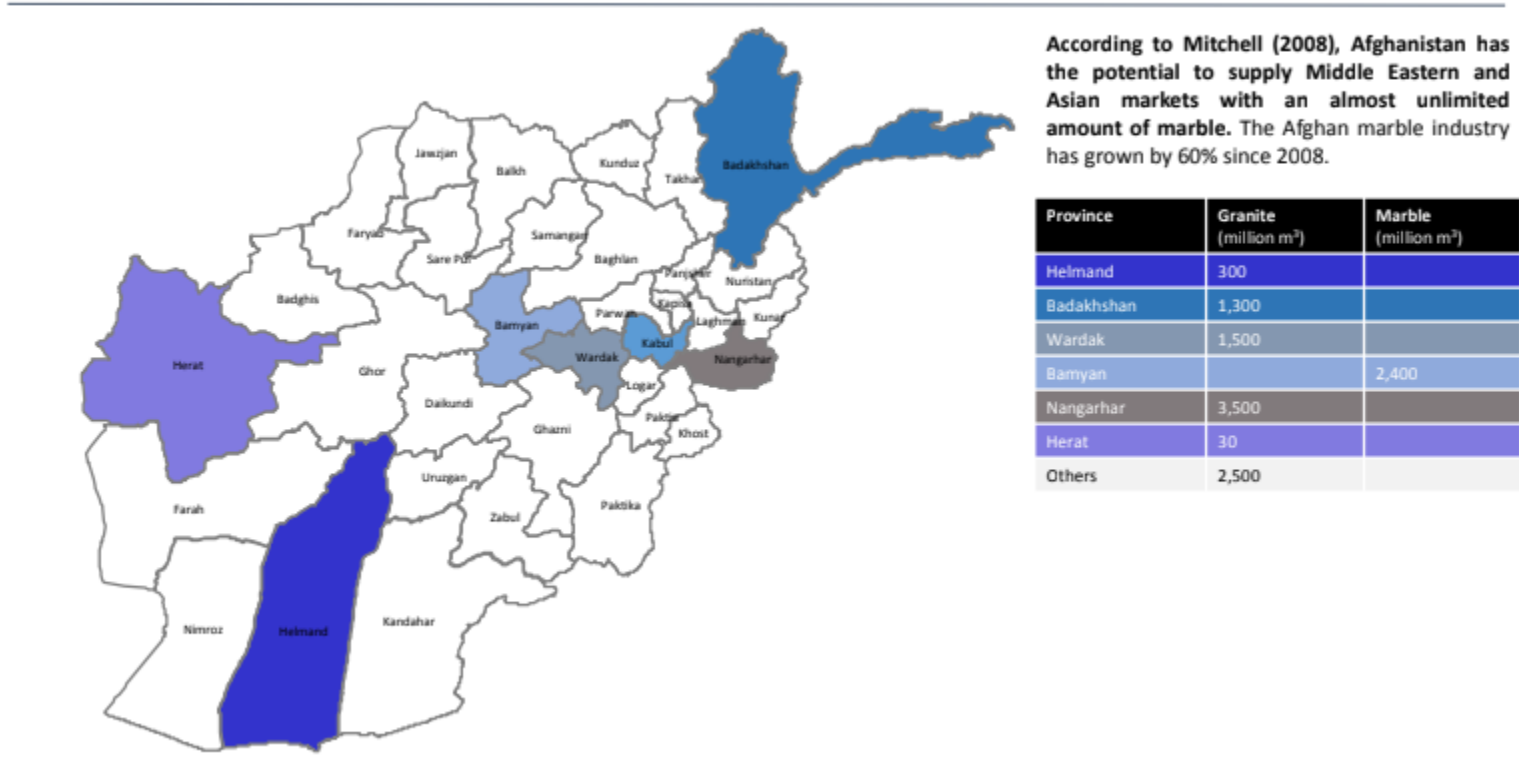
Afghanistan annual marble production is around 124,000 to 155,000 MTs. The overall growth rate of the marble industry in term of production is around 60% per annum. This is due to the fact that Afghan marble industry has been recently reinvented. But the growth rate of 60% is not evenly spread over all marble firms e.g. a quarry's production in Herat province in the last 5 years grew at a rate of 100% (doubled every year) whereas the production of a quarry in Kabul in the last 5 years only grew at a rate of 13%.

Herat province in western Afghanistan, exports USD3 million of marble each year. Reports show that there are hopes that it will be tripled to USD10 million by next year. Over the past four years, 20 marble factories have opened in Herat, employing 20 individuals each.

Around the world, a major part of marble is consumed in local markets while in Afghanistan the majority of unprocessed marble is exported with very low prices to neighboring countries, especially Pakistan. Such condition implies that there is an investment opportunity for marble processing companies in the Afghan market.

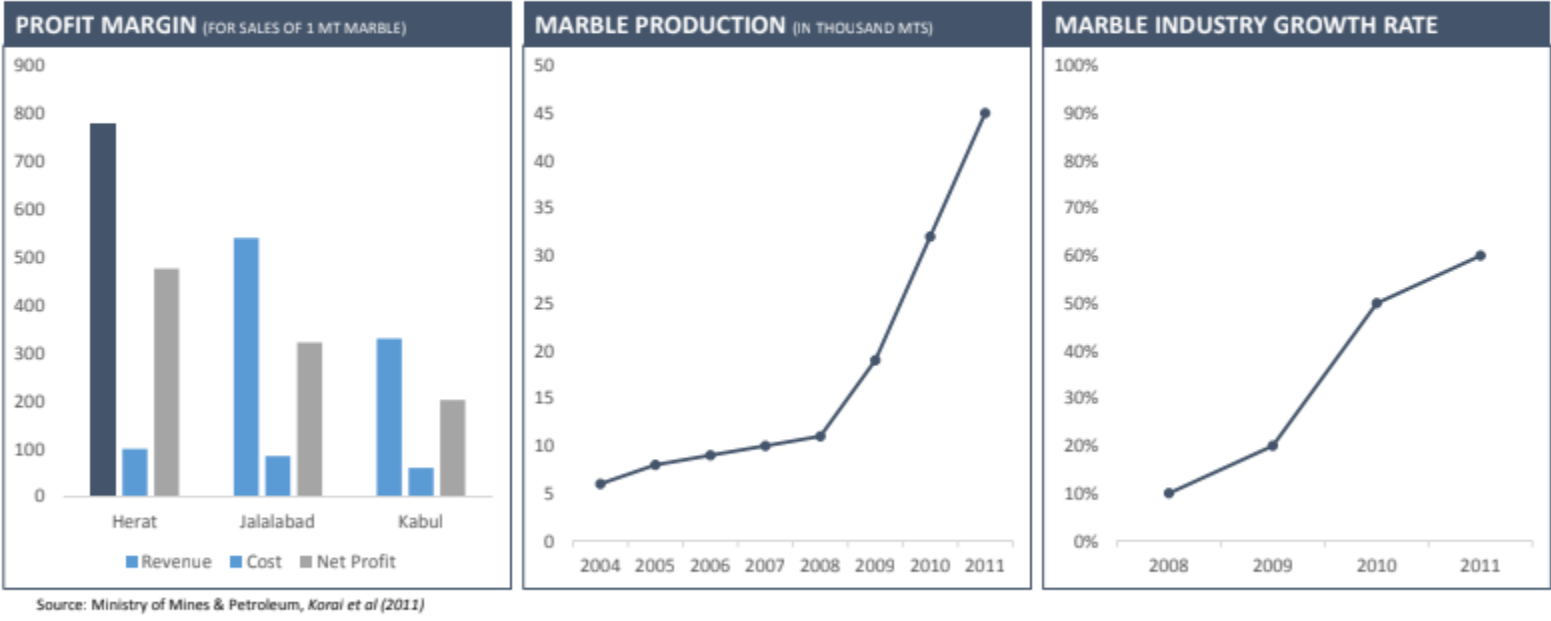
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MARBLE AND GRANITE RESERVES OF AFGHANISTAN IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE VALUE OF AROUND USD150-200 BILLION



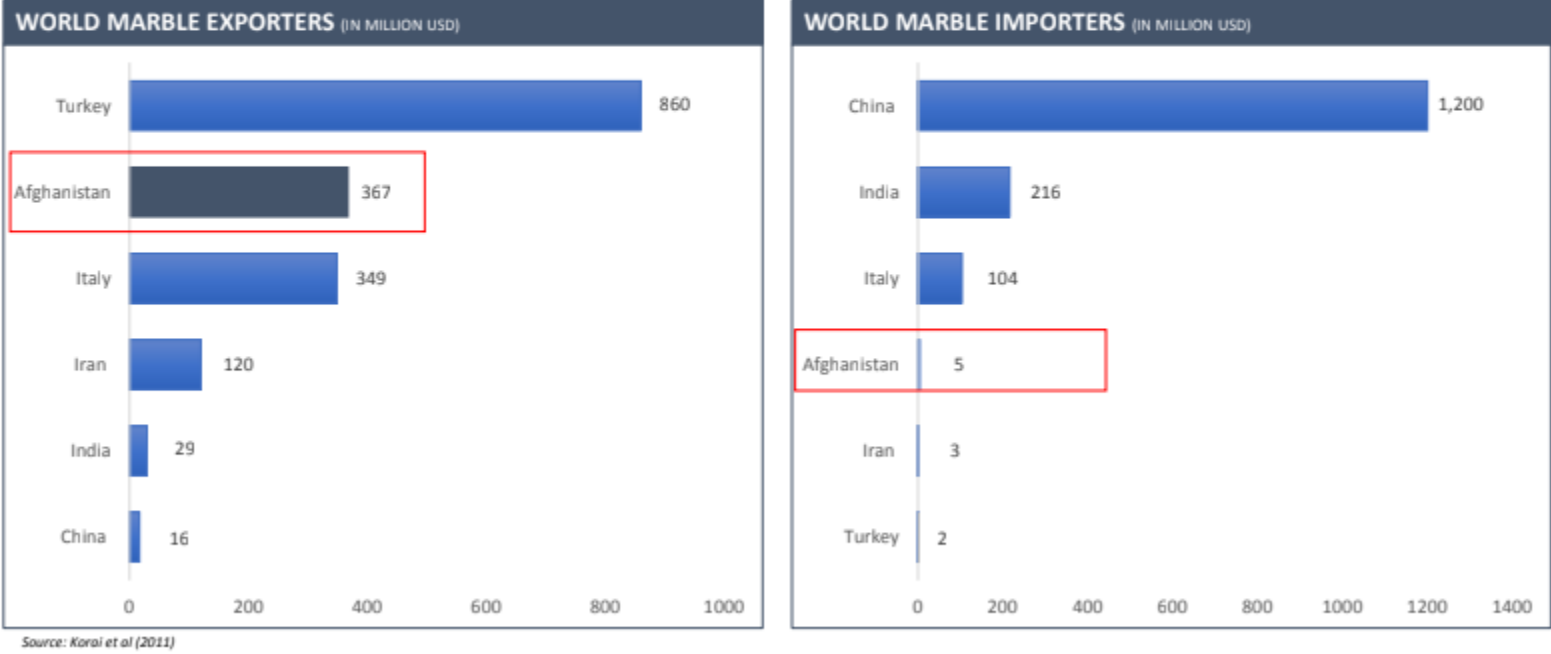
MARBLE PRODUCTION HAS CONSISTENTLY INCREASED OVER THE PAST YEARS

Among other regions, the type of marble in Herat region generates the highest amount of revenues and net profits, while Jalalabad and Kabul are in later positions. Besides that, the Afghan Marble Industry has consecutively grown over the past years i.e. in 2011 the growth rate has been 60% on average basis.



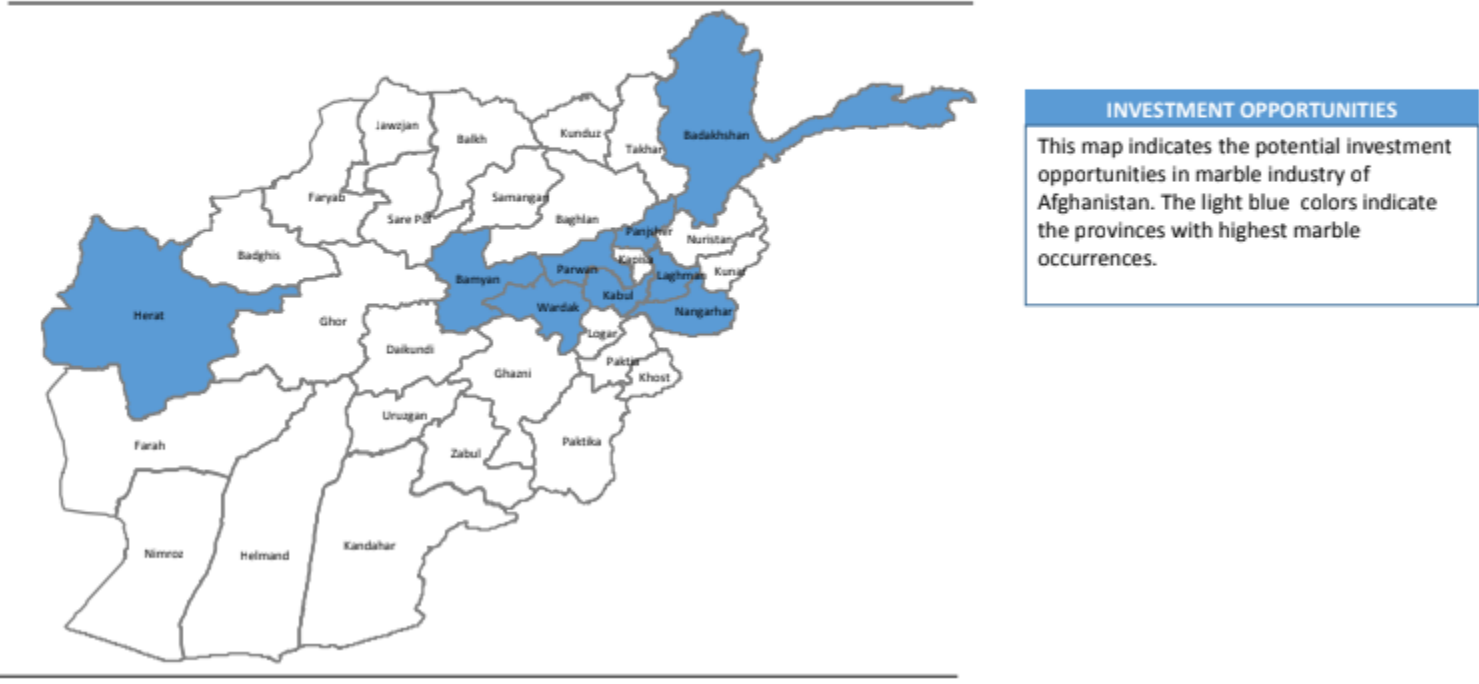
THE WORLD MARBLE

A major part of marble is consumed locally by producing countries, and only a small percentage of total production is exported. This fact indicates that local supply of marble remains less costly, while the transportation cost increases the price of exported marble products. Therefore, Afghan firms can win the domestic market with least effort.



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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INVESTMENT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Description	
Required information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Detailed business planCompany profileList of past projectsHistorical & forecasted financials
Proposals' submission Email	afgproposals@gmail.com
Contact number	
Proposal Submission Process	There are three entities through which investors can submit their business proposals including: (1) Office of Senior Economic Advisor to H.E. the President, (2) PPP office of MoF, and (3) High Economic Council. Once one of these three relevant authorities receive a business proposal, they will do their evaluation and will send their feedback to HEC. Upon HEC authorization, the proposal will be put on the agenda for approval.