

MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY OF THE STATE OF BAHIA - A VEHICLE OF INTERACTION WITH THE PUBLIC

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This museum has been conceived for developing projects on geology, aiming at diffusing information concerning the mineral patrimony of the state of Bahia, as well as to encourage studies on geosciences. With a collection of 6.500 pieces formed of ores, rocks, minerals, fossils, and mining instruments, the museum is organized into two sectors: 1. Educational Sector The philosophy of teaching has gone through major changes due to development of high technology with information playing a crucial role in education. Learning only at school is not enough. Upon this demand, the museum has created the program Mu-seum-school-community, linked to the school net, promoting exhibitions and technical lectures related to the geosciences. Therefore, the number of visitors has increased 100% with 3,548 visitors, from April to June 1999. Temporary exhibitions are also organized aiming at diffusing the importance of research and preservation of natural monuments as well as to display part of our mineral patrimony. 2. Research MGB is implementing a broad research program, seeking for partnerships with institutions in order to organize conventions in mineralogy, petrology, speleology, paleontology, archeology, gemology and studies on meteorites.