



Flag Description: three horizontal bands of yellow (top, double width), blue, and red with the coat of arms superimposed at the center of the flag; similar to the flag of Colombia, which is shorter and does not bear a coat of arms.



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Background. The "Republic of the Equator" was one of three countries that emerged from the collapse of Gran Colombia in 1830 (the others are Colombia and Venezuela). Between 1904 and 1942, Ecuador lost territories in a series of conflicts with its neighbors. A border war with Peru that flared in 1995 was resolved in 1999. Although Ecuador marked 25 years of civilian governance in 2004, the period has been marked by political instability. Seven presidents have governed Ecuador since 1996.

Geography Ecuador. Location: Western South America, bordering the Pacific Ocean at the Equator, between Colombia and Peru. Area: total: 283,560 sq km. Area - comparative: slightly smaller than Nevada. Land boundaries: total: 2,010 km. Border countries: Colombia 590 km, Peru 1,420 km. Coastline: 2,237 km. Climate: tropical along coast, becoming cooler inland at higher elevations; tropical in Amazonian jungle lowlands. Terrain: coastal plain (costa), inter-Andean central highlands (sierra),

and flat to rolling eastern jungle (oriente). Natural resources: petroleum, fish, timber, hydropower. Natural hazards: frequent earthquakes, landslides, volcanic activity; floods; periodic droughts.

Military: Army, Navy (includes Naval Infantry, Naval Aviation, Coast Guard), Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Ecuatoriana, FAE) (2007) (Source CIA Fact Book 2006)

1943 Veh, Recce. M3A1 Scout Car.

Remarks: Between 1943 and 1946, the US delivered 12 M3A1s to Ecuador as part of the Lend-Lease program (see US for vehicle details).

1960 Car, Armd, 4x4. Panhard AML-245 (H-60).

Remarks: As of 2000, twenty-seven H-60s were reported to still be in service with the Ecuadorian military (see France for vehicle details).

1975 Car, Armd, 6x6. EE-9 Cascavel Mk III.

Remarks: 32 EE-9s were delivered from Engesa of Brazil with a total of ten still reported as in service in 1990 (see Brazil for vehicle details).

1985 Veh, Recce. Engesa EE-3 Jaraca.

Remarks: As of 2000, ten EE-3s were reported to be in service with the Ecuadorian military (see Brazil for vehicle details).

1985 Carr, Pers, Armd, 6x6. Engesa EE-11 Urutu.

Remarks: A total of 32 carriers were delivered from Brazil, with 18 being on hand in 1990 (see Brazil for vehicle details).

1990 Carr, Pers, Armd, 4x4. UNIMOG UR-416.

Remarks: As of 1990 Ecuador was reported by the UN to have 10 UR-416s in service.

2000 Car, Armd, 4x4. Panhard AML-90.

Remarks: As of 2000, 20 AML-90s were reported to be in service, this was down from 27 in 1990 (see France for vehicle details).

2000 Carr, Pers, Armd, 6x6. BRL.

Remarks: Circa 2000, Ecuador was reported to have 10 Spanish BRL APCs on hand (see Spain for vehicle details).