

CAFTA-DR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

Fact Sheet



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, the second-largest country in the Caribbean in terms of both population and land mass, is the largest economy in the CAFTA-DR region. Among its Environmental Cooperation Program priorities: biodiversity and market-based conservation.

GEOGRAPHY



STATISTICS

- **Area:** 48,442 sq. km.
- **Population** (July 2010 est.): 9,823,821
- **Natural resources:** nickel, bauxite, gold, silver
- **DR Exports to U.S.:** 54% of all exports
- **DR Imports from U.S.:** 42.8% of all imports

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LEADERSHIP



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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Environmental Impact Assessment:** Increased efficiency of EIA process: 20% reduction in EIA review time, over 400% increase in permits issued from 2008 to 2010.
- **Solid Waste and Wastewater:** 28 ordinances issued by 15 Municipal Environmental Management Units
- **Air Quality:** Equipment for two urban air quality monitoring stations installed
- **Ecosystem Protection:** Strategic management plan approved for the Jaragua-Dahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve
- **Wildlife Protection:** Operations conducted in six provinces to seize Hawksbill turtle species products
- **Cleaner Production:** Five projects completed on clean energy and production and processing systems

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