



With a production of 19,000 Ton of copper concentrates in 2014, Colombia is far from the largest copper producers in the region such as Chile and Peru. While this figure may be discouraging for the investment market of this mineral, Colombia has a high potential of this resource. During the decade of the 70s, INGEOMINAS (now the Colombian Geological Service - SGC), in partnership with the United Nations, developed a program of geological exploration in the search for metals in the central and western mountain ranges.

As a result of this work, numerous copper prospects of interest such as Acandi, El Infierno, Río Chili, Piedrancha, Patascoy, El Pisco and Mocoa, among others were discovered.

In Colombia we have defined three porphyry copper belts with the following prospects:

- West (Eocene age): Pantanos-Pegadorcito, Andagueda, Murindo, Acandi and Piedrancha
- East (Jurassic age): Andes and El Infierno - Chili, California, Dolores and Mocoa
- Central (Miocene age): El Tambo, Dominical, Piedrasentada and El Pisco.

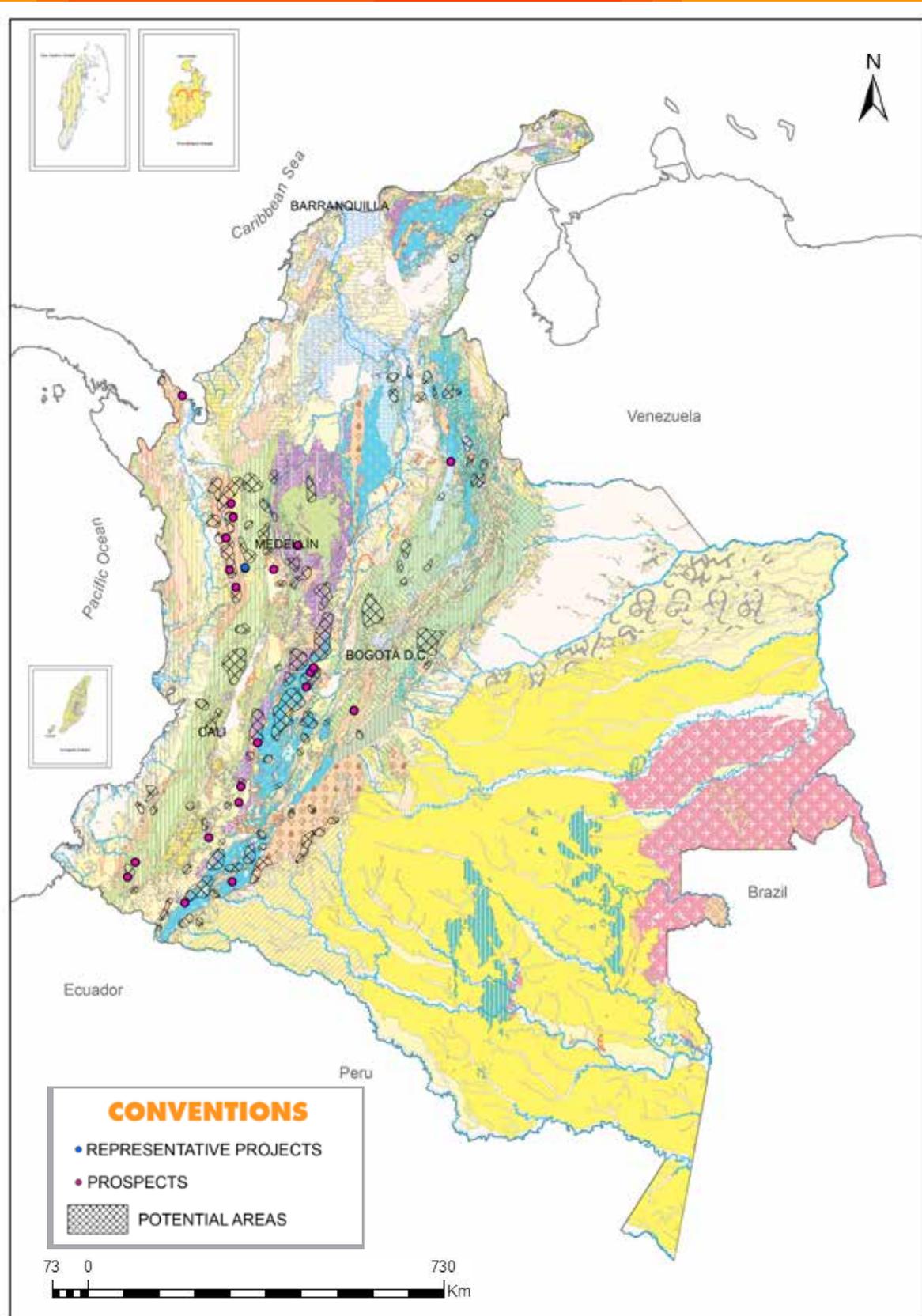
Of these prospects, the porphyry copper of Mocoa is the one with the most information.

The first official production record in the country dates from 1951 (25 tons). Since then, copper has been produced intermittently in Mina Vieja (Tolima department) and La Equis and El Roble (Choco department). Today, El Roble mine is the only project in production.

Currently some companies are developing copper exploration projects in several places in the country, and have discovered new deposits of gold and copper.

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