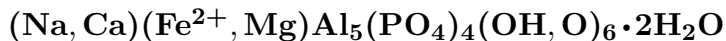


**Burangaite**

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:*  $2/m$ . Crystals are prismatic, bladed, elongated along [010], bounded by  $\{h0l\}$  forms, and complexly terminated by  $\{311\}$  and  $\{22\bar{3}\}$ ; may be fibrous.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* On  $\{100\}$ , perfect. Hardness = 5 D(meas.) = 3.05 D(calc.) = 3.00

**Optical Properties:** Semitransparent. *Color:* Bluish to blue-green; commonly shows a zoned hourglass structure, centrally blue with colorless margins. *Streak:* Pale blue.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = light blue; Y = dark blue; Z = colorless. *Orientation:* Z = b; X  $\wedge$  c = 11°. *Dispersion:* r > v. *Absorption:* Y > X > Z.  $\alpha = 1.611(2)$   $\beta = 1.635(2)$   $\gamma = 1.643(1)$  2V(meas.) = 58° 2V(calc.) = 60°

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* C2/c. a = 25.099(2) b = 5.0491(7) c = 13.438(1)  $\beta = 110.88(1)^\circ$  Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda.

11.71 (100), 3.081 (90), 3.115 (70), 4.86 (41), 3.318 (39), 2.044 (32), 1.6746 (28)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)	(2)
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	37.65	39.38
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	34.35	34.11
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.14	1.15
FeO	6.26	5.36
MnO	0.40	0.16
MgO	2.00	1.82
CaO	1.88	0.00
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.93	4.05
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	11.60	12.32
insol.	2.06	
Total	100.27	98.35

(1) Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda; corresponds to  $(\text{Na}_{0.70}\text{Ca}_{0.25})_{\Sigma=0.95}(\text{Fe}_{0.65}^{2+}\text{Mg}_{0.37}\text{Mn}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=1.06}(\text{Al}_{5.01}\text{Fe}_{0.11}^{3+})_{\Sigma=5.12}(\text{PO}_4)_{3.95}[(\text{OH})_{5.58}\text{O}_{0.62}]_{\Sigma=6.20} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . (2) Do.; by electron microprobe, Fe<sup>2+</sup>:Fe<sup>3+</sup> from O<sup>2-</sup> excess over FeO, total Mn as MnO, H<sub>2</sub>O from stoichiometry; corresponds to  $\text{Na}_{0.96}(\text{Fe}_{0.55}^{2+}\text{Mg}_{0.33}\text{Fe}_{0.10}^{3+}\text{Mn}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Al}_{4.89}(\text{PO}_4)_{4.06}(\text{OH})_6 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Occurrence:** In corroded aggregates of other phosphates in a zoned granite pegmatite (Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda).

**Association:** Scorzalite, bjarebyite, bertossaite, trolleite, samuelsonite, gatumbaite, wardite, brazilianite, apatite, quartz (Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda); berlinite, lazulite, scorzalite, augelite, gatumbaite, trölleite, rutile (Hålsjöberg, Sweden).

**Distribution:** In the Buranga pegmatite, near Gatumba, Rwanda. At Hålsjöberg, Värmland, Sweden. From the Gold Quarry mine, near Carlin, Maggie Creek district, Eureka Co., Nevada, USA.

**Name:** For the initial occurrence in the Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda.

**Type Material:** n.d.

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