

A large school of sharks swimming in blue water. The sharks are silhouetted against the blue background, creating a dense pattern of movement. The water is a gradient of blue, from a lighter shade at the top to a darker shade at the bottom.

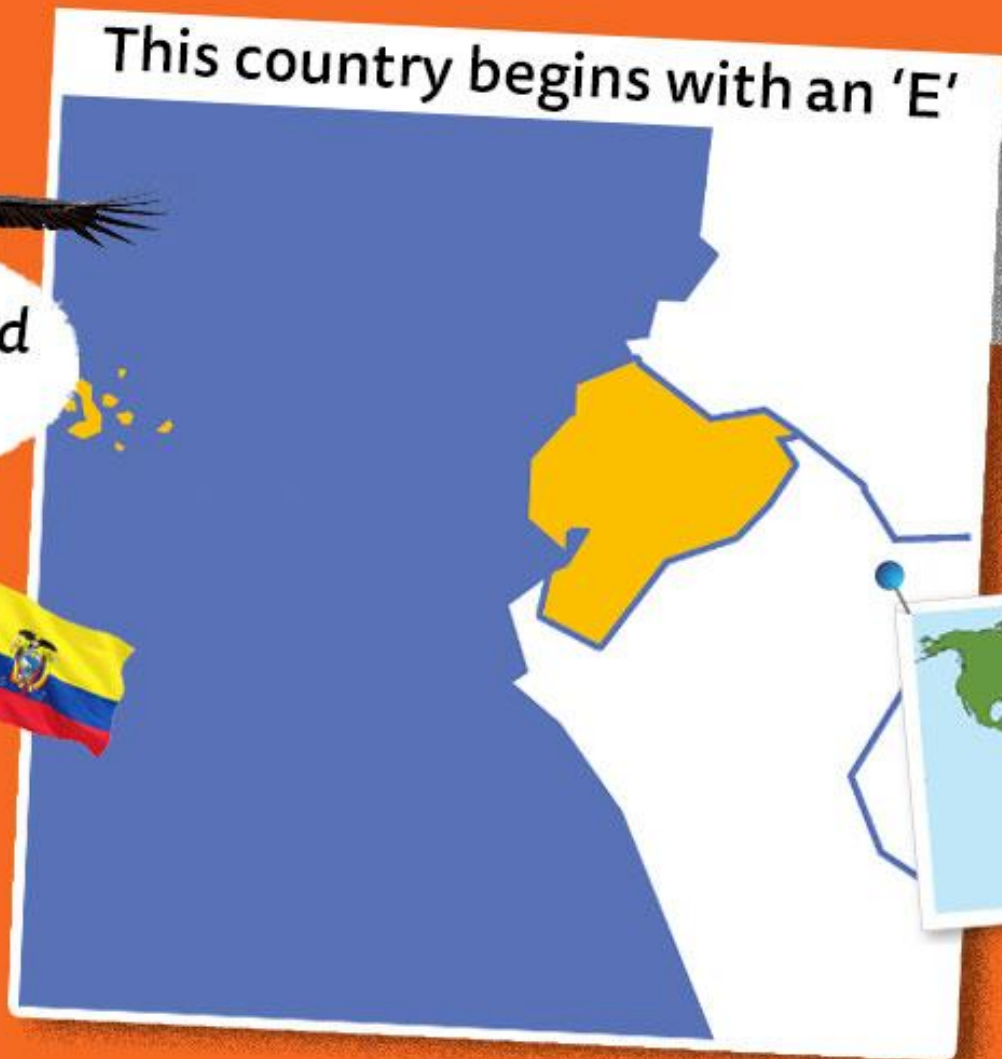
The world this week
Underwater highway

Where are we this week?

This country begins with an 'E'

Its national bird is a condor!

It's in South America, near Peru.



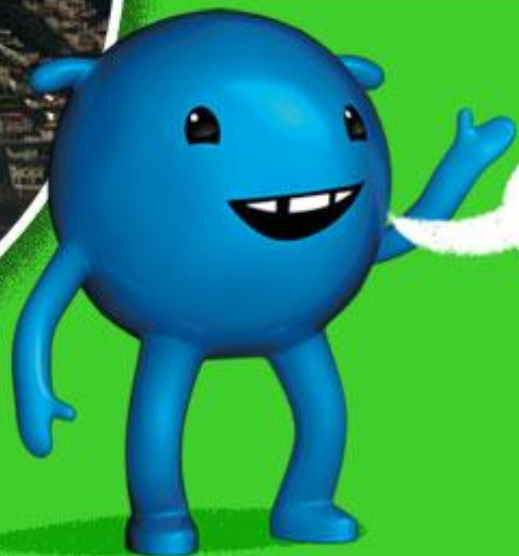
It is Ecuador!

It's on the Pacific Ocean and its population is 17 million.

Its capital city is Quito.

UTC -5 to -6 hours

Hola!



Why is Ecuador in the news?

Because an underwater swimway was created around the Galápagos Islands...



...to protect migrating sea animals!

The new swimway will make the existing natural reserve twice as big and will protect animals from big fishing boats.

The reserve is a safe area for many endangered species ...



...such as turtles, sharks, seals, rays, tuna and other fish!

Over to you!

Using the world map, where is Ecuador in relation to the Tropics and Equator? What do you think the climate is like?



Do you know any facts about Ecuador?



Should we stop all fishing to protect sea animals?



Over to you!

If you were to create a natural reserve, whether on land or in the ocean, which animals would you protect? How?



Thank you!

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