Caribbean Region

A unique flavor that boost Costa Rica’s productivity and connects the world
CARIBBEAN REGION

A Region of Costa Rica
outside the Greater Metropolitan Area

PROVINCE
Limon

6 CANTONS
- Limón
- Pococi
- Siquirres
- Talamanca
- Matina
- Guácimo

POPULATION
465,088

AREA
9,188 km²

Location

108 MILES
(173 km) from Costa Rica’s main international airport, Juan Santamaría, in Alajuela

148 MILES
(238 km) from Puerto Caldera on the Central Pacific Coast

224 MILES
(361 km) from Guanacaste Airport, second most important in the country, in the Northern Pacific

Source: MIDEPLAN, 2018
Why Invest in the Caribbean Region?

01 Strategic location: Gateway to the country’s maritime trade since the 1900s; main cruise ship stopover entering the country.

02 Logistics corridor: With over USD 1 billion invested, the port offers connections with the east coast of the United States and western Europe. It enables 80% of the country’s exports and imports, drawing on more than 100 transportation and storage companies in the region.

03 Experience in food processing and agroindustry: It provides banana and pineapple as raw materials for the processing of gourmet products or quality foods, as well as other non-traditional products such as fine cocoa, abaca, and cassava, among others.

04 Tourist, natural, and cultural attractions: Caribbean beaches and reefs offer a mix of the richness of nature and Afro-Caribbean culture, whose gastronomy and musical splendor attracts thousands of tourists looking for adventure and wellness activities.

Source: CINDE, MEIC 2020, PROCOMER 2020,
CARIBBEAN REGION

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PROSPERITY
Logistics gateway with state-of-the-art technology; quality raw materials for food processing, biomanufacturing, and light manufacturing

PEOPLE
with technical and professional talent, cultural diversity, and artistic wealth

PLANET
With 38% of its territory in 22 protected wildlands and preserved indigenous territories, it offers an ideal place for tourism infrastructure
Proven Track Record

National and multinational companies generating value for the region:
Attractive Tax Incentives

Free Trade Zone Regime

Incentives and benefits granted by Costa Rica to companies making new investments in the country, pursuant to Law No. 7210

Incentives for investments outside the Greater Metropolitan Area

The country grants differentiated tax incentives to companies established outside the Greater Metropolitan Area
Free Trade Zones Parks

**SIQUIRRES**

**Total area:** 124 hectares

**3 Stages in development**

**Location:** 56 km (35 miles) - 45 min from APM Terminals (TCM)

Independent treatment plant, water tanks, wells, and maintenance workshops in each stage


**LIMON**

**Total area:** 30 hectares

**Location:** 5 min from APM Terminals (TCM)

Prosperity

Sectors with investment potential in the CARIBBEAN REGION

- Agribusiness and Food Industry
- Light manufacturing and Biomanufacturing
- Logistics capacity
- Tourism Infrastructure
CARIBBEAN REGION
AGRIBUSINESS & FOOD INDUSTRY
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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essential COSTA RICA
**Agribusiness: exports**

Agricultural products from the Caribbean Region represented 47% of the country's agricultural exports in 2021.

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<td>USA</td>
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<td>USD 1,042.8 billion</td>
<td>USD 601.5 million</td>
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<td>Pineapple</td>
<td>The Netherlands</td>
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<td>USD 287.1 million</td>
<td>USD 142.7 million</td>
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<td>Flowers and flower buds</td>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
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<td>USD 27.3 million</td>
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<td>Italy</td>
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<td>USD 100.6 million</td>
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<td>Other frozen uncooked fruits</td>
<td>Belgium</td>
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<td>USD 15.7 million</td>
<td>USD 87.0 million</td>
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Source: CINDE, based on data from PROCOMER, 2022
**Agribusiness: production**

Main agricultural products harvested in the region:

**CARIBBEAN REGION:** 39,124 ha of bananas with a production of +2.3 million tons in 2020
- Non-traditional products: aloe, rambutan, pepper, tropical roots
- Sugar cane grown in smaller quantity

- **Pococí**
  - Banana: 7,606 ha and 359,184 tons
  - Papaya grown in smaller quantity

- **Guácimo**
  - Banana: 3,932 ha and 216,888 tons

- **Siquirres**
  - Banana: 8,570 ha and 457,174 tons

- **Matina**
  - Banana: 11,391 ha and 661,406 tons

- **Turrialba**
  - Coffee production (22,863 tons in 2019-2020)
  - Aquaculture
  - Potato production (13,783 tons in 2020)
  - Sugar cane grown in smaller quantity

- **Limon**
  - Banana: 3,807 ha and 203,333 tons
  - Papaya grown in smaller quantity

- **Talamanca**
  - Banana: 2,018 ha and 96,044 tons
  - Organic cocoa (about 1,800 ha)

Source: CINDE, with data from the INEC Agricultural Census (2014), MAG (2011), and SEPSA (2021)
Note: Figures compiled by the respective chambers and production corporations, who in turn consult with the producers.
# Food Industry

Value-added food processing, from aseptic juices to snacks with **12 products** exported to **50 destinations**

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<tr>
<td>Fruit juice and concentrates</td>
<td>The Netherlands</td>
<td>Multinational companies established in the region conduct <strong>high technology operations</strong> in which <strong>purees and juices are made under the most rigorous standards and certifications</strong>, including HACCP, Rainforest Alliance, and USDA Organic, among others</td>
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<td>USD 52.8 million</td>
<td>USD 47.9 million</td>
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<td>Tropical fruit preserves except honey</td>
<td>Belgium</td>
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<td>juice</td>
<td>USD 20.9 million</td>
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<td>USD 52.2 million</td>
<td>U.S.A.</td>
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<td>Other fruit preparations</td>
<td>USD 17.0 million</td>
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<td>USD 7.4 million</td>
<td>Spain</td>
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<td>Tropical pineapples (ananas) preparations</td>
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<td>or preserves</td>
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<td>USD 1.5 million</td>
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<td>Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or</td>
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<td>roasted</td>
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<td>USD 0.7 million</td>
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Source: CINDE, based on data from PROCOMER, 2022
### Food Industry

The region is a proven business partner for domestic and foreign companies

#### Processing of 100% natural dehydrated pineapple or dried pineapple for export

| Started  | 2017 |
| Location | Siquirres, Limon |
| Size     | 31-100 people |
| Source of capital | Israel |

- **The MD2 pineapple variety is used**, which has natural sugar, no additives, and is free of SO2
- **Certifications**: Kosher and BRC

#### Suppliers of purees, juices and concentrates, aromas or essences for the international market, and ingredients for the food and beverage industry

- **Started**: 1992
- **Location**: Siquirres, Limon
- **Size**: 31-100 people
- **Source of capital**: Germany
- **Production capacity**
  - **Certifications**: Part of the German Riha Richard Hartinger Beverages Group, which has been producing non-alcoholic beverages since 1934
  - **Certifications**:
    - SGF INTERNATIONAL - CERTIFIED KOSHER
    - BCS OEKO-GARANTIE GMBH
    - OKS/LATU SYSTEMS
    - IQNET, QUALITY'AUSTRIA & HALAL - RAINFOREST ALLIANCE
CARIBBEAN REGION

LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND BIOMANUFACTURING

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### Light Manufacturing

Manufacturing capacity under the highest quality and sustainability standards with **98** products exported to **31** destinations

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<td><strong>Iron or steel bars</strong></td>
<td><strong>Dominican Republic</strong></td>
<td>Manufacturing activities are carried out in the city of Turrialba due to its proximity to the port of Limon and quick access to Cartago, the city where the Technological Institute of Costa Rica (TEC) is located.</td>
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<td>USD 158.3 million</td>
<td>USD 52.7 million</td>
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<td><strong>Paper or cardboard boxes</strong></td>
<td><strong>Nicaragua</strong></td>
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<td>USD 7.6 million</td>
<td>USD 48.8 million</td>
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<td><strong>Pallets, box pallets and, other load boards</strong></td>
<td><strong>Panama</strong></td>
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<td>USD 7.4 million</td>
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<td><strong>Iron or steel profiles</strong></td>
<td><strong>Guatemala</strong></td>
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<td>USD 3.2 million</td>
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<td><strong>Paper or cardboard for recycling waste</strong>, raw Kraft in paper or cardboard or wavy paper or cardboard</td>
<td><strong>Honduras</strong></td>
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<td>USD 2.0 million</td>
<td>USD 12.7 million</td>
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Source: CINDE, based on data from PROCOMER, 2022*
## Light Manufacturing

The region is a proven business partner for foreign light manufacturing companies

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<th>Production capacity</th>
<th>Rawlings</th>
<th>Firestone</th>
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<td>Started 1987</td>
<td>Turrialba</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location Turrialba</td>
<td>300+ people.</td>
<td>100-200 people</td>
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<tr>
<td>Size United States</td>
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<td>Source of capital</td>
<td>United States</td>
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<td>Production capacity</td>
<td>Manufactures the official balls used in Major League Baseball in the United States</td>
<td>The world's leading supplier of pneumatic shock absorbers for industrial and vehicle applications</td>
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<td>• Manufactures the uniforms, baseballs and softballs used in Major League Baseball in the United States</td>
<td>• Manufacture of pneumatic suspension systems, anti-vibration systems, and parts for tire assembly machines</td>
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<td>• The company manufactures around 2.2 million hand-sewn balls a year, maximizing the motor skills of the population of Turrialba</td>
<td>• Exports to the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Poland, and China</td>
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<td>• In 2021, an investment of USD 2 million was announced, which will create more than 100 new jobs.</td>
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<td>• The aim is to increase production of Air Springs by 400% by 2025</td>
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<td>• In the last 12 years, Firestone Industrial Products has manufactured around 7 million units and has invested more than USD 25 million in Costa Rica</td>
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**Biomanufacturing**

The region is a proven business partner for foreign bio manufacturing companies

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**YellowPallet™**

The Dutch company uses banana-based materials to manufacture transport pallets that give companies a much more profitable and sustainable alternative to wood.

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<th>Started</th>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>Siquirres, Limon</td>
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<td>Source of capital</td>
<td>The Netherlands, founded by Dutch Investors</td>
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</table>
| Production capacity | • Results in 22% to 50% fewer carbon emissions through the use of biomaterials  
• **Benefits:** better carbon footprint, profitable pallets, and less deforestation  
• Production goal: 1.7 million pallets per year in Costa Rica |

See video here
CARIBBEAN REGION

LOGISTICS CAPACITY

The region moves:

- 80% of containers in the country,
- 68% of exports in tons
- 67% of maritime vessels*

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Source:
CINDE, based on information from the Central American Port Statistical Information System, (COCATRAM) 2020
Logistics capacity

**Strategic location:** Just a few hours from the Panama Canal and with quick access to the Caribbean, as well as the main ports on the east coast of the United States and Europe

**Proven productivity**

**USD 1 billion investment in the new port:** Operated by APM Terminals since February 2019
- **Docking time:** Reduced from 30 hours to just 10 hours
- **No waiting times** at the bay.
- **Hourly movements:** 26 movements per hour, per crane

**Uninterrupted operations 24/7, 365 days a year,** even during the pandemic

**During 2020 the terminal served:**
- 1,100 ships and 1.2 million TEUs
- Improvements in productivity, sustainability, and training of 1,000 employees in the province of Limón (95% native to the area)

Source: APM Terminals website, 2021
Costa Rica’s largest export volume leaves from the Caribbean coast, over 60% in 2020

Costa Rica’s exports through customs, per exported weight

- Northern Pacific
- Central Region
- Caribbean Region
- Main airport
- Northern Zone
- Central Pacific
- Caribbean Region

Source: PROCOMER, 2021
Exports according to MBPVI
Logistics capacity

Exports through the Caribbean consist mainly of agricultural products

Exports through Limon customs, per sector

USD million

Source: PROCOMER, 2021 - Exports according to MBPVI

Note: No data available for imports through customs
CARIBBEAN REGION

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
Tourism Infrastructure

Natural attractions with exuberant flavor, from tropical rainforest to Caribbean beaches, amidst Afro-Caribbean ancestral knowledge

NORTHERN CARIBBEAN
Green turtles spawn on the beaches of Tortuguero National Park and Barra del Colorado National Wildlife Refuge

SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN
A unique mix of beach, natural resources, and Afro-Caribbean culture can be found in Cahuita, Puerto Viejo, and Gandoca-Manzanillo, complemented with local culture, gastronomy and music

NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVE
- Tortuguero Canals - Tortuguero National Park
- Cahuita National Park
- Gandoca-Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge
- Barra del Colorado - Wildlife Refuge

CARIBBEAN BEACHES
- Cocles Beach
- Uvita Island

NATURAL-CULTURAL WEALTH
- Puerto Viejo of Talamanca
- A sanctuary for sloths
- Talamanca Mountain Range and Bribri Indigenous Reserve
- Chocolate tours
- City of Limon
Tourism Infrastructure

Air infrastructure for the transportation of passengers

- Four airdromes operate in the region, as well as an International Airport located in the canton of Limon, used mainly for regular domestic services
- The Barra del Tortuguero and Guápiles airdromes generated the most movement in 2019 to and from international airports

**LIMON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
- 4 kilometers south of Puerto Limon, serves domestic commercial flights
- Improvement works in progress: waiting rooms, government offices, runway improvement, and fire response systems

**BARRA DEL TORTUGUERO AIRDROME**
- Located in Pococi, it offers commercial charter flight services. It receives regular flights from the Juan Santamaria International Airport
- Improvement works in progress: new passenger terminal, expansion of the aircraft parking apron, and runway improvement

**GUAPILES AIRDROME**
- Domestic services and private trips
- Improvement works in progress: runway lighting, construction of a hangar, a terminal module, perimeter mesh and storm drains
Tourism Infrastructure

Puerto Limon is the busiest port of call in the country for cruise operators

- **It offers optimal conditions for disembarkment**, including specialized operators and surveillance and security of the Ministry of Public Security, traffic police and ambulances.

- **Cruise ship companies**: Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Premier Holland America

- **Cruise season**: October-April

- **Nearby activities**: ziplining and horseback riding, bird and turtle watching, visits to plantations, city tours, Tortuguero canals, and, of course visiting the beautiful beaches of the southern Caribbean.

- **Prime location**: close to the Panama Canal as well as the Gulf of Mexico, southern US, and Caribbean islands.

### Arrival of cruise passengers (in thousands)

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>Caribbean</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>119</td>
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Source: Visit Costa Rica and ICT, 2021
Demographics
Total population demographics

- **465,088** Total
- **225,413** Men
- **239,675** Women

**Population per canton**
- **Limon**: 100,855
- **Siquirres**: 65,586
- **Matina**: 46,853
- **Turrialba**: 74,411
- **Pococí**: 152,202
- **Guácimo**: 55,691
- **Talamanca**: 43,594

**Age distribution**
- 0-10: 8%
- 11-17: 16%
- 18-25: 13%
- 26-34: 14%
- 35-44: 14%
- 45-54: 8%
- 55-64: 11%
- 65+: 13%

*NOTE: The canton belongs to the province of Cartago (located in the Central Region); however, is located outside the Greater Metropolitan Area, and is grouped in the Caribbean Region for the purpose of CINDE’s investment promotion strategy outside the GMA

Source: CINDE, based on information from INEC, ENAHO 2021
Composition of the workforce

Economic sector

- Agriculture, livestock, silviculture, fishing: 11%
- Wholesale and retail commerce: 5%
- Education: 6%
- Food and lodging: 6%
- Manufacturing industry: 4%
- Transportation and storage: 4%
- Construction: 6%
- Households as employers: 7%
- Public administration and defense, social security plans with mandatory affiliation: 12%
- Administrative and support services: 7%
- Others: 32%

Workforce

- Total: 197,707
  - Men: 122,904
  - Women: 74,803

Economically Active Population

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<th>Department</th>
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<td>Limón</td>
<td>43,559</td>
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<td>Pococi</td>
<td>66,628</td>
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<td>Siquirres</td>
<td>28,701</td>
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<td>Guácimo</td>
<td>23,534</td>
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<td>Matina</td>
<td>19,352</td>
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<td>Talamanca</td>
<td>17,869</td>
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<td>Turrialba</td>
<td>33,824</td>
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Source: CINDE, based on information from INEC, ENAHO 2021
Educational opportunities

11 Technical Colleges
- Over 185 technical specialties offered in the Caribbean Region
- Some specialties were created with the support of CINDE and validated by the industry based on their needs:
  - Accounting
  - Networks
  - Logistics and distribution chains
  - Service center and Cybersecurity executive

National Training Institute
- 6 head offices and offices in the region

High Schools
- 87 public schools located in 7 cantons
- 13 private schools located in 6 cantons

Source: MEP, 2021
NOTE: you can find more details on educational opportunities in the Annexes
Universities academic offer

3 public universities

Offering more than 80 majors, including:

- Graphic Design.
- Agronomy
- Business Management
- Public Accounting
- Accounting and Finance
- Environmental Management
- Industrial Production
- Computer, Civil, Topographic, and Cadastral Engineering
- Law
- Teaching, among others

10 private universities and 1 university college

Offering more than 60 majors, including:

- Customs administration, business administration, tourism management
- Industrial Engineering, Computer Science
- Nursing
- Modality, Physical Therapy
- Education
- Public Accounting
- Agricultural Sciences, among others

Source: MEP, 2021 - NOTE: you can find more details on educational opportunities in
Specialized academic offer

The region is home to world-renowned EARTH University and the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)

- Given agribusiness, broad biodiversity, and the tropical rainforest of the Caribbean, both institutions research and innovate in agriculture, biotechnology, and sustainable development projects.

Science and technology education that emphasizes ethical entrepreneurship and socio-environmental commitment

- Created in 1986 with the support of the government of Costa Rica, the Agency for International Development (USAID), and W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- **Two Campuses in Costa Rica:**
  - EARTH-Guácimo: 8,342-acre campus in Guácimo, on the Caribbean
  - EARTH-La Flor: 3,700-acre campus in Guanacaste, North Pacific

Since 1973, CATIE has become a Costa Rican scientific heritage site

- Dedicated to research and postgraduate education in agriculture and the management, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources
- **Two farms:**
  - 1,000 hectares in Turrialba
  - 100 hectares in the Caribbean, Finca La Lola
Power plants and substations

Power substations

- The Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) is responsible for all
  of electricity distribution in the region, with a coverage of 97.4%

Power supply redundancy and renewable generation

- There are 6 power generation plants in the region: 3 hydroelectric and 3 thermal (including Turrialba)

- Two of them generate the highest power in the country:
  - Angostura hydro plant, 180 MW, Turrialba
  - Reventazón hydro plant, 306 MW, Siquirres, the largest in
    Central America

Source: Open Data on Power Substations, Department of Energy - Regulatory Authority of Public Services, at
https://aresep.go.cr/transparencia/datos-abiertos/subestaciones-electricas
Electricity Generation Expansion Plan 2018-2034 Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE), May 2019
A wealth of natural wonders
Along the Caribbean coast

- **Length:** 9,177 km², with 320 km of coastline

- **Caribbean Tourism Unit:** the Caribbean coastline stretching from the San Juan River (border with Nicaragua) to the Sixaola River (border with Panama)

- **Limon City:** the Central sector of the Tourism Unit and the center for tourist arrivals and distribution

Natural attractions in the north and south of the Region

**NORTHERN SECTOR**

- **Green turtle nesting sites**: Tortuguero National Park and Barra del Colorado National Wildlife Refuge
- **Sport fishing**: snook, tarpon and other species
- **System of fluvial channels**: Joins the Port of Moin with Barra del Colorado.

**SOUTHERN SECTOR**

- **Variety of beaches**: black, yellow and gray sand
- **Adventure Activities**
- **Afro-Caribbean wealth** of culture, gastronomy, and music
- **Coral reefs**
- **Coastal vegetation and middle elevation forests**

Protected Biodiversity

38% of the Caribbean territory is protected by means of 22 Wild Areas

- Biological Reserves
- National Parks
- National Wildlife Refuges
- Wetlands
- Protected areas and forest reserves

Braulio Carrillo National Park and Forest Reserve of the Central Volcanic Mountain Range

It is part of the Biosphere Reserve of the Central Volcanic Mountain Range, recognized by UNESCO in 1988

Indigenous territories make up 16% of the region: They play an important role in the conservation of biodiversity and the protection of water resources, and they are potential sites for ecotourism development

Renowned National Parks

- Chirripó
- La Amistad
- La Barbilla

Indigenous Territories

- Talamanca
- Telire
- Tayni
- Chirripó
National Parks

**NATIONAL PARK TORTUGUERO**
- Internationally renowned for protecting the green turtle nesting beach, the largest in the western hemisphere.
- It is composed of an extensive network of rivers and streams.
- Access is only possible in small boats.
- The communities around the protected area, such as Barra del Tortuguero and San Francisco, still maintain their traditions and travel by bicycle as the only means of transportation.

**NATIONAL PARK BARBILLA**
- It is located 1.6 km from Siquirres.
- The area is home to primary forests. Tropical rainforests and tropical humid forests.
- There is a wealth of wildlife due to the different altitudes, from 100 m to 1,600 m above sea level.
- On average, it rains between 213 and 280 inches per year.
- The forests are home to pumas, jaguars, ocelots, tapirs, monkeys, and many species of birds.

**NATIONAL PARK CAHUITA**
- Cahuita is an exemplary National Park due to its shared management for sustainable development between the community and the government.
- It has the most preserved coral reef in the Costa Rican Caribbean.
- Raccoons, coatis, sloths, iguanas, and lizards can be found there; also, snakes such as the eyelash viper and the rainforest hognose viper, and birds such as the common black hawk.

**NATIONAL PARK BRAULIO CARRILLO**
- It is located north of the Central Valley, on the Central Volcanic Mountain Range, between the massifs of the Poás and Irazú volcanoes. It includes the Barva and Cacho Negro volcanoes.
- Minimum temperature is 3 °C (37 °F) and a maximum of 24 °C (75 °F). Rainfall is varied, ranging from 2,500 mm on the slopes that face the Central Valley to 5,734 mm on the Caribbean slope.
- The landscape is made up of high mountains densely covered with forests, canyons, and rivers and streams of great importance in the production of hydroelectric power.

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Wildlife Refuges and Biological Reserves

GANDOCA-MANZANILLO

- Gandoca-Manzanillo is a mixed (state and private) National Wildlife Refuge that combines land, sea and beach landscapes.
- The Refuge protects endangered species like manatees and sea turtles.
- Its most important ecosystems are golden sand beaches and wetlands, swamps, lagoons, reefs, underwater plant beds, and algae.

CENTRAL VOLCANIC MOUNTAIN RANGE FOREST RESERVE

- It is located in the central part of the country. It is a mountain range in which seven volcanic massifs stand out, some currently active, located in the center and northern part of the country.
- It was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1988.
- The region has a very irregular topography.
- It has an area of approximately 60,100 hectares, and its altitude ranges from 450 m to about 1,800 m above sea level.

HITOY CERERE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE

- Located in the mountains of the Talamanca Mountain Range.
- It has virgin tropical forest, great variety of vegetation, and streams with abundant waterfalls.
- The temperature remains constant around 25 °C, with a chance of rain throughout the year, especially in the afternoon.
- The indigenous reserves of Talamanca, Tayni, and Telire are next to the reserve.

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