

Ceylon alexandrite

In the late 1800's, a rough cat's-eye of over 700 carats was discovered and in 1930, the stone was shaped into a 465 carat cabochon.

This cat's-eye, named "The Eye of the Lion" is the largest in the world and represents one of the greatest gemstone finds in the history of Sri Lanka.

Locality details

Country	Sri Lanka
Region	Western
Province	Kalutara
Locality	Horana
Latitude	6.7167
Longitude	80.0600
Altitude	298
Time zone	UTC+6DT

Locality maps

Map



Satellite



See Alexandrite Tsarstone collectors guide, Ceylon alexandrite, Horana, <http://www.alexandrite.net/viewpage.html?id=ALXS-001-00018> (Information about Ceylon alexandrite findings and mining in Horana, Sri Lanka.) (as of).

Alexandrite from Horana is never as vividly colored as those from the Ural Mountains in Russia. Some exceptionally large cymophane (cat's eye) as well as large alexandrite have been found, including some that produced gemstones exceeding 65 carats.

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