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General

Honduras is located in Middle America, bordering the Caribbean Sea, between Guatemala and Nicaragua and bordering the North Pacific Ocean, between El Salvador and Nicaragua. Honduras has a 400 mile coastline along the Caribbean Sea and a short 40 mile Pacific outlet in the Golfo de Fonseca. It shares borders with Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Puerto Amapala, the only port on the Pacific coast, is located on the NW side of Isla Tigre.

The climate is subtropical in the lowlands and temperate in the mountains.

The terrain is predominately mountainous with a narrow plain on the Pacific side and a wide coastal plain on the Caribbean side. The high mountain ranges in the interior rise to elevations of about 3,048m in places, but elsewhere, the heights rarely exceed 1,524m.

Both coastal areas are typically tropical with a hot, humid climate.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect.
See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the lempira, consisting of 100 centavos.

Government

Honduras is a republic with a constitutional government. The President is elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years. Members of the National Congress (128 seats; members are elected by popular vote) serves terms of 4 years.

The capital is Tegucigalpa.

Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

January 1, New Year's Day; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; Easter Saturday; April 14, Panamerican Day; May 1, Labor Day; September 15, Independence Day; October 3, Day of General Francisco Morazan; October 12, Columbus Day; October 21, Armed Forces Day; and December 25, Christmas Day.

Industries

The main industries are based on manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, and mining.

Languages

The official language of Honduras is Spanish, but local Indian dialects are widely used.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is located in Tegucigalpa. The mailing address is Avenida La Paz, Apartado Postal Number 3453, APO AA 34022, Tegucigalpa.