

Costa Rica



Air and climate

Emissions of:		Year
SO ₂ (1000t)	2.0	1996
SO ₂ per capita (kg)	1.0	1996
NO _x (1000t)	28.0	1996
NO _x per capita (kg)	8.0	1996
CO ₂ (million tonnes)	8.0	2006
CO ₂ per capita (tonnes)	2.0	2006
GHG (million tonnes CO ₂ eq.)	11.0	1996
GHG per capita (tonnes CO ₂ eq.)	3.0	1996
Ozone depleting CFCs (ODP tonnes)	28.0	2007
GHG from energy (%)	39.0	1996



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Biodiversity

		Year
Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected (%)	23.0	2008
Number of threatened species	250	2008
Fish catch (tonnes)	22,340	2006
Change in fish catch from previous year (%)	0.0	2006

Economy

GDP growth rate from previous year (%)	8	2006
GDP per capita (\$US)	5,801	2007
% Value added agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing	8	2007
% Value added mining, manufacturing, utilities	23	2007
% Value added other	69	2007

Energy

Energy consumption (1000t oil eq.)	2,934	2006
Energy consumption per capita (kg oil eq.)	674	2006
Energy intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 (PPP) GDP	108	2006
Renewable electricity production (%)	93.0	2006

Land and agriculture

Total area (sq km)	51,100	2007
Agricultural land (sq km)	27,500	2007
Arable land (% of agric. land)	7.0	2007
Permanent crops (% of agric.land)	11.0	2007

		Year
Permanent pasture and meadows (% of agric. land)	82.0	2007
Change in agricultural land area since 1990 (%)	0.0	2007
Forest area (sq km)	23,970	2007
Change in forest area since 1990 (%)	-7.0	2007

Population

Population (1000)	4,519	2008
Population growth rate from previous year (%)	1.0	2008

Waste

Population served by municipal waste collection (%)	73	2002
Municipal waste collected (1000t)	1,280	2002
Hazardous waste generated (tonnes)	...	

Water and sanitation

Long-term average renewable freshwater resources (mio m ³ /yr)	112,400	N / A
Urban population with access to improved drinking water source (%)	99	2006
Rural population with access to improved drinking water source (%)	96	2006
Urban population with access to improved sanitation (%)	96	2006
Rural population with access to improved sanitation (%)	95	2006

Environment Statistics Country Snapshot: Costa Rica

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Data Sources

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Database

Agricultural land, Arable land, Permanent crops, Permanent pasture and meadows, Change in agricultural land area since 1990, Forest area, Change in forest area since 1990, and some of Long-term average renewable freshwater resources data are extracted from FAO.

FAOSTAT: <http://faostat.fao.org/>

AQUASTAT: <http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/dbase/index.stm>

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Number of threatened species data are extracted from the IUCN.

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

UNdata

Fish catch, Change in fish catch from previous year, Energy intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 (PPP) GDP, GDP growth rate from previous year, and GDP per capita at current prices data are retrieved from the UNdata portal. UNdata was launched by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). It brings the various UN statistical databases within easy reach of users through a single entry point. Users can search and download a variety of statistical resources provided by the UN System.

<http://data.un.org/>

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects

All '*per capita*' variables use population data figures obtained from this source. *Population and Percentage of population growth rate from previous year data* are also retrieved from this source.

<http://www.un.org/esa/population/>

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat

SO2 emissions, SO2 per capita emissions, NOx emissions, NOx per capita emissions, GHG emissions, GHG per capita, and Percentage of GHG from energy data are obtained from the UNFCCC Greenhouse Gas Emissions Database.

http://unfccc.int/ghg_emissions_data/items/3800.php

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Demographic Statistics Yearbook

Total area data are extracted from this source.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/default.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Energy Statistics Database

Energy consumption, Energy consumption per capita, and Renewable electricity production figures are extracted from the UNSD Energy Statistics Database.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/energy/default.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Environment Statistics Database

Population served by municipal waste collection, Municipal waste collected, Hazardous waste generated, some of Long-term average renewable freshwater resources, and some of the air emissions data are extracted from the UNSD Environment Statistics Database (note: database also includes data from OECD, and Eurostat).

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/qindicators.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Indicator Database

Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected, CO2 emissions, CO2 emissions per capita, Ozone-depleting CFCs, Urban population with access to improved drinking water source, Rural population with access to improved drinking water source, Urban population with access to improved sanitation, and Rural population with access to improved sanitation data are extracted from MDG database.

<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Data.aspx>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) National Accounts Database

% value added agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing; % value added mining, manufacturing, utilities; and % value added other data are obtained from the National Accounts Main Aggregates Database.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/introduction.asp>

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