

COSTA RICA

The Canadian Embassy in Costa Rica is responsible for a territory which also includes Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. The post territory has a population of 21 million people and consists of a number of distinct markets. Generally, seafood consumption is very low largely due to the fact that the local diet consists of mainly rice, beans, meat and tropical fruit. Consumption of seafood is increasing very slowly based on local production. However, the more sophisticated societies of Costa Rica and Panama are importing significant quantities of canned and frozen seafood products. Cod is imported by all the countries in the territory during Easter week.

The domestic fishery in Costa Rica plays a minor role in the overall economy. In 1986, Costa Rica was involved in the ratification of the Pacific Tuna Fishing Convention. Unfortunately, present and future gains from the Convention will likely go to foreign fleets rather than the domestic industry. Generally, the domestic fishery is maintaining a low rate of growth in the traditional catches of tuna, sardines and shrimp. The main suppliers to Costa Rica are Norway (50 percent) and Spain (25 percent).

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