Southern Pacific Region

A fertile ecosystem for development that protects the planet’s biological wealth
SOUTHERN REGION
A Region of Costa Rica outside the Greater Metropolitan Area

PROVINCE
Puntarenas
San José

7 CANTONS
- Pérez Zeledón
- Buenos Aires
- Corredores
- Golfito
- Osa
- Coto Brus
- Puerto Jiménez

POPULATION
371,743

AREA
9,528.44 Km²

Location

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

127 MILES
(204 km) from Puerto Caldera on the Central Pacific coast and 165 miles (266 km) from the port terminal of APM Terminals (Caribbean coast)

111 MILES
(178 km) from Costa Rica’s main international airport, Juan Santamaria, in Alajuela

Source: MIDEPLAN
Why Invest in the Southern Pacific?

01 **Natural medicine kit:** Nutrient-rich foods such as mangosteen, rambutan, cassava, passion fruit, papaya, ginger, and soursop are grown and processed alongside fruits such as coffee, pineapple, and oil palm.

02 **Strategic proximity:** Border proximity enhances the logistical and commercial exchange between the southern cantons with the Chiriquí region of Panama.

03 **Digital technologies and services:** A growing group of software development and digital technology companies provide outsourcing and operations support services to clients in Costa Rica and the world.

04 **Exclusive natural beauty:** The region protects most of the country’s natural heritage, with a Natural UNESCO World Heritage site and the planet’s top national park in terms of biological wealth.

05 **Connected tourism development:** The region has 3 Regional airdromes in Drake Bay, Golfito, and Palmar Sur, complemented by different recreational boat marinas in the area.

06 **Robust regional articulation:** The Pérez Zeledón Development Agency and the Southern Zone Development Agency are key agents that promote collaboration between local governments, academic institutions, and the private sector, to encourage the establishment of companies and foster the investment climate.

Source: CINDE, MEIC 2020, PROCOMER 2020,
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**PROSPERITY**
That drives the growing development in technology, agro-industrial transformation, and biomanufacturing, all within a sustainable and attractive ecosystem for tourism and business

**PEOPLE**
With proven experience and customer service skills for tourism and technological innovation, and a focus on quality for agricultural crops and processing

**PLANET**
Protecting one of the most biologically active sites in the world, with areas of exceptional scientific value and natural beauty deemed Natural World Heritage sites
Proven Track Record

National and multinational companies generating value for the region:
Road Infrastructure

Region connected to the Greater Metropolitan Area by the Interamerican Highway (Route 2) and to the border with Panama by Route 34 through the Pacific coast

ROUTE 34 (SOUTHERN COAST)

Known as the Costanera Sur (Southern Coastal Road), Route 34 connects the region with Puerto Caldera in the Central Pacific, providing access to the main ports of Asia and the west coast of the United States.

ROUTE 2 (NORTHERN INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY)

- The road communicates with Pérez Zeledón as a gateway to the region.
- Works underway to expand it to 4 lanes between Palmar Sur and Paso Canoas, which will facilitate the transportation of goods and tourism. Three impact sections:
  1. Palmar Norte - Chacarita
  2. Chacarita - Río Claro
  3. Río Claro - Paso Canoas

BORDER POST

New investment of USD 27 million in Paso Canoas

Source: MOPT and CONAVI, 2020
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.
Prosperity

Sectors with investment potential in the SOUTHERN PACIFIC REGION

- Agribusiness and food industry
- Light manufacturing and Biomanufacturing
- Corporate services and digital technologies
- Tourism Infrastructure
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FOOD INDUSTRY

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

CINDE
INVEST IN COSTA RICA
### Agribusiness: exports

Premium gold coffee was the main product in 2021 representing **45%** of this sector’s exports.

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<td>Other uncooked, frozen fruits</td>
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*Exported value

Source: CINDE, based on data from PROCOMER, 2022
SOUTHERN PACIFIC – PROSPERITY

**Agribusiness: production**

Main agricultural products harvested in the region

- **Beans**: 8,474 hectares and 5,872 tons in 2020-2021
- **Rice**: 6,721 hectares and 25,999 tons in 2020-2021
- **Sugar cane**, in smaller quantity
- **Non-traditional products**: turmeric, pepper, ginger, and other tropical roots

**Pérez Zeledón**
- **Coffee**: 55,063 tons in 2019-2020
- **Beans in Pejibaye** of Pérez Zeledón: 6,100 hectares and 4,468 tons in 2020-2021
- Other activities: corn, aquaculture, beekeeping, goats
- Non-traditional products: blackberry, rambutan

**Buenos Aires**
- **Coffee**: 3,467 tons in 2019-2020
- **Beans**: 1,971 hectares and 1,163 tons in 2020-2021

**Coto Brus**
- **Coffee**: 32,597 tons in 2019-2020

**Osa**
- **Banana**: 179 hectares and 8,975 tons in 2020
- **Rice**: 2,029 hectares and 5,900 tons in 2020-2021

**Golfito**
- **Rice**: 2,251 hectares and 8,707 tons in 2020-2021

**Corredores**
- **Banana**: 134 hectares and 2,291 tons in 2020
- **Rice**: 2,845 hectares and 11,005 tons in 2020-2021

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.

*Includes Puerto Jiménez
**Food Industry**

- Leading region in the transformation of African palm into oil, margarine and its derivatives, as well as juices and fruit concentrates for export
- 65% of total exports in the region came from palm oil

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<td><strong>Palm oil</strong> USD 224.3 million</td>
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<td><strong>Palm kernel and babassu oil, crude</strong> USD 39.0 million</td>
<td><strong>The Netherlands</strong> USD 70.4 million</td>
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<td><strong>Fruit juice and concentrates</strong> USD 17.1 million</td>
<td><strong>Nicaragua</strong> USD 15.5 million</td>
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<td><strong>Sugar</strong> USD 2.4 million</td>
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14% of the food industry exports came from this region

Source: CINDE, with data from PROCOMER, 2022
## Food Industry

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

### CoopeAgri B.L.

Production of coffee, organic fertilizer, antioxidant drinks and complementary products (sugar, cream, sweeteners)

| Started | 1962 |
| Location | Pérez Zeledón |
| Size | +100 people. |
| Source of capital | Costa Rica |

- **Production capacity**
  - 100% of the coffee cherry is used: as drink (beans), for its antioxidants (sweet pulp), and for organic compost. It can be used in other projects such as coffee flour
  - Investment of USD 2.5 million in a technology plant in 2019

### CRN.Life

Manufacture of nutritional supplements, and a complete portfolio based on the superfood sacha inchi

| Started | 2019 |
| Location | Pérez Zeledón |
| Source of capital | Costa Rica |

- **Production capacity**
  - Product’s benefits include weight control, cardiovascular health, and improved body composition
  - It developed an agricultural cooperative to guarantee access to the required raw materials
  - **Certifications:** BPM, FDA, HACCP, Fair Trade

### Del Monte Quality

The world leader produces and exports frozen pineapple chunks, juice, and fruit concentrate

| Started | 1978 in Costa Rica |
| Location | Buenos Aires |
| Size | +100 people. |
| Source of capital | United States |

- **Production capacity**
  - Over USD 10 million invested in the processing plant
  - **2021:** export of the first pink pineapple, genetically modified and endorsed by the FDA and grown only in Costa Rica
  - **Export destinations:** United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Jamaica, Martinique, Russia, Panama, Spain, Italy, France
  - **Certifications:** Carbon Neutral SCS Global Services Banana Production; Sustainably Grown, SCS Global Services; Global GAP; Members of SMETA (Ethical Trading Initiative), Primus GFS
Food Industry
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COOPEGROPAL R.L.
Production of palm oil and byproducts for export: margarine, butter, coconut flour, coconut palm oil, palm fatty acids

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- USD 9 million invested in a biodigester to use plant waste to generate power for self-consumption
- **Certifications:** Rainforest Alliance, INTECO FSSC 22000 for Foods Safety, and Kosher Certification

Product brands:
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LIGHT MANUFACTURING

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Source: CINDE, based on information from the Central American Port Statistical Information System, (COCATRAM)2020
**Light manufacturing**

Its proximity to the southern border represents a key opportunity for the export of value-added products

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<td><strong>Textiles and clothing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pallets, box pallets and, other load boards</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mixtures of scents for the food or beverage industry</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cement, concrete or artificial stone manufacturing</strong></td>
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Source: CINDE, based on data from PROCOMER, 2022
Light manufacturing
The region has developed sophisticated textile manufacturing activities, specializing in high-performance fabrics and high-tech garments

BambuTico
Pioneer in growing sustainable bamboo and the manufacture of furniture and other materials for the construction of luxury materials

Started
1980
Location
Pedregoso de Páramo, Pérez Zeledón
Source of capital
Costa Rica

- Founded by the Retana Quirós family
- It offers more than 50 species of bamboo, manufacturing custom furniture (beds, tables, chairs, lamps) and bamboo constructions: houses, kiosks, offices, bungalows, etc.
- Export destinations: Germany, the United States, Panama, Nicaragua, and Spain
- Chemically treated bamboo with injection processes for resistance against boring insects and fungi
- Certifications: 1-star Blue Flag

Physical Zone
A company from Pérez Zeledón that dresses athletes from all over the world (cycling, athletics, triathlon) and is partnered with worldwide brands like Asics and New Balance

Started operations
1987
Location
Pérez Zeledón
Size
+100 people
Source of capital
Costa Rica

- Physical Zone is the trademark of uniforms and garments for multiple sports disciplines: shorts, pants, special underwear, and leggings, among others
- The plant uses solar panels to generate power for self-consumption
- Export destinations: United States
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CORPORATE SERVICES
AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
**Corporate services and digital technologies**

The region’s talent has led to the establishment in Pérez Zeledón of companies that provide knowledge-intensive services in engineering, digital technologies, and corporate services.

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<td><strong>Information technology support center serving customers in North America and specialized in software development for Microsoft Business Intelligence</strong></td>
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<td><strong>An agency specialized in strategy design and digital marketing, social media management, and website design and positioning</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Production capacity</strong></td>
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<td>• Initial investment of USD 2 million</td>
<td>• <strong>Operations in:</strong> Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia</td>
<td>• In 2015 it started operations in Atlanta, United States</td>
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<td>• <strong>Bilingual services:</strong> Software development, quality control, personnel recruitment, human resource coordination, marketing, legal and accounting services</td>
<td>• <strong>Its technical staff is specialized</strong> in software development, quality assurance, process analysis, DevOps, collaborative systems, data analysis, and others</td>
<td>• In 2017 it started operations in Chiriquí, Panama</td>
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<td>• <strong>Services include:</strong> chatbox, professional video and photography, responsive websites, website maintenance, and WordPress</td>
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TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Source: CINDE, based on information from the Central American Port Statistical Information System (COCATRAM) 2020
Tourism Infrastructure
Natural attractions with exclusive features

Adventure activities
- Sportfishing, surfing, diving, hiking, whale and dolphin watching, or just enjoying the beaches and waterfalls
- Top sites to visit:
  - Caño Island Biological Reserve
  - Boruca Indigenous Reserve
  - Drake Bay and Corcovado National Park
  - Ballena Marine National Park
  - Dominical Beach and Dominicalito Beach
  - Nauyaca Falls
  - Terraba Sierpe mangroves

Mountain tourism at the highest point in Costa Rica: Mount Chirripó
- San Gerardo de Rivas and San Vito de Coto Brus are in the Chirripó National Park

Spheres are recognized as World Heritage, UNESCO 2014
- Four key areas in the region:
  - Batambal, El Silencio, Grijalba-2, and Finca 6

Source: ICT, 2020
Tourism Infrastructure

The Southern Pacific has 3 regional airdromes in Drake Bay, Golfito, and Palmar Sur, where local flights provide tourists and business travelers with access to the region.

**PUERTO JIMÉNEZ AIRDROME**
- Receives commercial domestic flights from Juan Santa María Airport, and to and from other regional airports.
- Also serves charter flights using private aircraft.
- Investments were made to modernize it, such as improving the parking platform and remodeling the terminal.

**DRAKE AIRDROME**
- Located in the Drake Bay sector, northern part of the Osa Peninsula.
- Its location facilitates entry to Corcovado National Park, and its near lodging establishments in the area.
- In 2019 it received a CRC 3.4 billion investment from Civil Aviation to expand the runway, modernize the passenger terminal, build a station platform for three aircraft, and improve the security strips and perimeter fence.

**GOLFITO AIRDROME**
- Located near the Golfito Free Deposit and the new Golfito Marina, it serves commercial flights.
- Its terminal was remodeled and its runway improved in 2020.
- In 2019, 31,965 passengers travelled to and from different airdromes in the Southern Pacific to the Greater Metropolitan Area.

Source: Summary of Air Transportation Statistics 2019, Directorate General of Civil Aviation
Tourism Infrastructure

Golfito’s Cruise Terminal is frequently used for the arrival of cruise ships and to serve frigates, as well as for the export of palm oil

- Located in the Bay of Golfito, to the southeast of Costa Rica’s Pacific Coast, near the border with Panama
- The length of the dock is 317 meters, its maximum draft is 9 meters, and the maximum vessel length, 200 meters
- Golfito’s dock mobilizes around 60-70 ships per year, with an average of 60 passengers per ship; this indicates the growth capacity in cruise traffic, while underscoring the limited capacity at the pier

Source: INCOP 2020 - Central Pacific Master Plan
Tourism Infrastructure

The region boasts three highly attractive tourist developments for sailing and sportfishing

**GOLFITO MARINA VILLAGE & RESORT**
- Inaugurated in 2017, the Golfito Marina Village & Resort is a tourism development center that offers business opportunities to local residents and merchants.
- “Golfito Marina Village & Resort” is a development with three stages, the first of which included the construction of 50 berths, a fuel dock, a 400-m² shopping center, and a boardwalk.

**BANANA BAY MARINA**
- Located in Golfito, Banana Bay Marina is licensed by the government to offer cruise permits and serve as an official point of entry and exit from the country.
- It has a sportfishing and services center for fishermen as well as yachts and sailboats in transit.
- It offers lodging and food services, and the connection to other tourist products in the area.

**MARINE FISH HOOK**
- Fish Hook Marina has 20 docks for yachts and sailboats, supply and spare parts services, as well as a sportfishing center located in Golfito.
- It offers lodging, food, and tourist activities in the area.
Tourism Infrastructure

Proven experience in the development of tourism infrastructure, including:
Tourism Infrastructure

“Camino de Osa” as an initiative to consolidate a sustainable tourism destination based on local enterprises for the integral development of the Osa Peninsula

- Cooperation from public-private sectors, academia, and international NGOs to promote the socioeconomic development of nearby communities


- Tourism offers adventure trails in the Golfo Dulce Forest Reserve, as well as educational experiences that promote the peninsula’s ecology and culture:
  - Water trail
  - Jungle trail
  - Golden trail
  - Elemental Osa

Source: CaminosdeOsa.com
Demographics

Total population demographics

♀ 371,743 Total  ♂ 176,740 Men  ♂ 195,003 Women

Population per canton

**Buenos Aires**
- 53,082

**Osa**
- 31,457

**Golfito and Puerto Jiménez**
- 46,038

**Pérez Zeledón**
- 144,578

**Corredores**
- 52,954

**Coto Brus**
- 44,760

Age distribution

- 0-10: 13%
- 11-17: 12%
- 18-25: 13%
- 26-34: 11%
- 35-44: 12%
- 45-54: 13%
- 55-64: 13%
- 65+: 13%

*Puerto Jiménez’s population is included in Golfito’s statistics. It was named a new canton in 2022, therefore separated data doesn’t exist yet.*

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

### Economic sector

- Agriculture, livestock, siliculture, fishing: 12%
- Wholesale and retail commerce: 24%
- Households as employers: 5%
- Education: 6%
- Construction: 5%
- Food and lodging: 4%
- Public administration and defense, social security plans with mandatory affiliation: 9%
- Manufacturing industry: 7%
- Other services activities: 9%
- Administrative and support services: 9%
- Others: 3%

### Workforce

- **Total**: 146,530
  - Men: 91,816
  - Women: 54,714

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**Economically active population**

- **Buenos Aires**: 22,783
- **Corredores**: 23,147
- **Golfito***: 19,805
- **Coto Brus**: 18,694
- **Osa**: 13,566
- **Pérez Zeledón**: 66,372

*Includes Puerto Jiménez

Source: CINDE, based on information from INEC, EMAHO 2021
Educational Opportunities

15 Technical Colleges

- They offer more than 140 technical specialties
- Some technical specialties were created with the support of CINDE and validated by the industry based on their needs:
  - Accounting
  - Software development
  - IT support
  - Networks
  - Logistics and distribution
  - Service center executive
  - Cybersecurity

National Training Institute (INA)

- 8 head offices and offices in the region

High Schools

- 76 public schools located in 6 cantons
- 7 private schools located in 4 cantons
Universities in the region

3 public universities

Offering more than 80 majors, including:
- Corporate Informatics
- Ecological Tourism
- Systems Engineering
- Business Management

10 private universities

Offering more than 80 majors, including:
- Industrial Engineering
- Business Administration: emphasis on Finance, Marketing, HR
- Trade
- Tourism

Source: MEP, 2021 - Public and private universities
NOTE: you can find more details on educational opportunities by institution in the Annexes.
Costa Rica and the Southern Pacific region as partners to generate impact and achieve sustainable development goals

**Sustainability** has been the country’s roadmap for over 60 years

- **99% of electricity** comes from renewable sources
- **Over 6% of the world’s biodiversity**
- Only country that has been able to **revert deforestation**
- **Champion of the Earth**
  - United Nations 2019
Clean energy matrix to reach sustainable development

About 99% of the electricity generated in 2019 came from renewable sources (CENCE, December 2019)

National grid with 99.43% coverage (CNFL, 2020)

Some Industrial Parks have redundant power supply, being connected to a second power substation through the national grid

Clean energy production: hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, solar, and wind

Impact of renewable power generation Costa Rica is one of the five best placed countries in the energy transition index regarding environmental sustainability (World Economic Forum, 2019)

Abundant water supply: Costa Rica is located in one of the water-richest regions in the world. The country has 113 billion m3 of internal renewable freshwater resources per year (AQUASTAT, FAO 2014 - Latest available)
Osa Peninsula highlighted as the most biologically active site in the world - NatGeo

La Amistad International Park: World Heritage Site – UNESCO 1983
Corcovado National Park: 10 Best Parks in the World - Time Out, 2021

- **Summits with spectacular views:** mountains rising over 3,800 meters above sea level in the Cordillera of Talamanca
- **Tropical humid-dry forest and tropical rainforest**
- **It contains 12 indigenous territories:** 3.8% of the regional population (INEC, 2011)

**3 Conservation Areas:**
- Osa Conservation Area
- La Amistad Pacific Conservation Area
- Las Tablas Protected Zone

**4 Protected Wildlands:**
- La Amistad
- Chirripó
- Los Quetzales
- Ballena (Marine)

**3 National Parks**
- Corcovado National Park
- Tapanti National Park
- Macizo de la Muerte (Massif of Death)

Source: ICT, SINAC 2020, UNESCO, Time Out, NatGeo
Conservation Areas

**OSA CONSERVATION AREA**

- It is of scientific value for research
- It has humid and very humid tropical forests, rain forests, archaeological sites, beaches, reefs, wetland ecosystems, and spawning sites for marine species
- Rich biodiversity in terrestrial and marine flora, including endemic and/or endangered species.

**LA AMISTAD PACIFIC CONSERVATION AREA**

- It covers most of the Pacific slope of the Talamancan Mountain Range
- The land portion rises from near sea level to the highest formations in the Chirripó National Park.
- It generates environmental services for the country’s hydroelectric production and drinking water for most of the inhabitants of the Central Valley.
- Its surface comprises different ecosystems, microhabitats, pure oak forests, high-altitude cloud forests, high-altitude savannas with an extensive paramo (with Andean features), glacial presence, and presence of wetlands.

**LAS TABLAS PROTECTED ZONE**

- Main destination for eco-tourists, bird watchers, and adventurers in general.
- It is located in San Vito de Coto Brus, with an area of 50,000 acres (about 20,000 hectares).
- It is one of the most biologically diverse places in the world. It is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The park’s biosphere on the border with Panama became the Las Tablas Protected Zone in 1981.

Source: SINAC data, 2020
Protected Wildlands

LA AMISTAD
- International park: area divided between Costa Rica and Panama
- Natural World Heritage Site (UNESCO)
- It includes cloud forests, lowland tropical forests, lakes, montane grasslands, and forests.
- Remarkable diversity of flora and fauna. 130 different species of orchids.
- It is estimated that 2/3 of Costa Rica’s wildlife can be found in the park, including the esteemed jaguar. 500 species of birds reside in the park.

CHIRRIPO
- It is the highest mountain in the country, almost 4,000 meters high, part of the Chirripó National Park.
- Much of the land is protected from developers thanks to its inaccessibility.
- Climbing the mountain is a very steep 15 km route with spectacular views.
- On a clear day, you can see the Caribbean Sea on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other.

LOS QUETZALES
- It is in the District of Copey, Canton of Dota. Province of San José. 76.5 kilometers south of the country’s capital.
- A top site for ecotourism, it is part of the cloud forest system.
- Great place for natural science students, experts, and hobbyists.
- One of the best places to observe the natural beauty of Costa Rica. Great site for bird watching. Famous for the bird that bears its name; the quetzal.
- One of the newest national parks in Costa Rica.

BALLENA (MARINE)
- It is located on the Pacific coast, between the tombolo of Punta and Punta Piñuela, District of Cortés, Canton of Osa, Province of Puntarenas.
- It protects over 13,000 acres (5,200 hectares) of ocean and 9 miles of coastline.
- There are approximately 85 endemic species in these waters.
- It is named after the humpback whales that travel to the area (from Antarctica between August and November, and from Alaska between December and April). It is famous for its fluke shape.
- It has one of the largest coral collections in the country.
Protected Wildlands

CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK

- Located on the Osa Peninsula
- Corcovado offers visitors the chance to experience the nature of Costa Rica, overflowing with natural wonders and wildlife.
- Guided tours in the park allow people to see exotic animals like the tapir, waterfalls, and others

TAPANTÍ - MACIZO DE LA MUERTE NATIONAL PARK

- It is located in the Talamancan Mountain Range, in the districts of El Guarco, Jiménez, Turrialba, and Paraíso.
- It protects a wide variety of ecosystems such as paramos, peat bogs, swamps, non-wooded savannas, jail forests, and cloud forests made up of high-altitude oak groves.
- It has five life zones: very humid pre-montane forest, pre-montane rainforest, lower montane rainforest, montane forest, and subalpine rain paramo.

Source: CINDE, based on data from SINAC and govisitCosta Rica, 2020
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