



**SITUATION**

- Heavy rainfall affected several areas of Ecuador over the last week, triggering river overflow and landslides in several provinces.
- As of 23 March, damage to houses and infrastructure, as well as casualties, have been reported in most provinces, with at least seven people killed and another five missing in Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas and Pichincha provinces, due to landslides.
- Evacuations had to take place in Chillanes canton in Bolívar and in Santo Domingo canton in Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas province, due to river overflow and a series of landslides, respectively, as well as in Santa Rosa canton, El Oro province, due to floods, according to media.

**Forecast:** In the next 48h, more rainfall is expected over several areas of the country, especially in the central, south-western and north-western provinces.

Sources: [Ecuadorian CP](#), INAMHI (1, 2, 3) NOAA, Media (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**ECUADOR – Background information**

The climate in Ecuador varies from region to region. In particular the rainy season is:

- "Sierra": from October to May
- Eastern Amazon jungle areas ("Amazonia"): from May to September
- Costa and inland region: from December to May

Sources: [HEWSWEB](#), INAMHI

**ECUADOR – Recent historical floods**

In **2013**, seasonal rains caused floods and landslides, affecting ca. 25 500 people ([UN](#))

In **2012**, rainy season affected 58 000 people by mid-March ([REDLAC](#))

In **2008**, ca. 290 000 people were affected by floods ([CRED](#))

