

## Ferrorosemaryite



**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As grains to 3 mm, embedded in scorzalite.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010}; good on {101}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.62

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Dark green to bronze. *Streak:* Greenish to brownish. *Luster:* Resinous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.730(5)$   $\beta = 1.758(7)$   $\gamma = 1.775(5)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 82(1)^\circ$   $2V(\text{calc.}) = 75^\circ$  *Dispersion:* Strong,  $r < v$ . *Pleochroism:*  $X$  = dark green,  $Y$  = dark green to brownish,  $Z$  = dark brown. *Orientation:* n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P2_1/n$ .  $a = 11.838(1)$   $b = 12.347(1)$   $c = 6.2973(6)$   $\beta = 114.353(6)^\circ$   $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Rubindi-Kabilizi pegmatite, Rwanda.

2.677 (100), 2.693 (75), 3.448 (65), 6.167 (50), 4.054 (45), 5.382 (40), 3.011 (40)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
$\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$	46.00	47.67
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	9.12	11.42
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	21.01	17.88
$\text{FeO}$	11.10	16.09
$\text{MgO}$	0.19	
$\text{MnO}$	7.96	
$\text{CaO}$	0.44	
$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	2.85	6.94
$\text{K}_2\text{O}$	0.01	
Total	98.68	100.00

(1) Rubindi-Kabilizi pegmatite, Rwanda; average of 9 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by spectroscopy,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  calculated; corresponds to  $\square_{1.00}(\text{Na}_{0.42}\text{Mn}_{0.28}\square_{0.04}\square_{0.26})_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.71}\text{Mn}_{0.24}\text{Fe}_{0.05})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.00}(\text{Al}_{0.82}\text{Fe}_{0.16}\text{Mg}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.00}[(\text{P}_{0.99}\square_{0.01})\text{O}_4]_3$ .

(2)  $\square \text{NaFe}^{2+}\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ .

**Occurrence:** In cassiterite and columbite-tantalite-bearing granitic pegmatite.

**Association:** Scorzalite, trolleite, montebrasite, bertossaite, brazilianite, augelite, triplite, anlacroixite, quartz, mica, feldspar.

**Distribution:** From the Rubindi-Kabilizi pegmatite, 3 km WNW of Muhororo village, south of the Rubindi river, 50 km west of Kigali, Rwanda.

**Name:** As the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  analog of *rosemaryite*.

**Type Material:** Laboratory of Mineralogy, University of Liège, Belgium (# 20326).

**References:** (1) Hatert, F., P. Lefèvre, A.-M. Fransolet, M.-R. Spirlet, L. Rebbouh, F. Fontan, and P. Keller (2005) Ferrorosemaryite,  $\text{NaFe}^{2+}\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Al}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ , a new phosphate mineral from the Rubindi pegmatite, Rwanda. Eur. J. Mineral., 17, 749-759. (2) (2006) Amer. Mineral., 91, 1203-1204 (abs. ref. 1).