



MINFILE NTS 103B & C – MORESBY ISLAND

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This map area covers the southern part of the Queen Charlotte Islands and contains 82 recorded mineral occurrences. The area lies within the Insular Belt and is underlain primarily by various Triassic to Cretaceous strata of the Wrangellia Terrane, which are intruded by the Jurassic Burnaby Island and San Christoval plutonic suites and the Tertiary Kano Plutonic Suite.

The region is host to numerous iron and copper skarn deposits hosted in mafic volcanics of the Upper Triassic Karmutsen Formation (Vancouver Group) and overlying limestone of the Upper Triassic Sadler Formation (Kunga Group) proximal to intrusions of the Burnaby Island Plutonic Suite. The only significant mineral production in the Queen Charlotte Islands has been from these skarn occurrences.

The skarn-type **Tasu** (103C 003) deposit located in the northwest corner of the map-area produced (1914-1984) over 12 million tonnes of iron, 1 million grams of gold, 50 million grams of silver and 59 million kilograms of copper from about 21 million tonnes. The skarn-type **Jessie (Jedway)** (103B 026), **Adonis** (103B 027) and **Rose** (103B 029) orebodies, located in the southeast part of the map-area, produced about 2 million tonnes of iron from 3.7 million tonnes mined. Numerous small skarn replacement, vein and massive type deposits have also been mined. Other important prospects include **Iron Duke** (103B 001), **Jib** (103B 020), **Magnet** (103B 034) and **Thunder** (103B 041) deposits.

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