Brazilianite

\( \text{NaAl}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_4 \)

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. Point Group: 2/m. Crystals typically equant, or spearhead-shaped, elongated along [100], with large \{011\}, \{111\}, also \{010\}, \{110\}, \{301\}, \{010\}, other forms, to 20 cm. May be radial fibrous, globular.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: On \{010\}, good. Fracture: Conchoidal. Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = 5.5 \( D(\text{meas.}) = 2.98 \) \( D(\text{calc.}) = 2.998 \)

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). Orientation: \( Y = b; X \wedge c = -20^\circ \). Dispersion: \( r < v \), faint. \( \alpha = 1.602 \) \( \beta = 1.609 \) \( \gamma = 1.621-1.623 \) 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 71°–75°

Cell Data: Space Group: \( P2_1/n \). \( a = 11.229(6) \) \( b = 10.142(5) \) \( c = 7.098(4) \) \( \beta = 97^\circ 41' \) \( Z = 4 \)

X-ray Powder Pattern: Palermo #1 mine, New Hampshire, USA. 5.04 (10), 2.98 (8), 2.73 (8), 2.68 (8), 2.87 (7), 1.44 (5), 3.77 (4)

Chemistry:

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Total 100.23 100.00

(1) [Córrego Frio mine,] Brazil. (2) \( \text{NaAl}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_4 \).

Occurrence: A hydrothermal mineral in phosphate-rich zones of granite pegmatites; also in metamorphosed sedimentary deposits.

Association: Muscovite, albite, apatite, tourmaline ([Córrego Frio mine,] Brazil); whitlockite, apatite, quartz (Palermo #1 mine, New Hampshire, USA); ambygonyite, lazulite-scorzalite, augelite, bertossaite, apatite (Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda).

Distribution: In Brazil, from the Córrego Frio and other nearby pegmatite mines, Divino das Laranjeiras, near Linópolis, and from Sêo Geraldo do Baixo, Minas Gerais; on Alto Patrimônio, near Pedro Lavrada, Paraíba; from Boqueirão do Parelhas and Alto do Giz, Rio Grande do Norte. In the USA, at the Palermo #1 and Fletcher mines, near North Groton, Grafton Co., and the G.E. Smith mine, Newport, Sullivan Co., New Hampshire; at the Bell Pit, Newry, Oxford Co., Maine; from the White Picacho district, Maricopa and Yavapai Co., Arizona. In the Big Fish River–Rapid Creek area, Yukon Territory, Canada. From the Buranga pegmatite, near Gatumba, Rwanda. At Millstätter Seenrücken, Carinthia, Austria. From Dolní Bory, near Velkého Meziříčí, Czech Republic. At Giogo di Toirano, Bardinetto, Savona, Italy. From Hagendorf, Bavaria, Germany.

Name: For Brazil, the country in which it was first found.


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