

## Global Mercury Assessment

Mercury is mined as Mercuric Sulfide (cinnabar) Ore.

Through history, deposits of mercuric sulfide have been the source ores for commercial mining of metallic mercury. The ~~metal~~ metallic form is refined from mercuric sulfide ore by heating the ore to temperature above 540°C.

Inorganic mercuric Compounds include mercuric sulfide (HgS), Mercuric oxide (HgO) and mercuric chloride (HgCl<sub>2</sub>). These MERCURY COMPOUNDS are called Mercury Salts.