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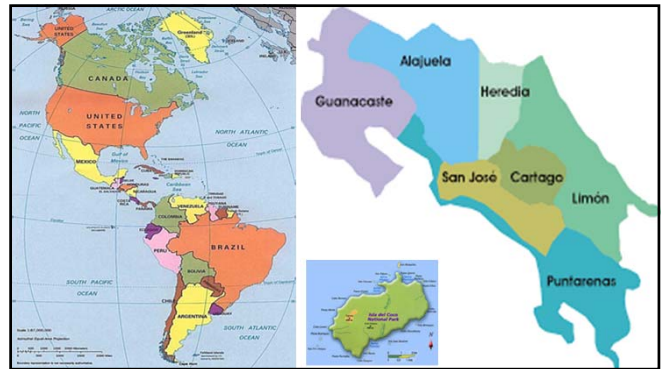


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## General Facts

- Population: 5.020.000
- Extension: 51.100 square kilometers
- Official language: Spanish
- Political Division: 7 provinces
- Life expectancy: 77 years old
- Climate: Dry and raining season
- Religion: Mostly Catholic
- Literacy rate: 96%






### Can you guess the meaning of the different elements on the shield?

- The seven provinces
- Costa Rica's 3 mountain ranges
- Gold coffee beans
- Two oceans
- Two ships sailing

### What symbols do you have in Japan?



- **Fish:** Koi
- **Coat of Arms:** The Imperial Seal of Japan, also known as the *Chrysanthemum Seal*, is a crest used by the members of the Japanese Imperial family.
- **Fruit:** Lychee
- **Tree:** Cherry blossom
- **Animal:** Raccoon Dog

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### Nature and Environment

- More than 25% of Costa Rican land is protected by national parks and refuges.
- 1 million turtles come to 5 different beaches to leave the eggs during the raining season.
- The howler monkey and white-faced monkey.







### Environmental Issues



Illegal fishing activity in Coco's Island. Shark fins

Calero's Island border  
The International Court of Justice.





### Culture and Lifestyle

- Ticos and Ticas.
- Pura Vida slogan.
- People are white, brunette and black.
- Countryside and city life is different.
- There are more teachers than police officers.

### Celebrations

- Saint's day.
- "La Romería".
- Independence Day.
- Light Festival.

### La Romería


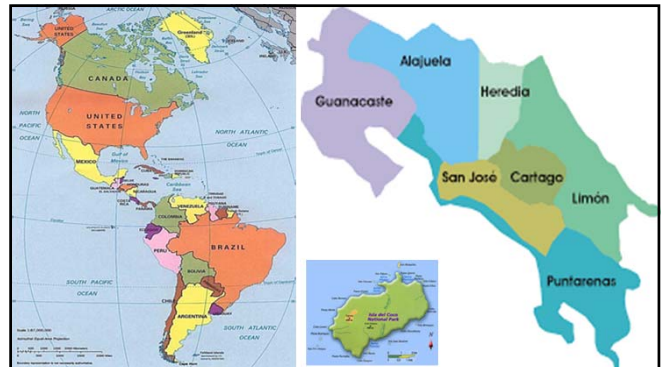
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