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Capital: Quito

GEODATA

Area

256,370 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious group

Roman Catholic (95%)

Surrounding countries

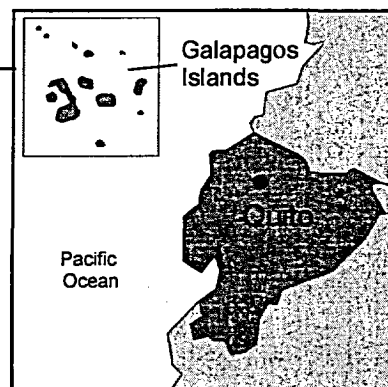
Colombia, Peru

Population

12.7 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.9% (1990-1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Unicameral: Legislature; multiparty

Leader

President Gustavo Noboa Bejarano

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Heinz Moeller

Minister of Foreign Trade, Industry and Fisheries

Roberto Peña Durini

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Ecuador ranks 91st among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$9.45 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$14 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$1,101 US (1999)

Main exports

Petroleum, bananas, shrimp, coffee, cocoa, cut flowers, fish

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, raw materials, fuels, consumer goods

Main exports to Canada

\$121.7 million (2000), including bananas; cut flowers; fish and seafood; cocoa; precious stones and metals; spices, coffee and tea; preserved food; prepared meat and fish; machinery; wood

Main imports from Canada

\$99.9 million (2000), including wheat; machinery; vegetables; paper and paperboard; vehicles; electrical machinery; salt, sulphur, earth and stone; plastics; fertilizers; tools and cutlery

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