

# ECUADOR

Capital: Quito

## GEODATA

### Area

256,370 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major language

Spanish (official)

### Major religious group

Roman Catholic (95%)

### Surrounding countries

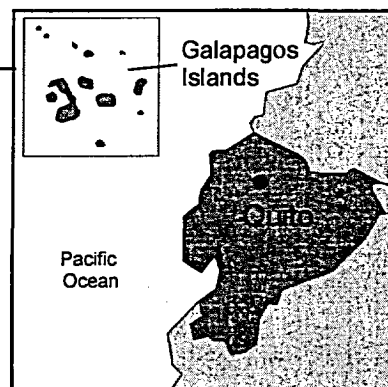
Colombia, Peru

### 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

### Canadian Representative

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