



URANIUM MINING AND EXPLORATION IN NIGER

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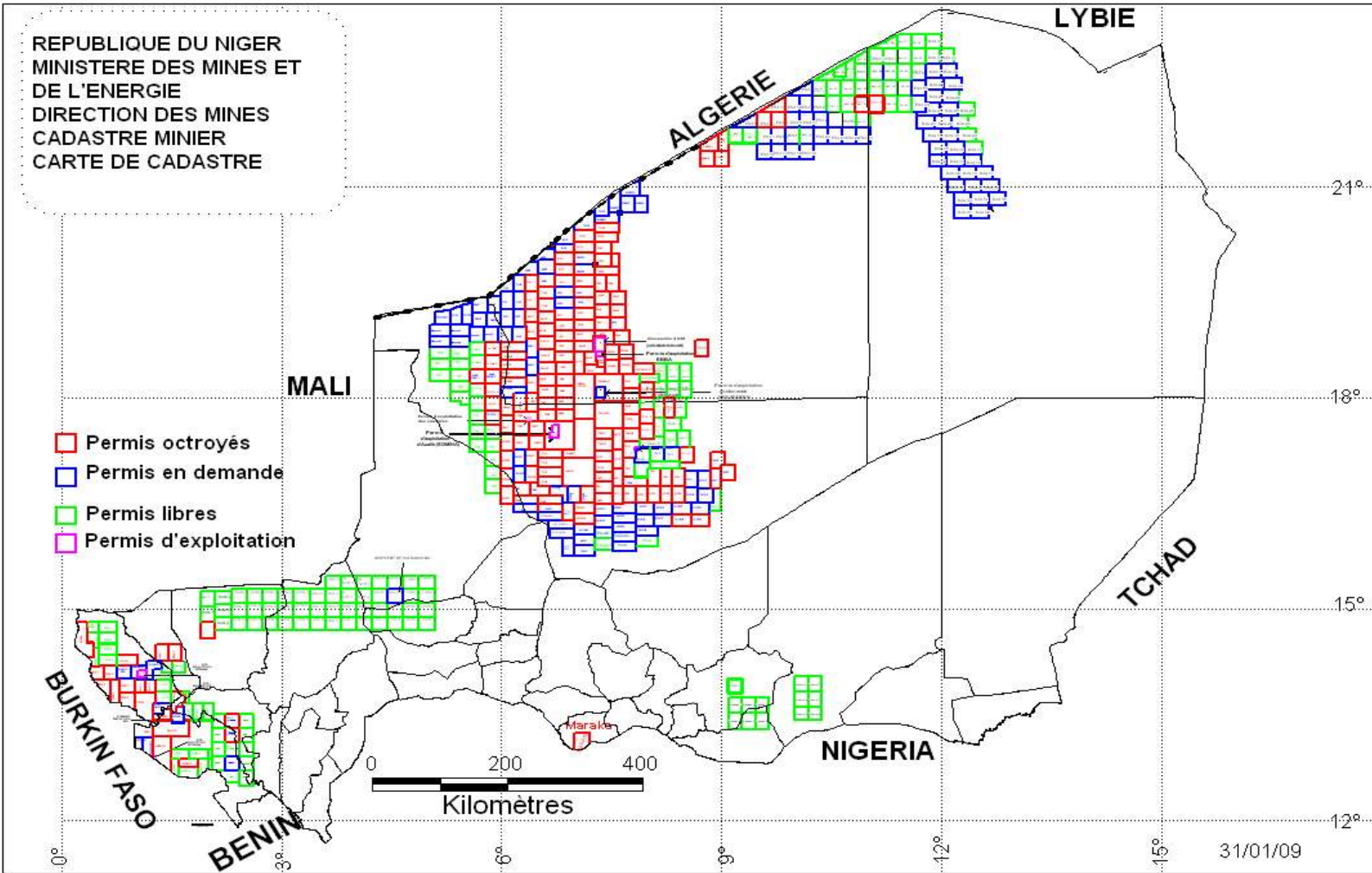


INTRODUCTION

Uranium exploration and mining began respectively since 1950th and 1970th in Niger.

Now we have many activities of uranium exploration and exploitation in the north of the country.

CADASTRE





URANIUM EXPLORATION

In Niger we have presently:

- ✓ 137 delivered licenses for uranium exploration
- ✓ Approximately 40 companies in uranium exploration
- ✓ 2 areas of uranium exploration in the north (Timer soï and Aïr)



URANIUM MINING

The first societies involved in uranium exploitation are SOMAIR (Société des Mines de l' Air) by open pit mine and COMINAK (Compagnie Minière d' Akouta) by underground mine.

Two new societies SOMINA (Société des Mines d' Azelik) and IMOURAREN SA have also begun uranium exploitation.



URANIUM MINING

Uranium Production

- ✓ Somair and Cominak produce approximately 3000 tones/year of uranium
- ✓ Somina will produce 600 tones/year
- ✓ Imouraren will produce 5000 tones/year



LEGISLATION AND REGLEMENTATION

- ✓ Mining law and other decrees and orders related to it
- ✓ the law 98-56 of December, 29, 1998 on environment management and other decrees and orders related to it
- ✓ Order n°003/MME/DM on Radiation Protection in mining sector

And many other decrees and orders in the sector



CONCLUSION

- The renewed interest for uranium has an important impact on the economy of Niger.
- The production of uranium which is 3000 tones/year for both first companies will increase with the new deposits which will be exploited by IMOURAREN and SOMINA.