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COSTA RICA RESEARCH GUIDE

**Costa Rica Information**

Library of Congress – Guide to Law Online: Costa Rica

<http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/costarica.html>

The Library of Congress web site contains links to documents, reports and information prepared by the United States or the Costa Rican Government including:

- Costa Rican Constitution and Basic Laws (in Spanish)
- Costa Rica's Official Gazette (in Spanish)
- Costa Rica in the GLIN Database – English abstracts of close to 2000 of the nations's laws, decrees and regulations from January 1976 to the present.
- Human Rights Report prepared for the U.S. Congress by the State Dept.
- Commercial Guide – prepared by the U.S. Embassy in San Jose and through the combined efforts of several U.S. government agencies.
- Travel Advisory – Consular Information Sheet

Latin American Network Information Center at the University of Texas

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/ca/cr>

Includes links to business, political, academic, environmental and tourism websites. Most of the linked sites are in Spanish, but there are some English language sites.

Costa Rica Legal Net

<http://www.costaricalaw.com/legalnet/>

Contains the full text of the commercial code administrative laws and other laws. Selected full-text in English or Spanish.

*Martindale Hubbell* (online through Lexis)International Law Digest

Provides a summary of Costa Rica's Laws

Latinworld:Costa Rica

<http://www.latinworld.com/centro/costarica/index.html>

Extensive links (mostly in Spanish) to sites with general, economic, political and cultural information about Costa Rica.

Costa Rican Tourist Board

<http://www.tourism-costarica.com/>

The English language web site of the Costa Rican Tourist Board. Includes information on the history, geography and climate, politics and the economy of Costa Rica as well as entry requirements and customs regulations. A biodiversity link contains information on the ecosystems that exist in Costa Rica.

Costa Rica Web

<http://www.costaricaweb.com>

Provides information about culture, business, economy and government. Many of the links are in Spanish only.

Hieros Gamos

<http://hg.org>

World governments, Costa Rica will link to numerous sites containing information ranging from the economy, education, travel tourism and the arts.

Political Database of the Americas

<http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba>

The Political Database of the Americas is a joint internet based project of the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University and the Unit for the Promotion for Democracy of the Organization of American States

The Tico Times

<http://www.ticotimes.net>

An English language newspaper, based in San Jose Costa Rica, covering news business tourism and cultural developments in Central America.

### **Human Rights Web sites**

Human Rights links from the United Nations website.

<http://www.un.org/rights/>

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights website contains resolutions, reports and other documentation produced by the various UN human rights bodies.

<http://www.unhchr.ch/>

Links to web sites for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Court (ICC)

<http://www.un.org/law/>

ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for Human Rights Law

<http://www.asil.org/resource/humrts1.htm>

Project Diana: An Online Human Rights Archive

<http://hg.org/redirect?url=http://www.law.uc.edu/Diana/>

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights are the two bodies in the Inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights

Inter-American Court of Human Rights

<http://www.corteidh.or.cr/index-ingles.html>

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

<http://cidh.oas.org>

The InterAmerican Center for Human Rights

The IACHR, located at Nova Southeastern University Law School, Ft. Lauderdale is a community based human rights advocacy organization, comprised of members of the South Florida legal community,

<http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/iachr/>

Council of Europe – Human Rights - This site provides access to the web pages of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission on Human Rights and to the major European rights conventions whose implementation is monitored by these bodies.

<http://www.humanrights.coe.int/>

### **Environmental Law Web Sites**

The web site for the United Nations Environmental Programme. Provides an overview of the organization, its structure and activities, documents, conventions and treaties.

<http://www.unep.org/>

The UN website focusing on sustainable development and Agenda 21.

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/>

ECOLEX – A Gateway to Environmental Law

<http://www.ecolex.org>

International Environment Law – University of Bologna

<http://www.spfo.unibo.it/spofò/ENVLAW.htm>

ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Environmental Law

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