

New Gem Localities in Sri Lanka

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Abstract: Sri Lanka's gem potential has now been observed to be truly significant with nearly 25% of the total land mass gem-bearing. Many areas remain to be explored and among the target areas are mouths of rivers that drain the gem fields, volatile-rich tectonic regions, Highland-Vijayan geological boundary and offshore regions. An Island-wide stream sediment survey carried out by a team headed by the senior author has resulted in the compilation of the first gem prospectors' guide map of Sri Lanka.