



FACT SHEET - BRAZIL

Area: 8,515,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Capital: Brasilia  
 Head of State: Fernando Collor de Mello  
 GDP: US\$ 225 b (90) est  
 Currency: Cruzeiro (Cr\$)  
 Language: Portuguese  
 System of Government: Democratic  
 Population: 120 million (1990)

Surface water pollution by solid particles

Major Trading Partners (1989):  
 Exports (Total US\$ 31.4 b):  
 Imports (Total US\$ 18.3 b):

Notes:  
 For both mines in operation and new undertakings, projects for reclamation of impacted areas are required by law. These reclamation projects generally involve the design of the enterprise and mitigation systems to be adopted. Some companies have already started environmental zoning, aiming to minimize negative impacts on the natural endowments. Sensitive environments such as the Atlantic Forest, river margin forests, and other special areas have demanded reclamation work.

For iron, gold, copper and phosphate impacts caused by flotation chemicals in water streams have not been fully investigated. Public sector lack of knowledge and current priorities to treatment schemes for solid and heavy metals. Mitigation systems technology is not commonly used and is a clear necessity.

Major Exports 1989 (C\$ million)	Major Cdn Imports 1989 (C\$ million)
1. Turbines	1. Iron and steel
2. Coal	2. Cotton
3. Wheat	3. Iron and steel
4. Potassium Chloride	4. Coffee and extracts
5. Copper ores	5. Aluminum

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:  
 1. Advanced technology products and services  
 2. Industrial equipment and capital goods  
 3. Transport equipment  
 4. Agriculture and forest products, equipment and services  
 5. Iron, metal, mineral production and services  
 6. Environmental equipment and services

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