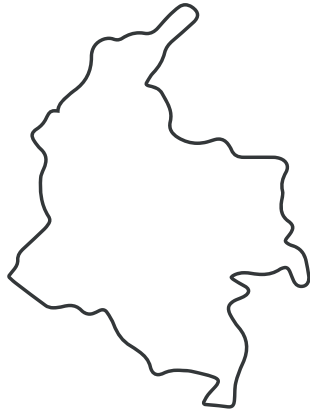




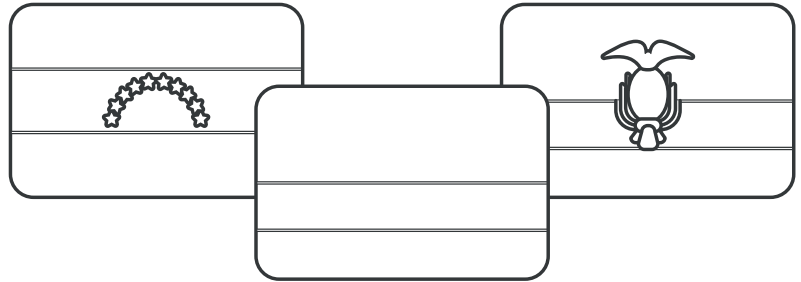
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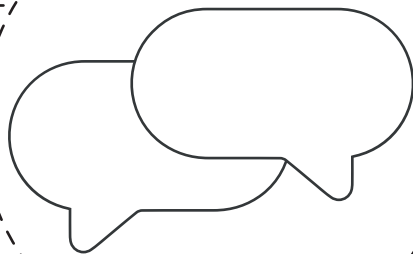
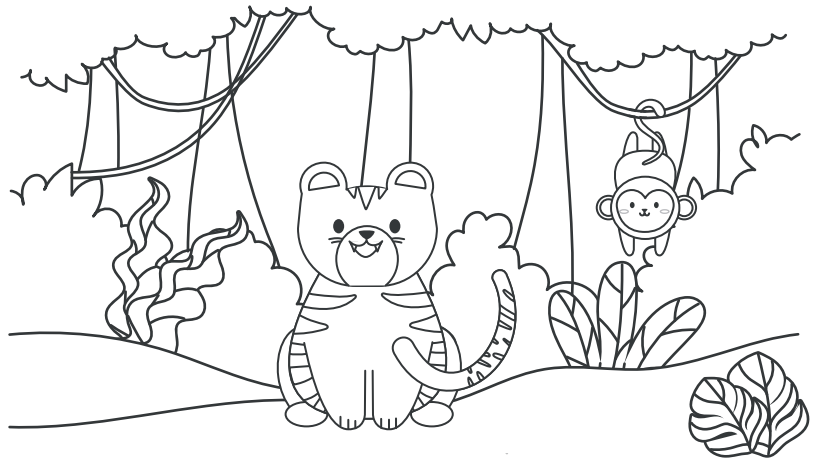
Colombia, officially the Republic of Colombia, is a country in South America with insular regions in North America and the Pacific Ocean.



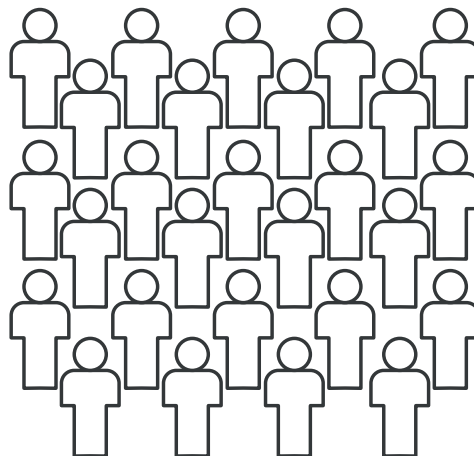
The Venezuelan, Ecuadorian, and Colombian flag are similar because, between 1822 to 1830, the three were one single country called Gran Colombia.



Colombia is the second most biodiverse country in the world, after only Brazil, which is ten times larger.



Although the Spanish language is the official language of Colombia, it has 65 indigenous languages.



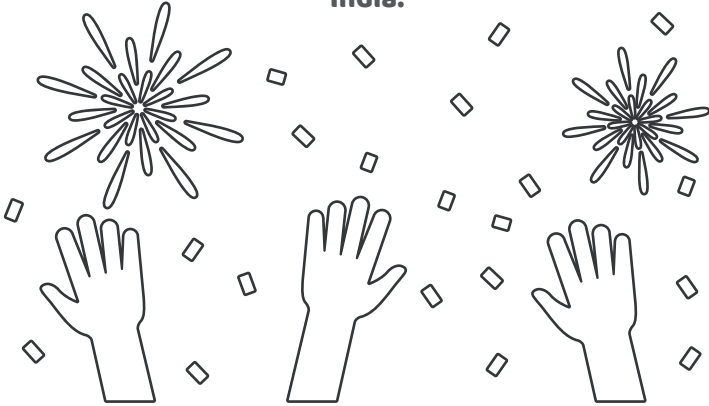
Colombia is the most populous nation in Spanish-speaking South America and the third in Latin America, after Brazil and Mexico.



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There are 18 Colombian holidays per year; the only country with more national holidays is India.



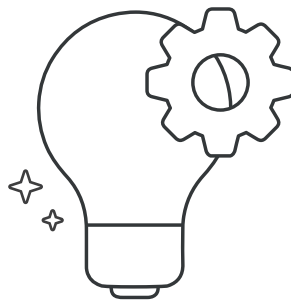
The Colombian national anthem plays twice a day in public television and radio stations, according to the Colombian government.



It has the highest amount of species by area worldwide, including more bird species than all of Europe and North America combined.

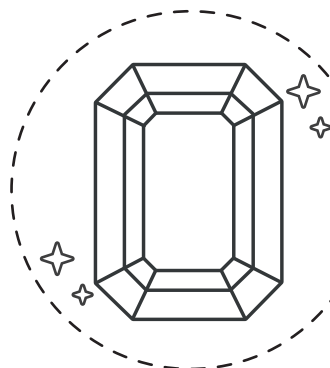


35% of Colombia's territory is part of the Amazon rainforest, with a total area of 248,000 square miles.



In 2013, Medellin, the second-largest city in Colombia, was named the most innovative city.

Tena emerald, the most valuable emerald in the world, was found in Muzo, Colombia, in 1999.



The country has 59 national parks and protected areas, which span a total of 77,220 sq miles, so one-sixth of Colombia's land mass.

