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A Strategic Link Between
Costa Rica and the World



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CINDE

Costa Rican Investment Promotion Agency



Non-governmental, apolitical, non-profit organization, founded in 1982



Extensive experience in strategic sectors including Life Sciences, Manufacturing, Corporate Services, Clean Technologies - Renewable Energy, Food Industry, Digital Technologies, and others.



Declared of public interest by the Government of Costa Rica in 1984



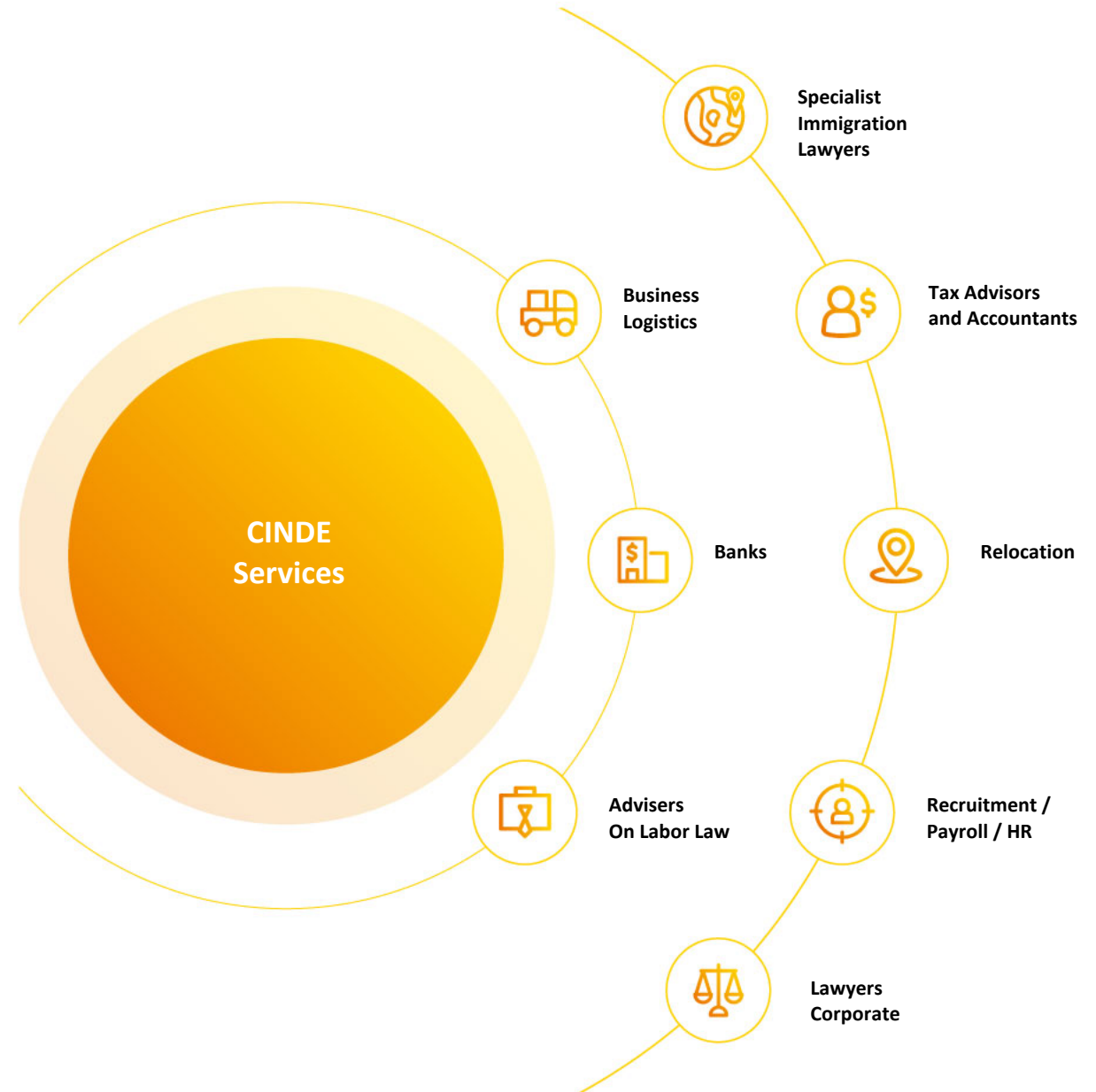
CINDE was listed as the world's #1 institution for attracting foreign direct investment (International Trade Center, 2019)



Active promotion of foreign investment, local support, and post-establishment business services

CINDE Services

- **Assistance in the process of site selection** for establishing operations
- **Attention regarding the needs of investors:** Preparing meetings with governmental organizations, universities and key service providers
- **CINDE supplier registry:** List of key suppliers, such as lawyers, accountants, industrial parks and offices, environmental advisors, and banks, among others
- **Specialized support in strategic aspects** aimed at successfully developing operational expansion projects or promoting product diversification



Why Invest in Costa Rica?

01

Costa Rica enjoys a **privileged location**, ideally suited to communications with the Americas and the world.

02

Costa Rica's **stability, innovation and recognized international competitiveness** provide the right climate for success.

03

Costa Rica offers growth in sustainable productivity, which allows companies to grow with the **right talent**.

04

52% of the Costa Rican territory is covered in forest. The country is home to more than 6% of the world's total biodiversity.

05

99% of electricity is generated from renewable sources.

06

Access to the main world markets: 15 free trade agreements allow for preferential access to 58 trade partners, representing 75% of world GDP.

Costa Rica's Value Proposition



PROSPERITY

A collaborative and technologically enabled ecosystem, where biotechnology, smart manufacturing, and life sciences converge.



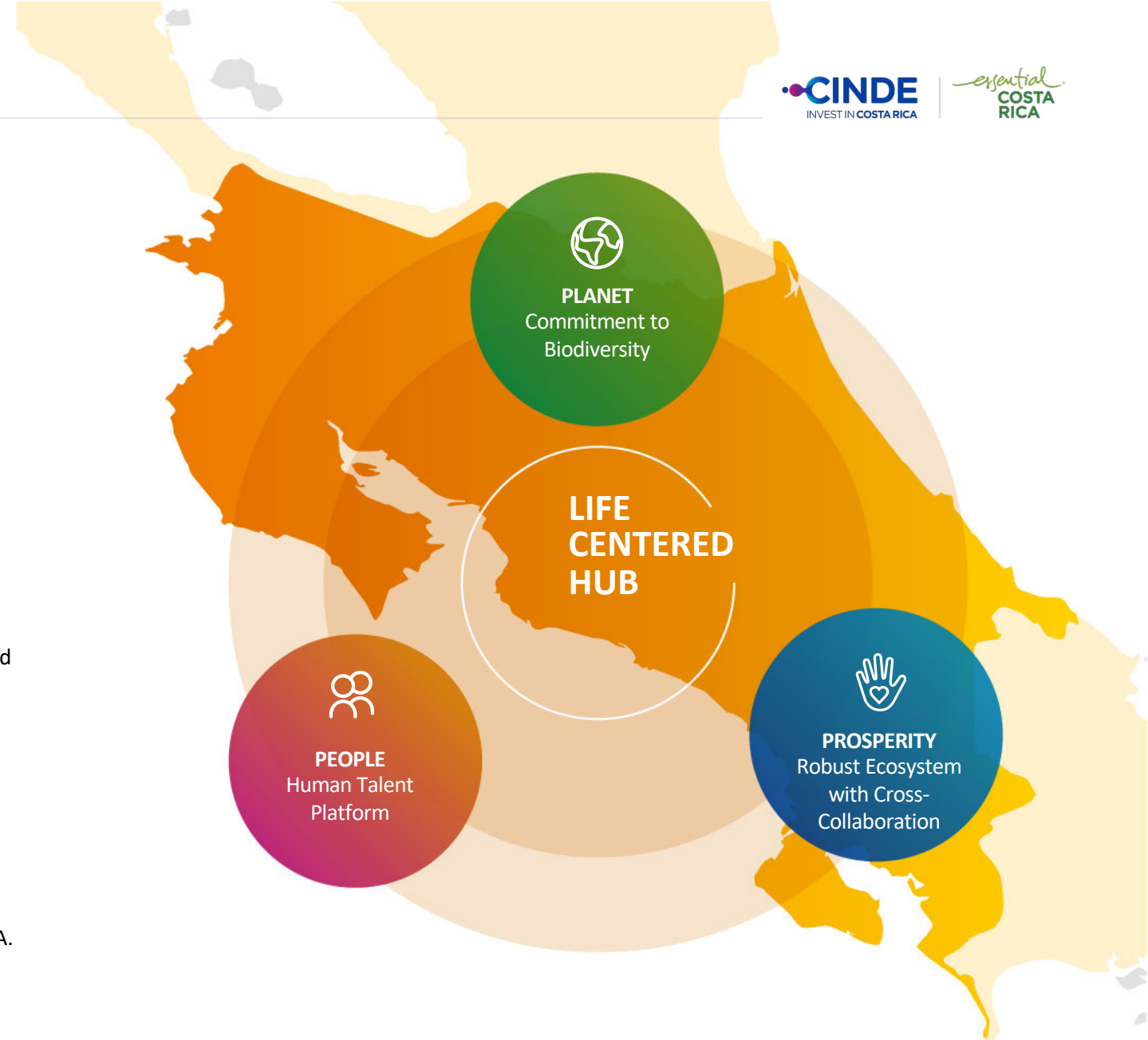
PEOPLE

Costa Rica provides a dynamic talent platform, aligned with the market's needs and the jobs of the future. Talent is our primary resource.

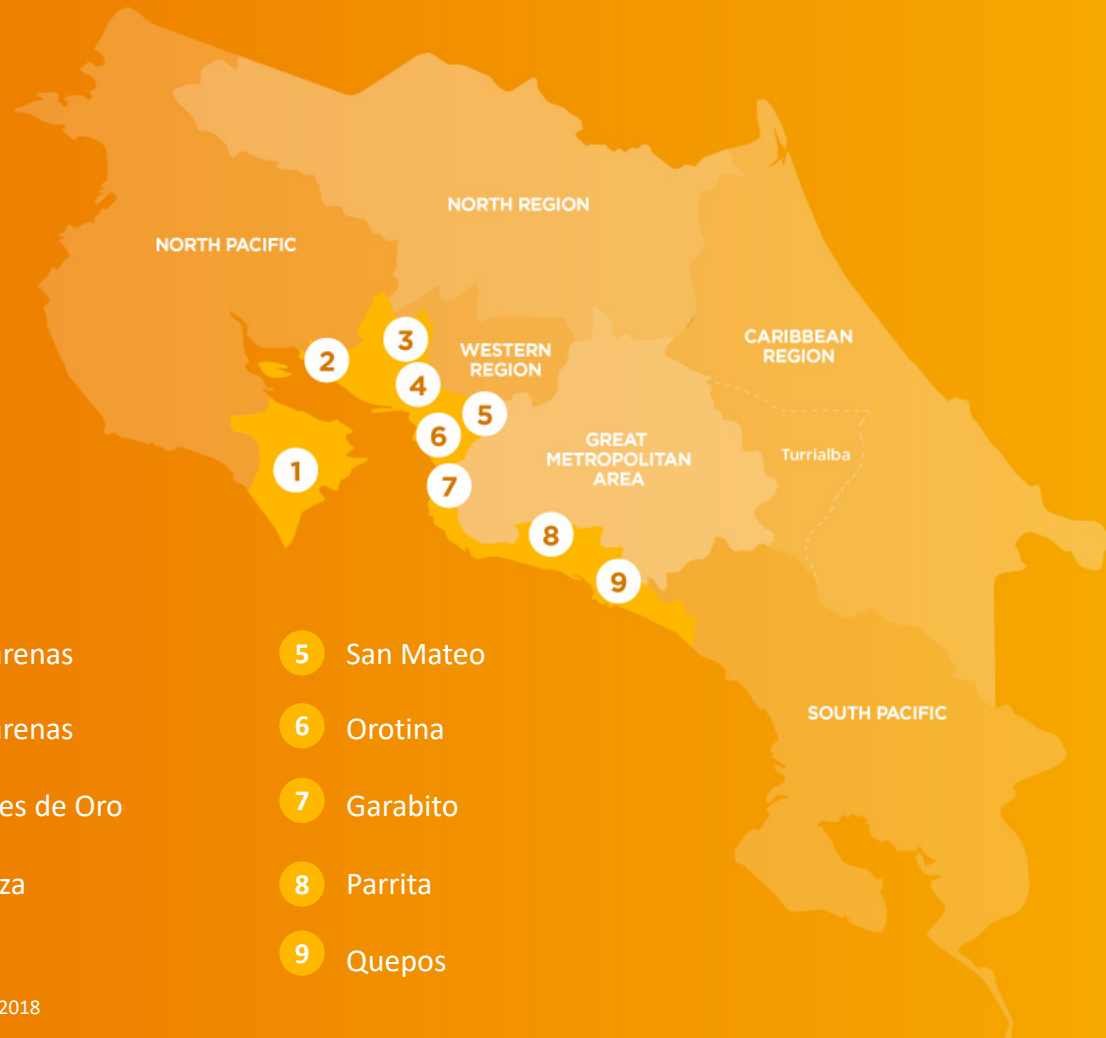


PLANET

We are your strategic ally in generating impact and achieving Sustainable Development Goals. For more than 60 years, sustainability has been part of our DNA.



Central Pacific



- 1 Puntarenas
- 2 Puntarenas
- 3 Montes de Oro
- 4 Esparza
- 5 San Mateo
- 6 Orotina
- 7 Garabito
- 8 Parrita
- 9 Quepos

Source: MIDEPLAN, 2018

Region of Costa Rica outside the Greater Metropolitan Area



Puntarenas
PROVINCE



298,107
POPULATION



3,910 km²
AREA (1,510 mi²)

LOCATION

52
MILES

83.6 km (52 miles) from Costa Rica's main international airport, Juan Santamaría (SJO) in Alajuela

90
MILES

148 km (90 miles) from the second-largest airport in the country, Daniel Oduber (LIR) in Liberia

8

CANTONS

Comprised of eight cantons: Puntarenas, Esparza, Montes de Oro, Quepos, Parrita, Garabito, San Mateo, and Orotina



Why Invest in the Central Pacific?

- 01 Strategic Location**
Links Costa Rica with the west coast of the United States, Asia, and key markets in Latin America.
- 02 Logistics Corridor**
Puerto Caldera is a solid center for imports, exports and logistics, which allows companies to maximize on Costa Rica's free trade agreements with China, South Korea, Singapore, and the United States.
- 03 Expertise in Food Processing and Manufacturing**
This region supplies seafood and fish varieties to Costa Rica and Latin America. In addition, it has established experience in manufacturing and production, from metalworking products (rolled iron or steel) to precision mechanics.
- 04 Exclusive Natural Attractions**
Proximity to beaches and a diversity of landscapes on the Gulf of Nicoya islands, as well as proximity to National Parks with varied climates – from Monteverde to Manuel Antonio.
- 05 Tourist Destination Par Excellence**
A must-see destination for cruise travelers, with more than 120 stops per season, as well as high-end recreational boating in nearby luxury marinas.

Central Pacific's Value Proposition

A Strategic Link Between Costa Rica and the World



PROSPERITY

through logistics activities, light manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism infrastructure



PEOPLE

with both technical and university talent



PLANET

and environmental safeguards in protected areas, and a richness of marine-coastal soils



Prosperity

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Proven

Track Record

Proven record of national and multinational companies generating value in the region



Sardimar



Attractive Tax Incentives



Free Trade Zones

Costa Rica grants incentives and benefits to companies that make new investments in the country, as stipulated by Law No. 7210



Incentive for Investment Outside the Great Metropolitan Area

The country also grants differentiated tax incentives for companies established in areas outside the Greater Metropolitan Area



Attractive Tax Incentives

Main benefits of the free trade zone regime **outside the GAM**



MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Regular Project

CORPORATE INCOME TAX PAYMENT EXONERATION

First 6 Years

0% FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

Next 6 Years

5% FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

Next 6 Years

15% FROM YEAR 12 TO YEAR 18

Additional renewals of 6-year terms may be granted, if significant reinvestment is made

OTHER EXEMPTIONS



Import duties



Taxes on the consumption of goods and services



Tax on remittances abroad

REQUIREMENTS



Minimum Investment:

\$100,000
Inside a FTZ Park

\$500,000
Outside a FTZ Park



Investment Includes:
fixed assets, subject to depreciation



Investment Term:
1 to 3 years

Source: Free Trade Zone Regime Law No. 7210

NOTES

A company can complete the Plan during any year in the period, at which time PROCOMER will verify that an investment of \$100,000 or \$500,000 has been made, according to the book value for the fiscal period of the year in which the company completes the plan.

Once a company has complied with an investment plan, it must maintain the assets that comprised said plan. Asset substitution is allowed, as long as the new asset is at least equal to the book value of the previous value, at the time the company completes the Investment Plan.

Attractive Tax Incentives

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MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Megaproject

CORPORATE INCOME TAX PAYMENT EXONERATION

0%

First 12 Years

FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12

5%

Next 6 Years

FROM YEAR 12 TO YEAR 18

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OTHER EXEMPTIONS



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Taxes on the consumption of goods and services



Tax on remittances abroad

REQUIREMENTS



Minimum investment amount \$100,000



Minimum Employment Level: 100 full-time jobs



Investment Includes: fixed assets subject to depreciation *



Investment Term: 1 to 8 years

* Does not include purchase of land because these are appreciated instead of being depreciable assets

NOTES

A company can complete the Plan in any year of the period, at which time PROCOMER will verify that the investment of \$10 million has been made, according to the book value of the fiscal period of the year in which the company completes the plan.

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Attractive Tax Incentives

Main benefits of the free trade zone regime **outside the GAM**



MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Employment 100+ Strategic Sector¹

EXONERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX

0%

First 12 years

FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12

15%

Next 6 years

FROM YEAR 12 TO YEAR 18

Additional renewals of 12-year terms may be granted, if significant reinvestment is made

¹ For example: Advanced Manufacturing and Life Sciences projects, Research and Development (R&D) activities, and innovation projects

REQUIREMENTS



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ATTRACTIVE TAX INCENTIVES

Free Trade Zone Parks



El Roble Industrial
Logistics Zone, El Roble



Free Trade Zone Puntarenas,
Esparza



Free Trade Zone La Ceiba
Orotina



Preferential Access to the World's Main Markets



15

15 Free Trade Agreements. Two agreements in process: Pacific Alliance and the United Kingdom.



75%

Market Access: 2.8+ billion people and 75% of world GDP



58

Preferential access to 58 business partners



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Costa Rica is a member of the WTO and is part of the GATT. Additionally, it has 16 bilateral investment agreements.





Light Manufacture



Agricultural-Food
Mariculture Processing



Touristic Infrastructure



Logistics Services

Prosperity

Sectors with Investment Potential in Central Pacific

1. Light Manufacture



Established export offer in metalworking products



18% of total exports in Costa Rica during 2019



\$79.60 million of total exports during 2019 for the Central Pacific region



Export Products: rolled iron or steel, pipes and fittings, and aluminum sheets and strips



Export Destinations: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and the United States

EXPERIENCE IN OTHER INDUSTRIES



Chemical-Pharmaceutical Industry

- \$41.92 million of total exports in the region during 2019
- Production in Esparza and Orotina
- Exports to Panama



Textile Industry

- \$6.96 million of total exports in the region during 2019
- Production in Quepos
- Exports to the United States

Source:
Exports by Canton, 2019. CINDE database with information provided by PROCOMER



1. LIGHT MANUFACTURE



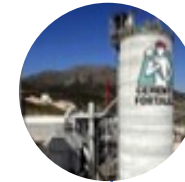
The Region is a Proven Business Partner for **Multinational Companies**



Manufacture of molded elastomers for various applications



Custom industrial filtration products, based on fabric and glass fibers



Cement production plant

Start of Operations

2015

1999

2018

Location

La Ceiba, Orotina

Barranca, Zona Franca SARET

Salinas, Esparza

Origin of Capital

India

United States

México

Export Destination

United States, with a volume of 4,000-8,000 kg per month

Central America, European Union, United States, Canada

México

Employment: 100+

Employment: 200+

2. Agricultural-Food Processing



Established export offer in the livestock and fishing sector



14% of total exports in Costa Rica during 2019



\$52.99 million of total exports during 2019 from the Central Pacific region



Export Products: fresh, chilled or frozen fish, shrimp



Export Destinations: United States, Belgium, Hong Kong, and Holland

AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD EXPORTS

Agricultural Sector

- \$61.67 million of total exports in the region during 2019
- Exported products: banana, melon, watermelons, flowers
- Exports to the United States, Holland, Belgium, and Spain

Food Processing Sector

- \$27.48 million of total exports in the region during 2019
- Export Products: animal feed, prepared and preserved fish
- Exports to the United States, Holland, Belgium, and Spain

Source:
Exports by Canton, 2019. CINDE database
with information provided by PROCOMER

2. AGRICULTURAL-FOOD PROCESSING



The Region is a Proven Business Partner for Domestic and Foreign Companies



MARTEC

Fish processing and aquaculture

Beginning of operations

1982

Location

Quepos

Origin of Capital

Mexico-USA

Export Destination

Export volume: 4 million pounds annually, to the United States

Employment

350+



Rainbow
Export Processing
Costa Rica

Processing and marketing of organic shrimp

2002

Barranca, Free Trade Zone SARET

Belgium

United States

100+



alimentos, prosalud

Manufacturing in canned production

1975

El Roble, Puntarenas

Costa Rica

France, Spain y Canada

1,200

2. AGRICULTURAL-FOOD PROCESSING



National Projects Strengthen Regional Experience in Food Processing



Papaya Processing Plant

- Plant for the receipt, washing, drying, packaging, storage and distribution of papaya, **located in Parrita**
- **Export plan** to Spain, Canada and Central America, more than 200 thousand kilos per week
- **INDER Project - CoopeParrita:** promotion of papaya production and economic revitalization of nearby communities



Marketing of Apple Guava

- Guava collection, processing and packaging center for national marketing and export potential
- Located in Paquera
- INDER project - Coopeproguata: coordination with local apple guava producers



Mollusk Treatment Plant

- Safe oyster production by oyster farmers and bivalve mollusks extractors throughout the region
- Located at the Marine and Coastal Sciences Station of the National University, in Punta Morales
- INDER invested 167 million colones (approx. \$275,000) in infrastructure and equipment
- The Oyster Seed Production Laboratory, which supplies the treatment plant, is located adjacent to the plant.

3. Tourism Infrastructure



Varied Natural Resources to Diversify Our Tourist Offer



425 Kilometers (265 Miles) of Coastline with varied beaches, islands (144 in total), bays, and marine ecosystems home to many species of flora and fauna



Transitional Tropical Forests, from tropical dry forest to tropical rain forest



3 Climate Types: dry, rainy and transitional (from dry to rainy)



Scenic Coastal Beauty: Located on the road that connects Puerto Caldera with Quepos and Manuel Antonio



VARIED HOTEL OFFER



Categories: all inclusive, boutique, conventional rooms, and cabins



Successful Tourism Developments: Including Los Sueños Resort, Isla Chiquita Glamping Hotel, Villa Caletas, Tulemar, and DoubleTree, among others

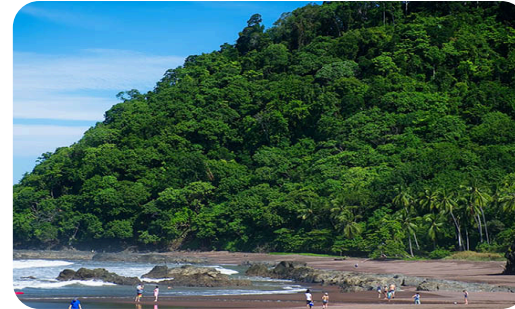


TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE



NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURAL RESERVES

- Manuel Antonio National Park
- Carara National Park
- Cabo Blanco Absolute Natural Reserve
- Curú National Wildlife Refuge
- Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve



GULF ISLANDS AND BEACHES

- Herradura Beach
- Ballena Bay and Tambor Beach
- Montezuma Beach and Santa Teresa
- Barú Beach
- Cabuya Beach
- Islands of the Gulf of Nicoya: Isla San Lucas, Isla Chira and Isla Venado



RIVERS OF ADVENTURES

- Tárcoles River
- Savegre River
- Barranca River

Exuberant Tourist and Natural Attractions

3. TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE



Tourism infrastructure that serves as a traveler's home base to explore **strategic points throughout the region**



 **2** Local Airports:
Tambor and Quepos

 **1** Cruise Terminal
(Puntarenas)

 **2** Routes
Ferry

3. TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE



A robust infrastructure allows for tourist transit to strategic points throughout and within the region



AIRPORTS



Two Local Airports: Tambor and Quepos

- Tambor Regional Airport: located on the Nicoya Peninsula, Cóbano district
- Quepos Airport offers commercial and charter flights between San José and Quepos. Duration: 25min



CRUISE SHIPS



Puntarenas Cruise Terminal

- Pier: 553.44 meters long
- The highest number of visits was recorded in 2019, with a total of 131,564 cruise passengers



FERRY



Ferry Puntarenas – Naranjo Beach

- Connects Puntarenas with Nicoya, Santa Cruz
- Provides maritime cabotage services for vehicles, products, and people
- Duration 1h: 15min

Ferry Puntarenas - Paquera

- Puntarenas is linked to the Nicoya Peninsula: Paquera and Cobano
- Transportation service through maritime cabotage of vehicles, products and people

3. TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE



A robust infrastructure allows for tourist transit to strategic points throughout and within the region



LOS SUEÑOS
 resort and marina
 COSTA RICA

Floating and Dry Docks

- 200 spaces in the water and 116 spaces out of the water, accommodating vessels up to 35 feet long

Fuel Docking Station

- 65 gallon-per-minute pumping system, oil changes, extractions, bulk service for all lubricants, and complementary sanitary tank discharge services

Facilities for sportfishing boats and luxury yachts



MARINA
 PEZ VELA
 QUEPOS COSTA RICA

Floating Docks

- More than 195 floating docks for boats up to 200 feet in length
- Up to 14 feet depth at low tide

Dry Storage

- 40 spaces available to accommodate vessels up to 38 feet in length
- Services includes fuel charge, battery recharge, and washing, among others

Shipyard

- 200-Ton Conveyor Crane, Maritime Forklift, Lifting and Hanging, Service, and Repair

4. Logistics Services



Proven Port Capacity: Puerto Caldera and Quepos Terminal



From 2016 to 2019, 29% of the cargo mobilized in Costa Rica transited through Puerto Caldera



North America and Asia are the main export destinations from Puerto Caldera



2,415 ships were mobilized (22% of the national total), accounting for 1,157,159 TEU (19% of the total)



Eight export products account for about 66% of the value of Puerto Caldera's exports: pineapple, sugar, coffee, gold, wood, aluminum waste, bananas, and ethyl alcohol

Puerto Caldera is #41 of 118

According to the 2018 Report on Port Activity in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), regarding port movement in TEUs, by port and port area

Source:

- Institutional Report of the MOPT
- PROCOMER statistical portal

- Central American Port Statistical Information System, (COCATRAM) 2020
- Report on port activity in Latin America and the Ca





People

CENTRAL PACIFIC

Demographics

Labor Force



149,265
Men



148,842
Women



298,107
Total

Cantonal Population

137,863
Puntarenas

23,386
Orotina

25,016
Garabito

19,676
Parrita

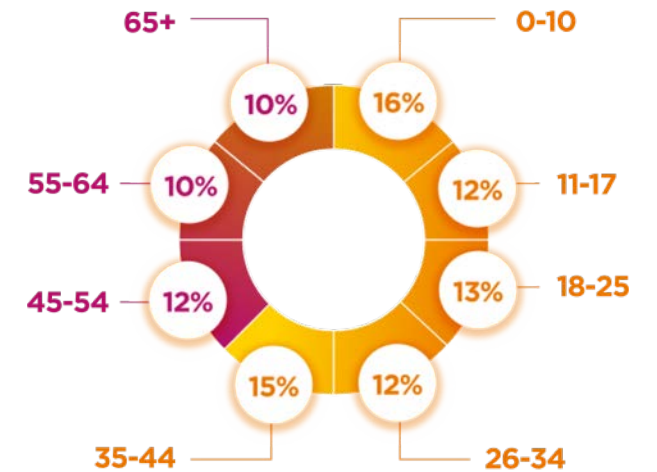
37,527
Esparza

14,186
Montes de Oro

32,483
Aguirre (Quepos)

7,076
San Mateo

Age Distribution



Employment



Labor Force



78,196
Men

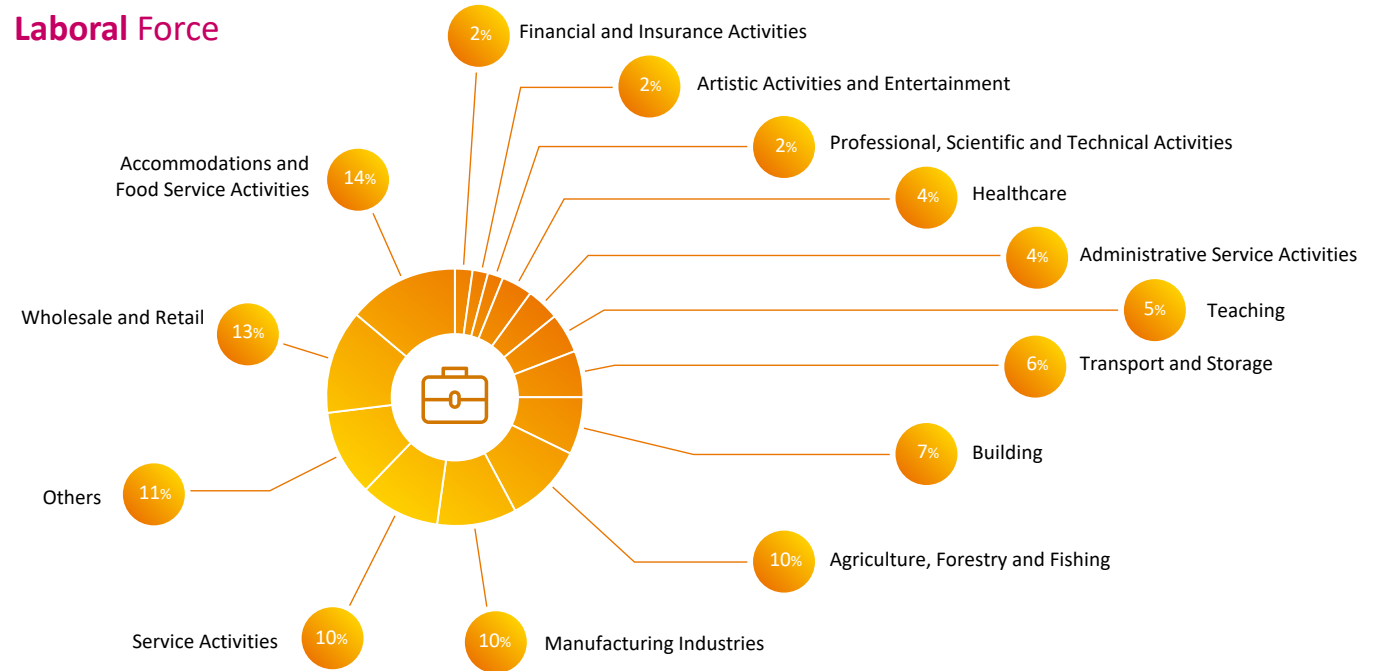


44,489
Women



122,685
Total

Labor Force



Population – Economically Active

137,863
Puntarenas

37,527
Esparza

32,483
Aguirre (Quepos)

25,016
Garabito

23,386
Orotina

19,676
Parrita

14,186
Montes de Oro

7,076
San Mateo

Academic Offer

Technical

18 Technical Training Centers

5 National Institute of Learning (INA) **12** Professional Technical High schools **1** National Technical University (UTN)

Institution	Training Centers	2014-2018 Graduates	Percentage of Total
INA	5	13.383	76%
MEP	12	2.982	17%
UTN	1	1.228	7%
Total	18	17.593	100%

Overview of 2014-2018 Technical Graduates



17,593
Total Graduates



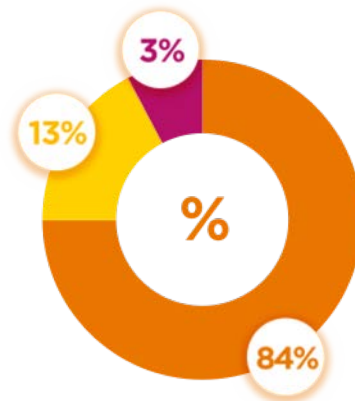
3,519
Annual Average



51%
Women



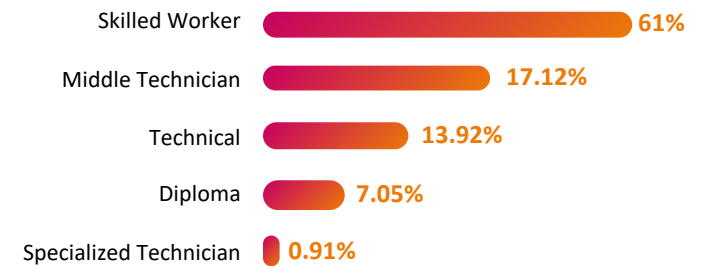
49%
Men



Technical Graduates by Productive Sector

- Commercial and Services
- Industrial
- Agricultural

Technical Graduates by Qualification Level



Academic Offer

Universities

4 Public Universities



5 Private Universities



Graduated University

Talent



Electricity Generation in the Region

4.196 

Graduated Professionals
during the 2000-2018 period

Central Pacific Region	Graduates	Percentage
Bachelor's	1.389	33,10%
Licentiate	2.492	59,39%
Master's	268	6,39%
Professional Specialty	44	1,05%
Ph.D.	3	0,07%
Total	4.196	100%

45.66%

Concentrated in Puntarenas,
followed by Esparza and Orotina

Cantons	Graduates	Percentage
Puntarenas	1916	45,66%
Esparza	798	19,02%
Orotina	433	10,32%
Montes de Oro	371	8,84%
Quepos	271	6,46%
Parrita	149	3,55%
Garabito	147	3,50%
San Mateo	111	2,65%
Total	4.196	100%

STEAM

The largest number of graduates are in the
area of Medical Sciences

Central Pacific Region	Graduates	Percentage
Medical Sciences	1.792	42,71%
Engineering and Technology	1.682	40,09%
Exact and Natural Sciences	548	13,06%
Agricultural Science	174	4,15%
Total	4.196	100%

Health Services

Physical Infrastructure

28 

EBAIS Locations

11 

Health Areas and 73 Basic Teams in Comprehensive Health Care

81 

**Periodic
Visiting Positions**

2 

Hospitals: Monsignor Sanabria in Puntarenas and Max Terán Valls Hospital in Quepos

**New Hospital
in Puntarenas
(by 2022)**

\$217
Million

316,000
Total Capacity





Planet

CENTRAL PACIFIC



Costa Rica and the Central Pacific are allies in making a positive impact and achieving **sustainable development** goals

Sustainability has served as the country's roadmap for more than 60 years



99% of electricity is derived from renewable sources



More than 6% of the **world's biodiversity**



The only nation capable of **reversing deforestation**



Champion of the Earth - United Nations 2019



Clean Energy Matrix to Achieve

Sustainable Development



About 99% of all electricity generated during 2019 came from Renewable energy sources
(CENCE, December 2019)



99.43% of national electricity coverage
(CNFL, 2020)



Some Industrial Parks have redundancy, as they are connected to a second electrical substation through the national interconnected system.



Clean Energy Production: hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, solar, and wind



Impact of Renewable Energy Generation: Costa Rica is one of the five best-evaluated countries in the energy transition index, within the dimension of environmental sustainability
(World Economic Forum, 2019)



Abundant water supply: Costa Rica is located in one of the most water-rich regions of the world. The country has 113 billion m³ of internal renewable freshwater resources per year.
(AQUASTAT, FAO 2014 – Last Available)



Electricity Generation in the Region

In total, the region contributes 389 MW to the country's generation, which represents **11.5% of the total national generation**

- 94.4% Electricity Coverage Index in the Central Pacific Region
- 5 electrical substations:

Located in 4 cantons and 5 districts of the Province of Puntarenas

2 hydroelectric plants and 3 thermal plants

Four plants operated by ICE and one by the Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz (CNFL)



Favorable Connectivity

Second-best connected region to the country's fixed network, surpassed only by the Central Region

- Average electrical penetration per 100 inhabitants in the Central Pacific is 17.02%, higher than the national average (16.88%).

Electrical Costs

Load factor refers to average energy consumption divided by maximum demand during a time period

The higher the load factor, the lower the average cost of electricity

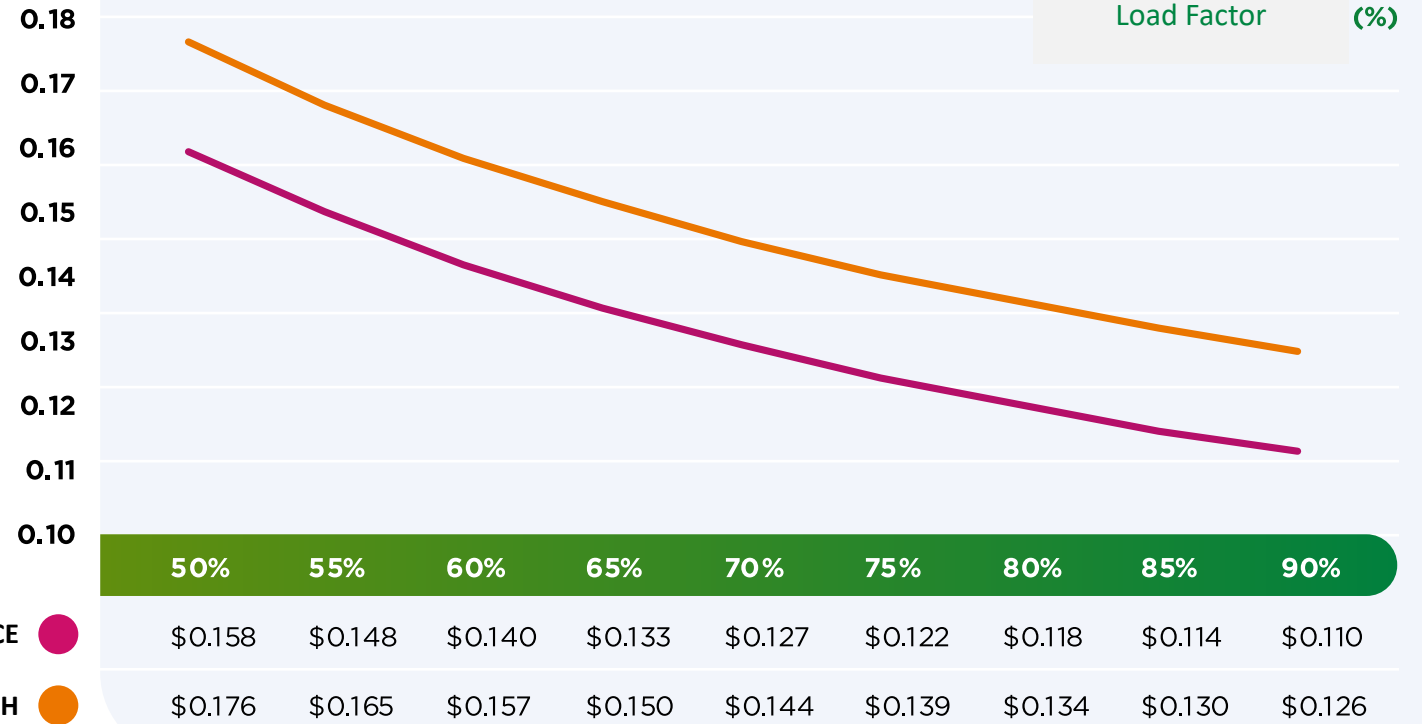
In Costa Rica, most multinational companies operate with a load factor between 60% -80%

NOTES

a /: Includes charges for power and energy
b /: Large electricity consumers are those whose energy delivery point is 138,000 volts or more

Exchange Rate: 1US \$= 600 colones
ARESEP updates the rates every quarter

Electricity Costs for Medium Voltage a / US \$/ kWh According to Load Factor



High Voltage Cost b /: \$0.085 per kWh with a load factor of 80%. Includes transmission cost of \$0.023 per kWh

Protected Biodiversity

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGES



4

CONSERVATION
AREAS



9

NATIONAL
PARKS



Among them, **Manuel Antonio, Isla San Lucas, and Carara**

Central Pacific Conservation Area: 60% of flora and more than 70% of the mammals in Costa Rica

Isla del Coco Marine Conservation Area: UNESCO World Heritage Site

Tempisque Conservation Area

Arenal Tempisque Conservation Area

7

WETLANDS



6

BIOLOGICAL
RESERVES



2

ABSOLUTE NATURE
RESERVES



Protected Biodiversity

Blue Economy Projects



OYSTER FARMS

- Three oyster production farms – located on Isla Venado, Isla Chira, and Costa de Pájaros in Puntarenas – are part of the government strategy to promote sustainable aquaculture and support coastal communities (50% progress).
- Families received technical support from the INA and the Marine Biological Unit of the National University (UNA) of Puntarenas, on the oyster culture procedure and basic management tools.
- The initiative is part of the Blue Economy projects and also the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan for Aquaculture in Costa Rica, which promotes the use of sustainable practices and technologies in coastal communities throughout the country.



SAN LUCAS ISLAND

- Isla San Lucas, a National Wildlife Refuge and former penitentiary (closed in 1991) operates as a Costa Rican cultural, historical, and natural tourist destination.
- Declared a National Park in August 2020 and reopened to tourist visits
- 324 million colones invested into the construction of trails, sanitary services, collection centers, water pumping systems, and structural intervention
- The project is carried out in coordination with the Puntarenas Chamber of Tourism.



COCOS ISLAND

- Ecosystem of wild and marine biodiversity, with great potential for scientific research
- In 1998, UNESCO recognized Isla del Coco National Park as a Natural Heritage Site of Humanity; in 2002, it was also categorized as a Ramsar Site.
- Cocos Island is recognized worldwide as a reservoir of biodiversity and endemic life, as a site of exceptional scenic beauty, and is also considered one of the top ten sites for recreational diving in the world.
- It is one of the most privileged natural sites in the world



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