

BELIZE



BRIEF

Official Name: Belize

Area: 22, 966 sq. km. (8, 867 sq. mi.)

Capital: Belmopan (pop. 13, 500)

Population (2005 UN estimate) 299, 766

Currency : Belizian Dollar

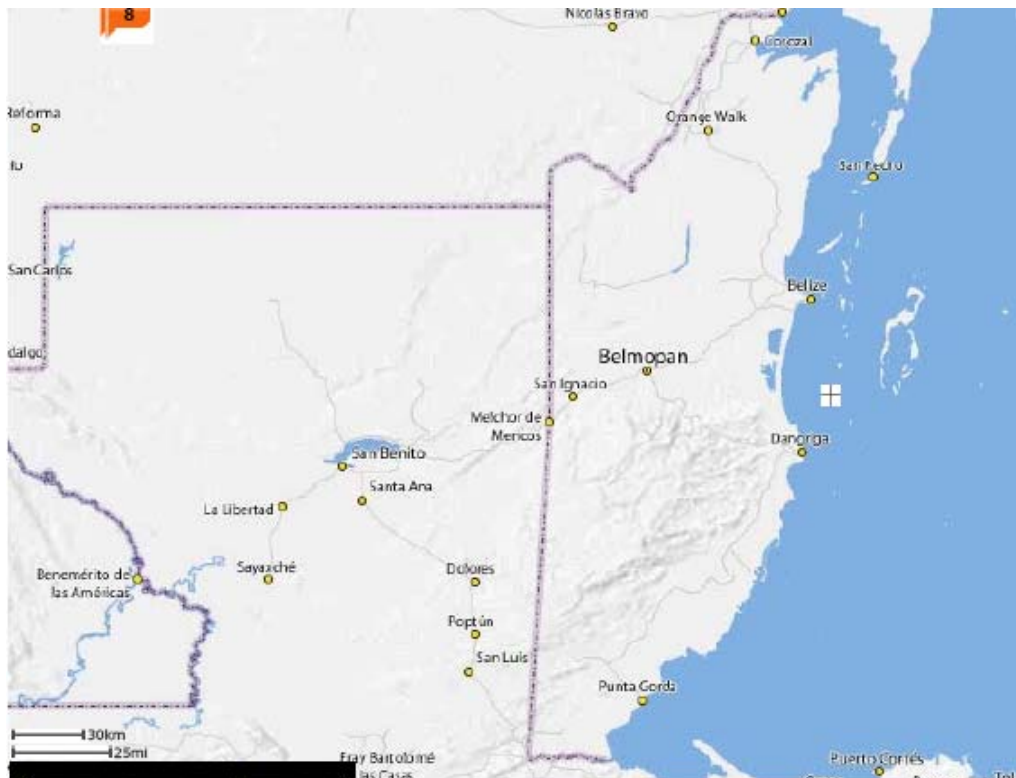
Terrain: Flat and swampy coastline, low mountains in the interior.

Climate: Sub-tropical (dry and wet seasons). Hot and humid.

Airport : Phillip S. Goldson International Airport

Source: *CRNM Information Unit 2008*

MAP



Source: Google Maps (2008)



HEAD OF STATE:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
H. E. Sir Colville N. Young, Snr, GCMG, MBE
(Governor-General)

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:

The Hon. Dean Barrow, MP
(Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and the Public Service)

Government

Type: Constitutional parliamentary democracy

Independence: 21st September 1981

Branches: **Executive**--Governor General (chief of state, representing British monarch), Prime minister (head of government), cabinet.
Legislative--bicameral Parliament (21 appointed senators, 30 elected representatives).
Judicial—UK Privy Council in London, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and magistrates' courts.

Administrative

Subdivisions: 6 districts

Political

Parties: People's United Party (PUP), United Democratic Party (UDP), National Alliance for Belizean Rights (NABR), National Reform Party (NRP), Vision Inspired by the People (VIP), People's National Party (PNP), We the People (WTP)

International Treaties and Trade Agreements

TRADE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

MULTILATERAL

[World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Agreements](#)



CUSTOMS UNIONS

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Dominican Republic

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Colombia

CARICOM – Venezuela

TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, BUT NOT IN FORCE

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

Source: http://www.sice.oas.org/agreements_e.asp

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Important Links

GOVERNMENT PORTAL:

<http://www.governmentofbelize.gov.bz>

LINKS TO GOVERNMENT:

Belize Tourism Board – <http://www.travelbelize.org>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs – <http://www.mfa.gov.bz>

Ministry of Natural Resources, Local Government and Environment – <http://www.mnrei.gov.bz>

Office of Governance – <http://www.governmentofbelize.gov.bz/officeofgovernance.html>

Belize Trade and Investment Development Service – <http://www.belizeinvest.org.bz>

LINKS TO PRIVATE SECTOR:

University of Belize – <http://www.ub.edu.bz>

WTOTRADE POLICY REVIEW:

Belize:

- [Secretariat report](#)
- [Government report](#)

Media Institutions

Belize Times – <http://www.belizetimes.bz>

Belize Guardian – <http://www.guardian.bz>

The Reporter – <http://www.reporter.bz>

Channel 5 – <http://www.channel5belize.com>

