

# Geography

**Location:** Caribbean, island between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, about one-half of the way from Puerto Rico to Trinidad and Tobago

**Map references:** Central America and the Caribbean

**Area:**  
*total area:* 750 sq km  
*land area:* 750 sq km  
*comparative area:* slightly more than four times the size of Washington, DC

**Land boundaries:** 0 km

**Coastline:** 148 km

**Maritime claims:**  
*contiguous zone:* 24 nm  
*exclusive economic zone:* 200 nm  
*territorial sea:* 12 nm

**International disputes:** none

**Climate:** tropical; moderated by northeast trade winds; heavy rainfall

**Terrain:** rugged mountains of volcanic origin

**Natural resources:** timber

**Land use:**  
*arable land:* 9%  
*permanent crops:* 13%  
*meadows and pastures:* 3%  
*forest and woodland:* 41%  
*other:* 34%

**Irrigated land:** NA sq km

**Environment:**  
*current issues:* NA  
*natural hazards:* flash floods are a constant threat; destructive hurricanes can be expected during the late summer months  
*international agreements:* party to - Biodiversity, Climate Change, Environmental Modification, Law of the Sea, Ozone Layer Protection, Whaling