

Name:	Azurite field
Country:	Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)
Location:	Offshore, in block Mer Profond Sud (MPS), in lower Congo Basin, 130 kilometres from the coast
Water depth:	Around 1,400 meters
Production unit:	A spread-moored floating, drilling, production, storage and offloading vessel (FDPSO) tied to a subsea manifold. The manifold has 10 slots for 10 subsea wellheads.
Wells:	Six production wells and three injection wells, capable of a fourth injection well
Production:	Approximately 40,000 barrels per day in total when all wells are in production and the maximum capacity is reached, of which approximately 14,000 barrels per day to PA Resources. The field's peak production is estimated around the turn of the year 2009/2010 at the earliest.
Key events:	<p><i>December 2004:</i> The operator makes a discovery at prospect Azurite Marine in MPS</p> <p><i>November 2005:</i> An appraisal well confirms the discovery and a flow test produces almost 8,000 barrels of oil per day from a single zone</p> <p><i>October 2006:</i> Prosafe is awarded the contract to convert and operate a FDPSO vessel to be used at the Azurite field</p> <p><i>June 2007:</i> Congolese Authorities approve the Production and Development plan</p> <p><i>November 2007:</i> PA Resources acquires 35 percent in the license from Murphy</p> <p><i>January 2009:</i> The world's first FDPSO-vessel sails from Singapore to the Azurite field</p> <p><i>March 2009:</i> The FDPSO arrives at the field and is moored</p> <p><i>August 2009:</i> First oil – production from the first well commences</p>
Operator:	Murphy West Africa
Licensees:	Murphy West Africa (50 %) PA Resources (35 %) Société Nationale des Petroles du Congo (SNPC) (15 %)

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