

## HONDURAS



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### General

Honduras - officially the Republic of Honduras - is a republic in Central America. It is bordered to the West by Guatemala, to the Southwest by El Salvador, to the Southeast by Nicaragua, to the South by the Pacific Ocean at the Gulf of Fonseca and to the North by the Gulf of Honduras, a large inlet of the Caribbean Sea. Honduras has an area of 11.2 Mha (million hectares) with in 2020 a population of 9.9 million, or 0.88 persons per ha (Wikipedia and United Nations, 2019).

### Climate and geography

The climate varies from tropical in the lowlands to temperate in the mountains. The central and southern regions are relatively hotter and less humid than the northern coast (source: Wikipedia). Honduras consists mainly of mountains, with narrow plains along the coasts. A large lowland jungle, La Mosquitia, lies in the Northeast, and the heavily populated lowland Sula valley in the Northwest.

### Existing polders

The Group Polder Development (1982) describes that polders exist in the coastal region of the Gulf of Honduras and the Caribbean Sea. The land is mainly used by Banana estates.

### Proposed polders

No proposed polders have been identified.

### References

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Table I. General characteristics of existing polders in Honduras

Name	Reclamation	Area in ha	Type *)	Latitudes	Longitudes	Elevation in m+MSL	Land use
Polders in the coastal region			RLL				Bananas
Total							

\*) RLL = reclaimed low-lying land; LGS = land gained on the sea; DL = drained lake