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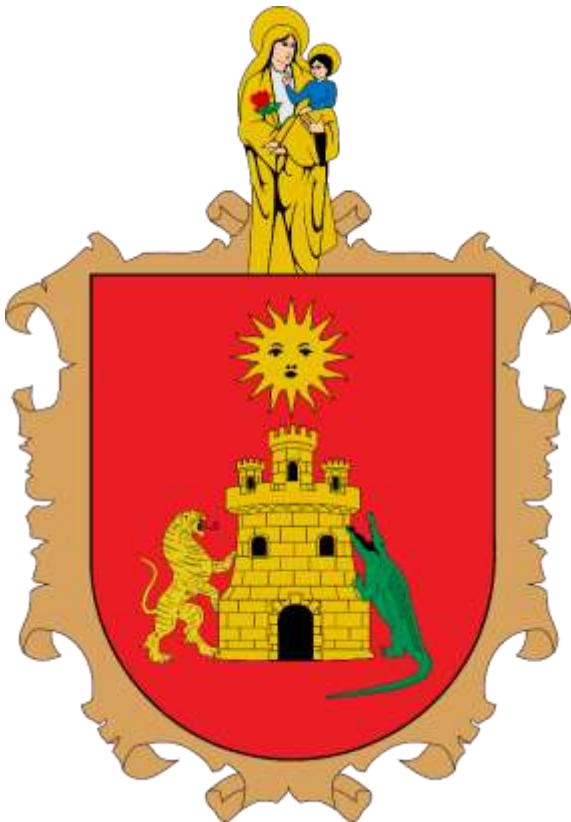
THE DEPARTAMENT OF CHOCÓ

A BIODIVERSE PARADISE





CONTEXT



- The department is one of the 32 departments that make up the country.
- Chocó is one of the richest regions of the country, Chocó is located in the west coast of Colombia and is one of the most biodiverse areas of the world.
- The department has a big recognition for its natural resources that had being a form of economic development for the locals.
- The department is big in water sources like rivers (Atrato, SAN Juan, Baudó and other 16 rivers) and 7 Coastal accidents.
- Because of it's location the department is bordered with humid forest that have a big rainy intensity.



- After the Cherranpunji area in India Chocó is the place with most rainfall in the world. The temperature in the department thanks to its geography and humid conditions is regularly around 27 degrees.
- In the department the population cultivate: Plantain, rice, corn, coconut and cocoa. Fishing is one of the most common economic activities in the department and is one way of living that has being implement from generation to generation.

Mining exploitation is another economic activity that had help the population sustain their everyday life. The department is well known for the metals that can be found in its territory, metals like silver and gold and other resources like timber and renewable energy. Because of the importance of mining as an economic activity and the changes that had occur during the last years theirs a lot of academic research in the department about the sustainable use of natural resources and the impact of big scale mining.





The department is key for all nature lovers, specially for those interested on animals, biology, the environment and it's protection.



- The diversity of Chocó can also being shown by its population:
 - 76,68 Afros
 - 11,9 indigenous
 - 7,42 mix
 - 5,01 White
- This multicultural aspect of the department can be fundamental for students interested in sociology and ethnic studies. The University has a center for the study of Afro-Colombian and Indigenous Peoples Cultures.



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Chocó is big center for ecoturisms thanks to the opportunity to do activities outdoors. While visiting Acandí, Bahía Solano o Nuquí enjoy surfing, Ecological pathways, paddle board, kayak, snorkel and rappel.



TATAMA NATURAL PARK





In Chocó you can also enjoy activities like the festivities that happen all around the department.

Festivals such as:

- In Istmina: Virgen de las Mercedes
- Raspadura: Santo Eche Homo
- Bahia Solano: The Bay festival in August

- See the turtles on Bahia Solano in April and March
- In June and October experience the sighting of whales on Bahía Solano.





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QUIBDO

The main city of the department is Quibdó

- The city is in close proximity to other cities like Tutunendo a big tourism location for lovers of rivers activities.





SAN PACHO FESTIVAL

- The San Pacho festivities are the most important festivities in the department, the festivities are celebrated in Quibdó between September 20 and October 4.
- The San Pacho festivities showcase the religious devotion that is so big in the department.
- In San Pacho everyday a group of people “Comparsas” accompany with a music band do a route around the city celebrating a neighborhood each day.
- The San Pacho festivities are a display of devotion to Saint Francis Of Assisi through the showcase of the African, latin and Spanish influence that is part of the Chocoano culture.
- Thanks to the festivities September is a great month to visit the department.





ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DEL CHOCO

- Public University with recognition from the Ministry of Education.
- Founded in 1968 and opened our doors to 206 students in 1972
- Number of students – just under 10,000
- The main campus is in the city of Quibdó, capital of the Department of Chocó with satellite campuses in Istmina and Bahía Solano. We offer distance learning programs in 11 other municipalities of Chocó

8 Faculty: Education, Engineering, Administrative and Accounting Sciences, Arts, Social and Human Sciences, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Law and Political Science

- 21 under graduate programs
- 8 post graduate programs (specialization y Master programs) some in cooperation with other universities
- 1 PhD program in cooperation with the University of Santander, Mexico

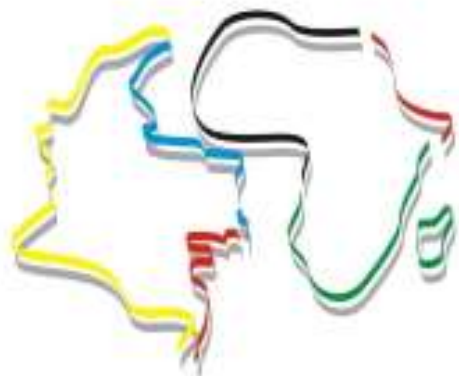


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Biochocó

Desarrollo de Herramientas de Gestión para el
Posicionamiento de la Biodiversidad como
Fuente de **Bienestar Social y Ambiental**
en el Chocó, Occidente Colombiano.



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RESEARCH GROUPS

- More than 55 research groups like:
 - Management of Chocó's wildlife
 - Natural products
 - Biosystematics
 - Ecology and Conservation of Tropical Ecosystems
 - Limnology
 - Herpetology
 - Biotechnology and Plant Genetic Resources
 - Natural Resources for Territorial Development
 - Natural Resources and Environmental Toxicology (GRNTA)



International Relations Office

The Office of International and Inter-Institutional Relations of the Technological University of Chocó, is the main office where internationalization processes and agreements with other institutions, are supported. The Office works with the rest of the University to promote international mobility, academic exchange and the work experience of students and teachers, organize events advertising international culture, bilingualism and connections between research projects with the outside world.

We have the following information and advisory services:

- International exchanges
- Opportunities to apply for scholarships
- Development of research opportunities with international partners
- English extension courses
- Existing and new MOUs and cooperation agreements



International Cooperation - MOUs

- Benedict Collage, USA
- Universidad de Salamanca, España
- Universidad de Guadalajara, México
- Universidad EART – Costa Rica
- UNIVERSIDAD DE GEORGETOWN, USA
- UNIVERSIDAD PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba
- HOWARD UNIVERSITY, USA
- Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain



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