

CAFTA-DR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

Fact Sheet



COSTA RICA

COSTA RICA, known worldwide for its biodiversity and conservation efforts, is a key destination for ecotourism. In addition to its traditional commodities, it now exports a variety of industrial and specialized agricultural products. Among Costa Rica's Environmental Cooperation Program priorities: CITES, cleaner production and the design of environmental enforcement and compliance indicators.

GEOGRAPHY



STATISTICS

- **Area:** 51,100 sq. km.
- **Population (2010):** 4,516, 220
- **Natural Resources:** Hydropower, forests; fisheries
- **Exports to U.S.:** 32.6% of all exports
- **Imports from U.S.:** About 44.7% of all imports

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Chemicals & Hazardous Substances:** National committee created to oversee work on a Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry (PRTR)
- **Air Quality:** Equipment for two urban air quality monitoring stations installed
- **Public Participation:** Environmental congress on how to engage with government attended by 270 students from 45 high schools
- **Wildlife Protection:** Two million Costa Ricans reached through public awareness campaigns
- **CITES:** 600 CITES species and product identification guides distributed to Costa Rican authorities and 200 individuals trained on biodiversity conservation
- **Cleaner Production:** Cleaner Production partnerships established between SME suppliers, an international beverage bottler and a hotel chain

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