



# COSTA RICA

Fact Sheet

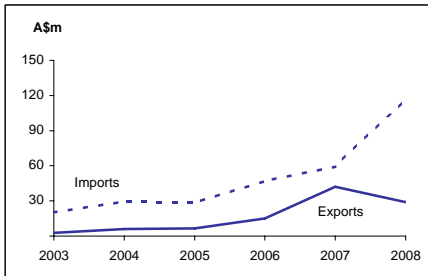
## General information:

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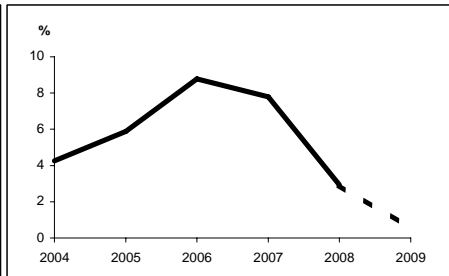
<b>Capital:</b>	San José	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	51 thousand sq km	<b>President</b>	Dr Oscar Arias Sánchez
<b>Official languages:</b>	Spanish		
<b>Population:</b>	4.5 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 365.0943 Colones (Feb 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	18.6	20.0	22.5	26.3	29.8	30.2
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	34.2	37.3	41.9	46.3	48.7	49.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	4,451	4,680	5,174	5,912	6,580	6,554
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	8,182	8,739	9,615	10,430	10,752	10,737
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	4.3	5.9	8.8	7.8	2.9	0.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-797	-982	-1,023	-1,647	-2,640	-1,602
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-4.3	-4.9	-4.5	-6.3	-8.9	-5.3
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	46.3	48.7	49.0	49.1	46.0	36.5
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	12.3	13.8	11.5	9.4	13.4	10.0

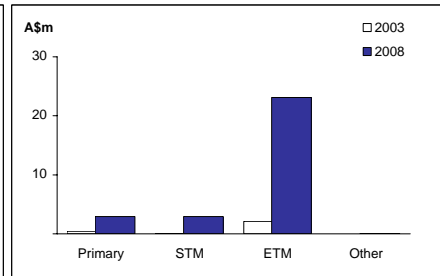
Australia's merchandise trade with Costa Rica



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Costa Rica



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Costa Rica, 2008:

Exports to Costa Rica (A\$m):	29	<b>Total share:</b>	0.0%	<b>Rank:</b>	86th	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>	-30.9%
Imports from Costa Rica (A\$m):	117		0.1%		58th		97.8%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	146		0.0%		70th		44.4%

### Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	20
Milk & cream	2
Electrical circuits equipment	2
Starches, inulin & wheat gluten	1

### Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Electronic integrated circuits	70
Orthopaedic appliances	26
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	9
Coffee & substitutes	4

### Australia's trade in services with Costa Rica, 2008:

Exports of services to Costa Rica (A\$m):	na	<b>Total share:</b>	na
Imports of services from Costa Rica (A\$m):	na		na

## Costa Rica's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Costa Rica's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	38.2%
2	China	6.3%
3	Netherlands	5.1%
27	Australia	0.4%

### Costa Rica's principal import sources, 2008:

1	United States	38.2%
2	Mexico	6.2%
3	China	5.7%
46	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) Special Administrative Region of China.  
na Data not available.