Iyoite MnCuCl(OH)₃

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As radial and dendritic aggregates of bladed crystals to $200 \,\mu\text{m}$, flattened on [001] and elongated along [010], displaying $\{001\}$, $\{100\}$, and $\{110\}$.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage*: n.d. *Tenacity*: Brittle. *Fracture*: Uneven. Hardness = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.22

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color*: Pale green. *Streak*: n.d. *Luster*: Vitreous. *Optical Class*: Biaxial (–). $\alpha = 1.698(2)$ $\beta = 1.725(3)$ $\gamma = 1.737(3)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 66(2)^{\circ}$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 66.5^{\circ}$ *Pleochroism*: X = light bluish green, Y = bluish green, Z = bluish green. *Absorption*: $X < Y \approx Z$. *Dispersion*: Strong, r > v. *Orientation*: Y = b, $X \land c = 26^{\circ}$.

Cell Data: Space Group: $P2_1/m$. a = 5.717(2) b = 6.586(2) c = 5.623(3) $\beta = 88.45(3)^{\circ}$ Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Sadamisaki Peninsula, Ehime Prefecture, Japan. 5.7155 (100), 2.5596 (62), 2.4929 (37), 2.8432 (28), 2.8547 (22), 2.0304 (17), 2.0016 (17)

| Chemistry: | (1) |
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| MnO | 37.78 |
| CuO | 35.74 |
| Cl | 18.42 |
| H_2O | [13.01] |
| -O = C1 | 4.16 |
| Total | 100.79 |

(1) Sadamisaki Peninsula, Ehime Prefecture, Japan; average of 7 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy, H_2O calculated from stoichiometry; corresponds to $Mn_{1.085}Cu_{0.915}Cl_{1.058}(OH)_{2.942}$.

Mineral Group: Atacamite family.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral formed by reaction between seawater and primary ore minerals (hausmannite, tephroite, alleghanyite, rhodonite, rhodochrosite, copper, chalcocite) in greenschist facies, metamorphosed, volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits.

Association: Cuprite, kutnohorite, malachite, chrysocolla, misakiite.

Distribution: From the Sadamisaki Peninsula, Ehime Prefecture, Japan.

Name: For the Sea of *Iyo*, located near the Sadamisaki Peninsula, Japan.

Type Material: National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo, Japan (M43864) and the Mineral Sciences Department, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, USA (66625).

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