

CAFTA-DR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

Fact Sheet



GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA is the most populous of the Central American countries. In addition to traditional products, it now exports textiles, apparel, winter vegetables, fruit and cut flowers. The Maya Biosphere Reserve, the second largest forest in the region, is located in the northern department of Petén. Among Guatemala's Environmental Cooperation priorities: public participation, CITES and partnerships for cleaner production.

GEOGRAPHY



STATISTICS

- **Area:** 108,889 sq. km.
- **Population** (2009 est.): 13,550,440
- **Natural Resources:** Petroleum, nickel, rare woods, fish, chicle, hydropower
- **Exports to U.S.:** 40% of total exports
- **Imports from U.S.:** 36.5% of total exports

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Public Participation:** 150 representatives from indigenous communities convened to develop a guide on their concerns for the environment; the guide was completed and officially presented in 2009
- **Wildlife Protection:** 850,000 Guatemalans reached through public awareness campaigns
- **Tourism:** Green Deal Tourism Certification awarded to over 40 enterprises
- **Market-based Conservation:** Partnership with a major fruit and vegetable processor, resulting in 200 tons of certified products reaching markets
- **Cleaner Production:** Cleaner Production Partnerships formed between small businesses, a major retailer and a hotel association

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