



# COSTA RICA

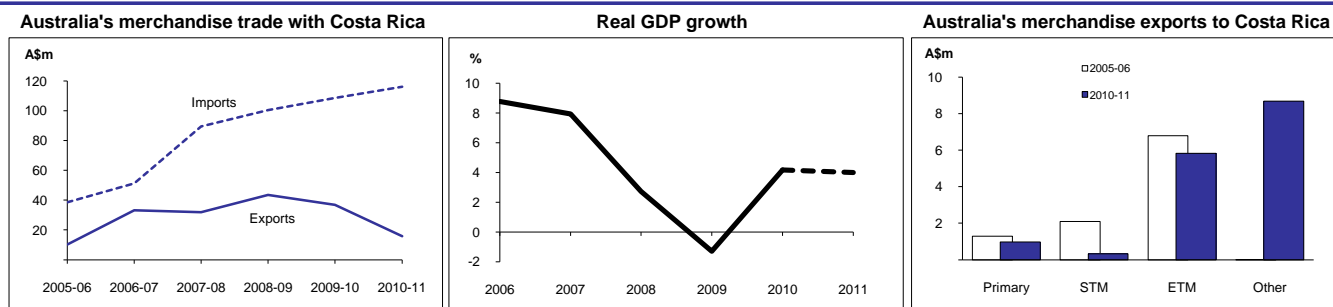
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital:</b>	San José	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	51 thousand sq km	<b>President Mrs Laura Chinchilla</b>	
<b>Official languages:</b>	Spanish		
<b>Population:</b>	4.6 million (2010)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 529.1129 Colones (Apr 2011)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	22.5	26.3	29.8	29.2	35.8	40.0
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	41.9	46.5	48.8	48.7	51.3	54.5
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	5,174	5,924	6,582	6,488	7,701	8,489
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	9,616	10,466	10,771	10,807	11,043	11,562
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	8.8	7.9	2.7	-1.3	4.2	4.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-1,023	-1,646	-2,787	-576	-1,439	-1,969
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-4.5	-6.3	-9.3	-2.0	-4.0	-4.9
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	49.2	48.8	45.9	42.7	38.5	38.5
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	11.5	9.4	13.4	7.8	5.7	5.3



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Costa Rica (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Costa Rica, 2010-11:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Costa Rica (A\$m):	16	0.0%	102nd	-57.1%
Imports from Costa Rica (A\$m):	116	0.1%	64th	7.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	132	0.0%	74th	-9.2%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$m):	
Electrical circuits equipment	2	Electronic integrated circuits	41
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	1	Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	21
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	1	Orthopaedic appliances	18
Milk, cream, whey & yoghurt	1	Coffee & substitutes	10

\* Includes A\$8.7m of confidential items, 55% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Costa Rica, 2010-11:		Total share:
Exports of services to Costa Rica (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Costa Rica (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Costa Rica, 2010 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Costa Rica (A\$m):	np	np
Costa Rica's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	np

## Costa Rica's global merchandise trade relationships:

Costa Rica's principal export destinations, 2010:			Costa Rica's principal import sources, 2010:		
1	United States	37.4%	1	United States	46.8%
2	Netherlands	7.0%	2	China	7.1%
3	Hong Kong (SAR of China)	4.8%	3	Mexico	6.4%
29	Australia	0.4%	49	Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful.