

# Overview of Gemstone Resources in China

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## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Statistics of chemical compositions of emeralds in China (wt.%).

	Davdar of Xinjiang				Dayakou of Yunnan			
	XJ1	XJ2	XJ3	XJ4	YN17	YN1	YN46	YN65
SiO <sub>2</sub>	66.29	65.52	65.37	65.72	66.69	66.35	66.06	66.15
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.18	16.86	16.74	16.43	14.47	17.38	15.88	16.44
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.12	n.d.	n.d.	0.04	0.02
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.05	0.29	0.72	0.73
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.54	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04
BeO	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	13.59	n.d.	n.d.
MgO	0.72	0.86	0.95	1.03	2.07	0.78	0.95	1.22
CaO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
MnO	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
FeO	0.27	0.32	0.39	0.17	0.37	0.32	0.34	0.50
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.49	0.57	0.65	0.63	0.95	0.18	0.71	0.80
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03
Total	85.4	84.58	84.58	84.97	84.71	98.97	84.77	85.95
Data source	[1]				[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]

n.d. = not detected.

**Table S2.** Representative EPMA of various gem-quality minerals from China.

	Ruby	Sapphire	Tourmaline	Olivine			
	Baicheng of Xinjiang	Changle of Shandong	Fuping of Hebei	Xinjiang	Yunnan	Songshan of Jilin	Damaping of Hebei
SiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.	0.02–0.71	0.04–0.05	37.01–36.56	37.86–40.94	40.96–41.92	41.00–42.45
TiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.	0.03–0.07	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00–0.06	0.00–0.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	98.47–99.30	97.67–98.88	96.20–98.58	30.88–40.10	36.59–41.53	0.00–0.02	0.00–0.04
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.04–0.14	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.12–0.62	0.00–0.04	0.17–0.32	n.d.	n.d.	0.00–0.01	0.00–0.13
MgO	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.02–0.16	48.26–49.74	48.78–50.84
CaO	0.01–0.02	0.02–0.06	n.d.	0.05–0.36	n.d.	0.01–0.04	0.00–0.08
MnO	0.01–0.06	0.02–0.13	0.02–0.14	0.28–2.47	0.32–0.34	0.14–0.17	0.10–0.27
FeO <sub>T</sub>	0.01–0.03	0.91–1.33	0.46–0.81	0.00–12.55	0.08–0.98	7.86–8.99	8.41–8.79

NiO	0.01–0.05	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.33–0.37	0.00–0.39
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.82–2.27	1.22–2.15	0–0.01	0.00–0.02
K <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.	0.01–0.09	n.d.	0.01–0.11	n.d.	0.00–0.01	0.00–0.01
F	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.03–1.28	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Data source	[6]	[7] [8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	
Garnet		Serpentine jade		Turquoise		Aquamarine	
	Jinan of Shandong	Nanminghe of Hebei	Xiuyan of Liaoning	Taian of Shandong	Ma'anshan of Anhui	Fugong of Yunnan	Pingwu of Sichuan
SiO <sub>2</sub>	36.75–38.09	35.66–36.37	44.06–44.82	41.90–44.70	0.00–0.23	63.87–66.08	63.19
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.64–0.87	0.00–0.03	n.d.	0.00–0.23	0.00–0.10	0.00–0.05	0.01
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.40–12.19	0.38–0.71	0.16–0.22	0.05–0.65	36.56–39.94	16.55–17.49	17.31
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	n.d.	n.d.	0.07–0.09	n.d.	37.15–39.95	0.00–0.04	n.d.
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00–0.03	0.00–0.02	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00–0.06	n.d.
BeO	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
MgO	0.02–0.04	0.66–0.78	40.65–41.95	35.95–41.46	0.00–0.03	0.00–0.37	0.07
CaO	35.40–35.83	32.14–32.71	0.07–0.18	0.00–0.09	0.02–0.13	0.00–0.01	0.30
CuO	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.55–9.24	n.d.	n.d.
MnO	0.14–0.17	0.03–0.16	0.01–0.05	0.00–0.18	n.d.	0.00–0.05	n.d.
FeO <sub>T</sub>	11.68–14.64	27.74–28.33	0.37–1.65	1.35–9.44	0.07–2.32	0.16–0.63	0.21
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.	n.d.	0.11–0.12	0.00–0.31	0.00–0.16	0.20–0.72	1.47
K <sub>2</sub> O	n.d.	n.d.	0.10–0.12	0.00–0.14	0.01–0.14	0.00–0.05	0.09
Data source	[13]	[14]	[15]	[16]	[17]	[18]	[19] [20] [21]

Note: n.d. = not detected.

**Table S3.** Representative Electron microprobe analysis (EPMA) of different nephrite jade from Xinjiang province, China.

Location	Xinjiang											
	Hetian			Yutian			Qiemo		Ruoqiang		Manasi	
Sample	MYH-1-1	MYH-1-2	MYH-1-3	YT-1-1	YT-1-2	YT-1-3	QM-1-1	QM-1-2	RQ-1-1	RQ-1-2	MNS-1-1	MNS-1-2
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.74	57.67	56.38	58.01	56.88	58.49	58.59	58.28	58.34	58.77	57.11	57.20
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	n.d.	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.70	0.65	0.63	0.29	0.49	0.67	0.75	1.68	0.76	0.72	0.23	0.64
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	n.d.	0.02	n.d.	0.05	0.03	0.99	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.05
FeO	0.65	0.96	4.31	0.41	1.09	0.00	0.36	0.22	0.97	0.98	3.87	6.24
MnO	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.23	0.17
MgO	22.95	22.78	20.68	24.02	23.02	22.62	24.42	24.23	24.09	23.75	23.52	19.66
CaO	12.90	12.50	12.95	12.90	13.11	13.24	13.08	13.38	12.93	12.82	12.77	12.86
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.00	0.06	0.16	0.23	0.09	0.10	0.03	0.07
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.03	0.09	n.d.	0.06	0.13	0.03	0.08	0.12	0.14	0.08	0.02	0.04
Total	95.11	94.88	95.12	95.92	94.83	96.20	97.48	98.40	97.42	97.33	97.93	97.04
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.14	0.04	0.01	0.02
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	4.78	4.76	4.38	4.91	4.81	4.67	4.94	4.87	4.90	4.82	4.83	4.10
Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.05	0.07	0.11	0.12	0.27	0.12	0.12	0.04	0.11
K <sup>+</sup>	0.01	0.02	n.d.	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01

Note: n.d. = not discernible. All the original data were summarized from [22][23][24][25][26][27][28].

**Table S4.** Representative Electron microprobe analysis (EPMA) of different nephrite jade from other locations, China.

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Ba <sup>2+</sup>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	0.00
Cr <sup>3+</sup>	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Mg <sup>2+</sup> /(Mg <sup>2+</sup> +Fe <sup>2+</sup> )	0.95	0.90	0.95	0.92	0.87	0.91	0.99	1.00	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98

Note: n.d. = not discernible. All the original data were summarized from [29][30][31][32][33].

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