

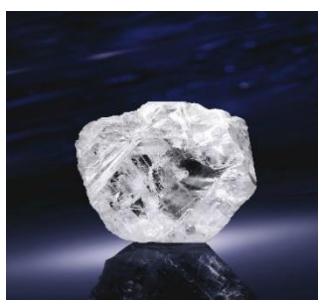
Some remarkable diamonds discovered in Botswana in recent times

Gemmological Institute of India (GII) updates, its website with latest information in the area of coloured gemstones, diamonds and jewellery as well as discoveries of special precious stones for general information and education purpose. In one the latest reports, discoveries of rare diamonds in Botswana are described. Gist of the same is included in this article and sources are given at the end.

Botswana has become global leader in diamond mining due to its investment in cutting-edge recovery technology. Some of the largest and rarest natural diamonds are found in Botswana. They have mined, identified and reported some of them.

In this article cursory description of 10 most remarkable diamonds discovered in Botswana in recent times which are published in Ref. 1 for briefly described.

1) Lesedi La Rona, the World's Largest Square Emerald-Cut Diamond (2015)



Lesedi La Rona Diamond

It was the world's second-largest (1,109-carat) gem-quality diamond. The first one is 3,106-carat Cullinan Diamond. It is also the world's largest square emerald cut diamond making it one of the significant diamond discoveries ever.

2) The Constellation Diamond (2015)



The "Constellation" diamond

The 813-carat Constellation Diamond is another most significant discovery made in recent times. It was found at the Karowe mine in Botswana in 2015 and was sold for a record price of \$63.1 million, which amounts to nearly \$78,000 per carat.

3) Sewelô Diamond



Sewelô diamond

Sewelô is black diamond discovered in 2020 completely. It was the biggest rough diamond (1,758 carats) discovered in this century and the second-largest diamond ever discovered.

4) The Sethunya Diamond (2020)



Sethunya Diamond

This 549-Carat diamond is exceptional for its clarity, high lustre, and high colour factors.

5) The 998-Carat Diamond (2020) and 1,098-Carat Diamond (2021)



998-carat diamond

The 998-carat rough diamond was the fourth-largest diamond at the time of its discovery.



1,098-carat diamond

This extraordinary 1,098-carat diamond is believed to be the third-largest gem-quality diamond in the world.

6) The Light Brown Diamond (2021)



470-carat light brown diamond

This 470-Carat rare light brown diamond was one of six the diamonds recovered at the Karowe mine in 2021. Multiple polished stones were made from it.

7) Eva Star Diamond (2023)



The 1,080-carat Eva Star diamond

This 1,080-carat Eva Star diamond is a rare Type IIa. Along with the Sethunya (discovered in 2015), this extraordinary diamond made a record-breaking sale for \$54 million in 2025.

8) Seriti Diamond (2024)



1,094-carat Seriti Diamond

The 1,094-carat diamond, found in 2024. It was the world's sixth-largest gem-quality

rough diamond found at that time. It is now being assessed for its colour, clarity, and value using cutting-edge tools.

9) The 2,488-Carat Diamond (2024)



2,488-carat diamond

This massive 2,488-carat diamond recovered at LUCARA in Botswana is a stunning discovery of the world, like the Cullinan diamond. It is the second-largest rough diamond ever discovered and the biggest one to be recovered in 120 years.

10) Extraordinary Half-Pink, Half-Colourless Diamond



Half Pink rough diamond has distinct pink and colourless zones.

Natural pink diamonds are among the most coveted and rare gemstones on Earth. Unlike blue or yellow diamonds, whose colours come from trace elements like boron or nitrogen, pink colour arises due to rare internal distortion of diamond lattice or plastic deformation caused by precise geological conditions under earth.

The 37.41-carat diamond split between pink and colourless zones is a rare

discovery which challenges the mechanism of formation of natural pink diamonds. Measuring roughly one inch long and containing two sharply divided colour zones, it represents an unusual convergence of geological conditions. The dual colour is believed to be formed due to deformation of part of the diamond.

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