

# Latin America. General characteristic



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1. Topography
2. Climate
3. Resources

# Latin America

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- 19,1 million square km
- 12,6% of the earth's surface
- Historical roots: Spain and Portugal
- Spanish and Portuguese based on Latin: Latin America
- Population – about 590 million

# Regions of Latin America

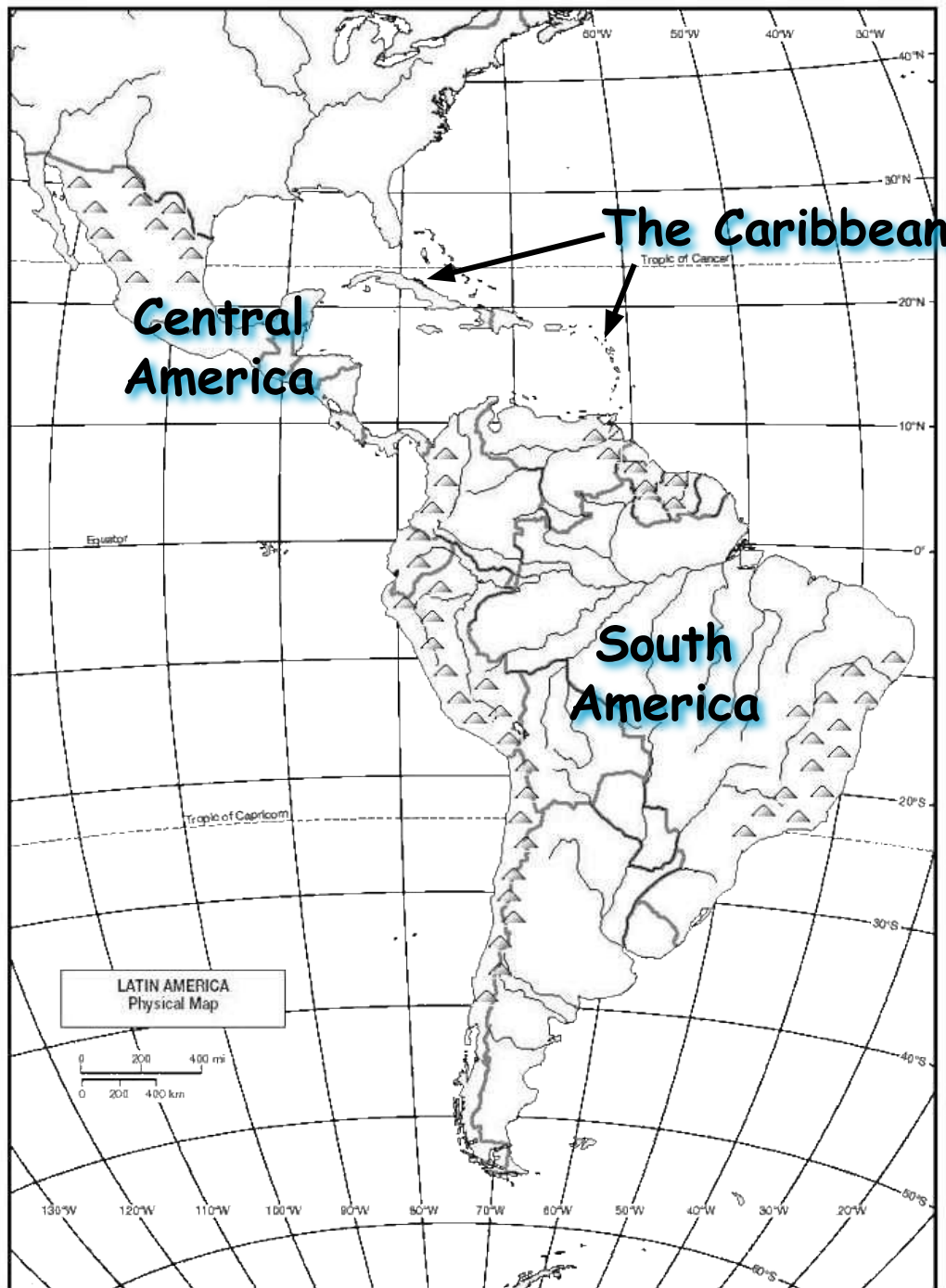
## 1. Middle America

- a. Mexico
- b. Central America

## 2. Caribbean

- a. Bahamas:
- b. Greater Antilles  
(Cuba, Jamaica,  
Puerto Rico, Haiti,  
and the Dominican  
Republic)
- c. Lesser Antilles

## 3. South America



# 1. Central America

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# 2. Caribbean



# 3. South America



# Topography

The background of the image is a scenic landscape during the "blue hour" of sunset or sunrise. The sky is a deep, dark blue with wispy, light-colored clouds. A bright, horizontal band of light, likely the setting or rising sun, creates a glowing effect across the middle of the sky. Below the sky, a range of dark, silhouetted mountains stretches across the horizon. In the foreground, a city skyline is visible, with numerous small, bright lights from buildings and streets. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.



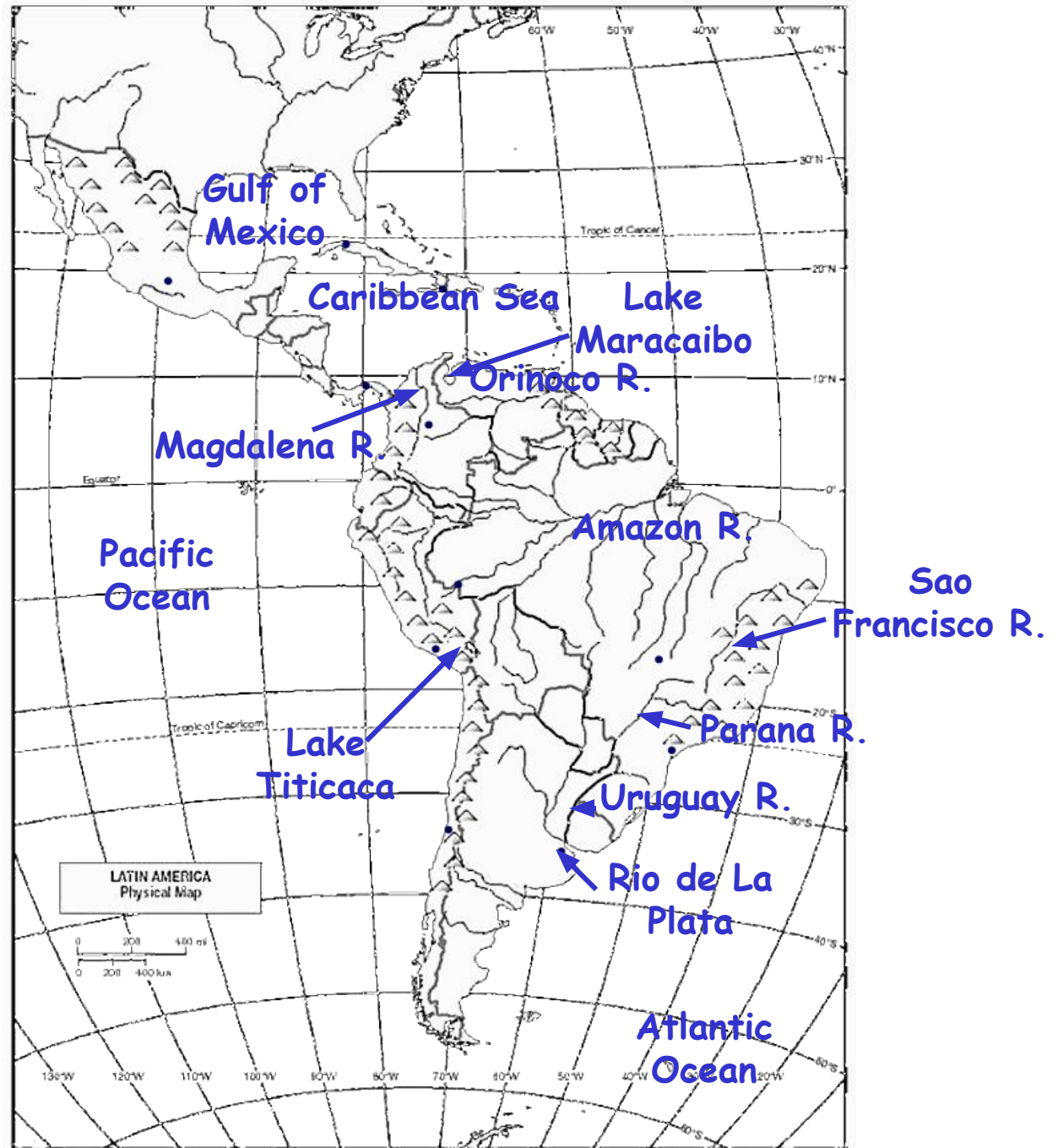
# Satellite Image of Latin America



## Brazil Compared in Area with the United States

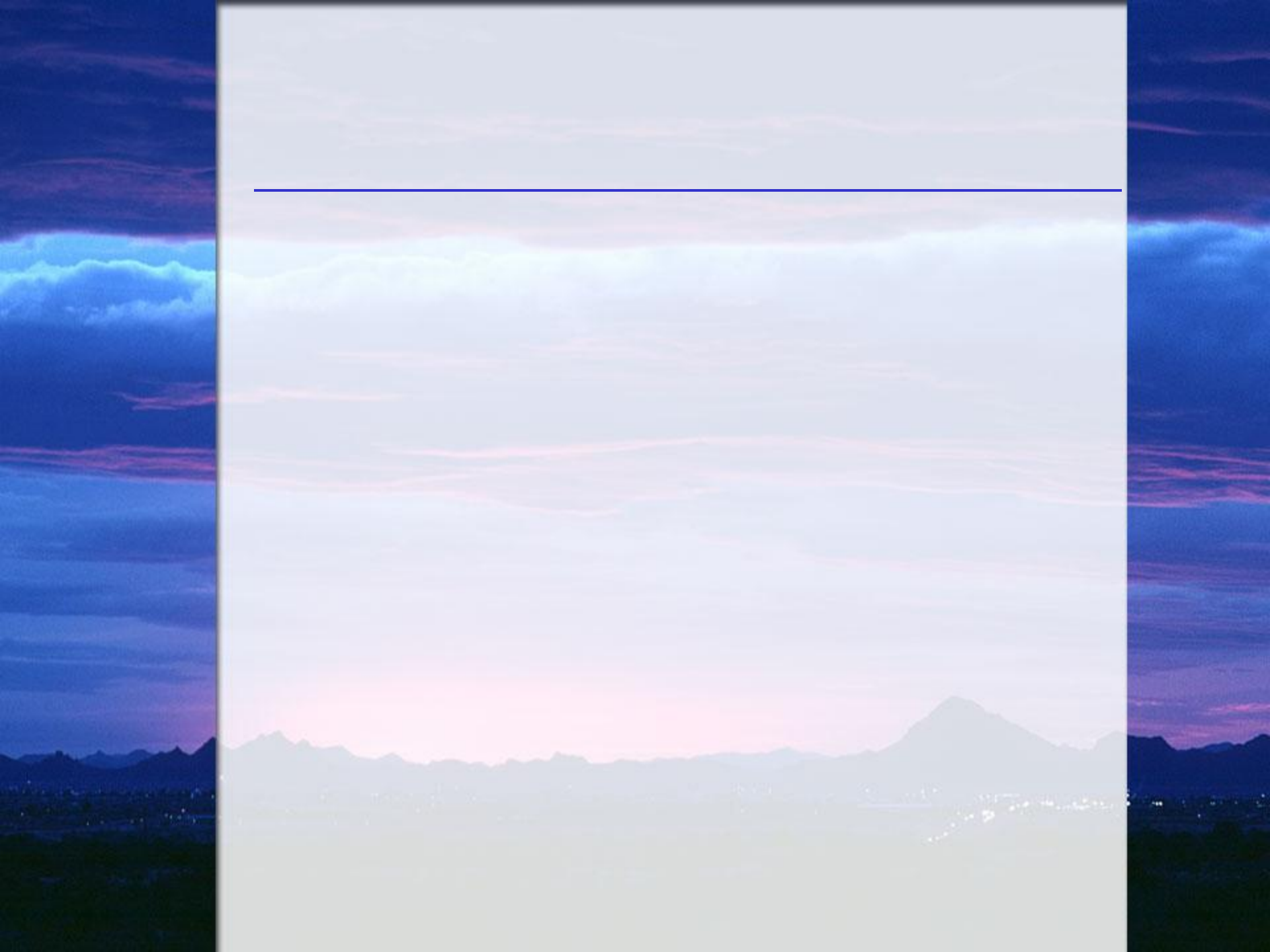


# Bodies of Water



# Lake Titicaca: World's highest lake (3812 m above sea level, depth - 304m., the largest fresh water basin, 8290 sq. km)





# Mountains and Peaks



# Andes Mountains (Peru)



# The Eastern Flank of the Andes





# Llamas in the Andes



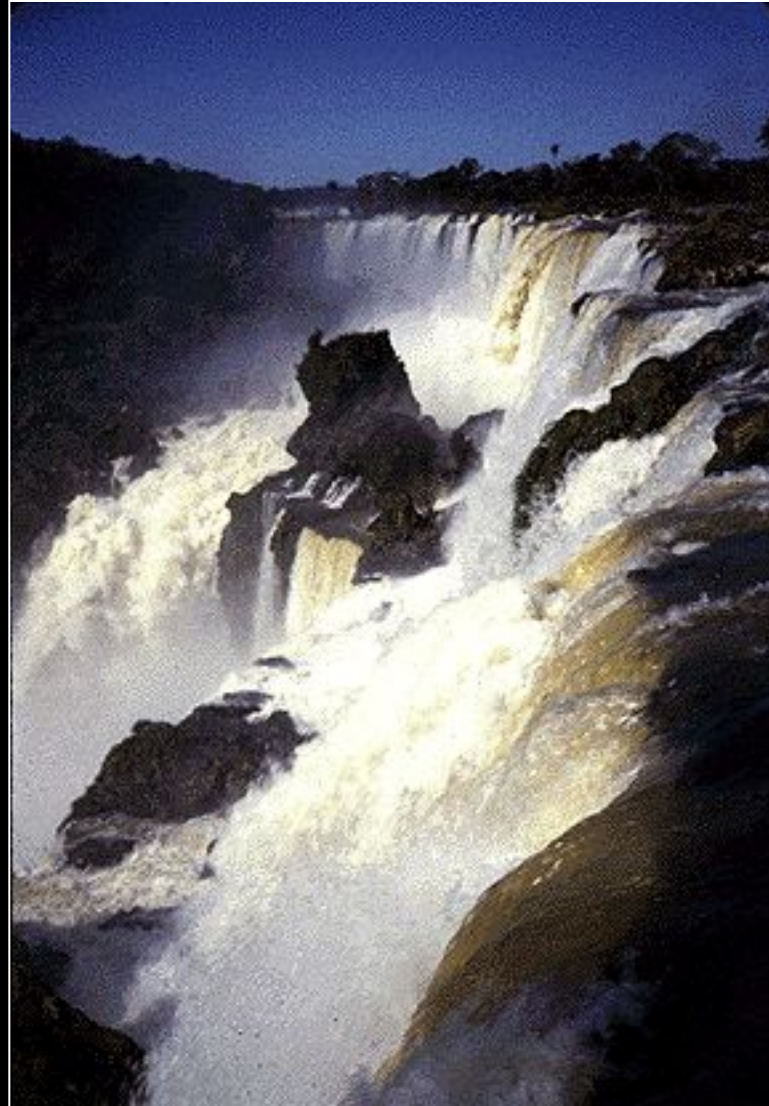
# The Sierra Madres, Mexico



# Guianan Highlands, Venezuela



# Brazilian Highlands



# Patagonian Region (Chile)



# Valleys Plains and Basins



# Amazon Rain Forest



**Mato Grosso - a high plateau region in southwestern Brazil that forms a watershed between the Amazon and Plate river systems**





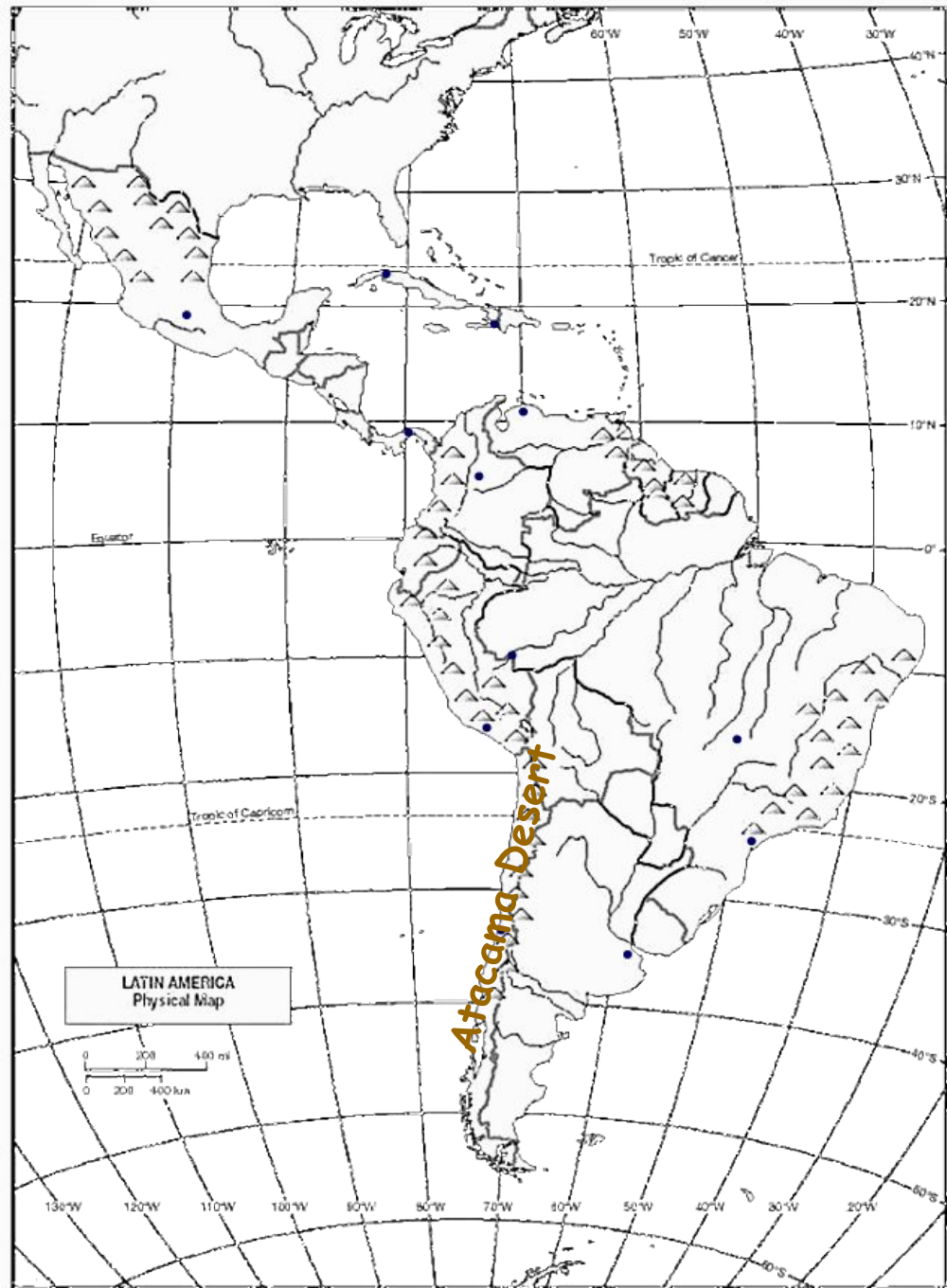
**Orinoco Lowlands, the Llanos (an  
extensive grassy treeless plain in  
South America)**



# Cattle Ranching on the Pampas (large treeless plains in South America)



# Deserts



# Atacama Desert

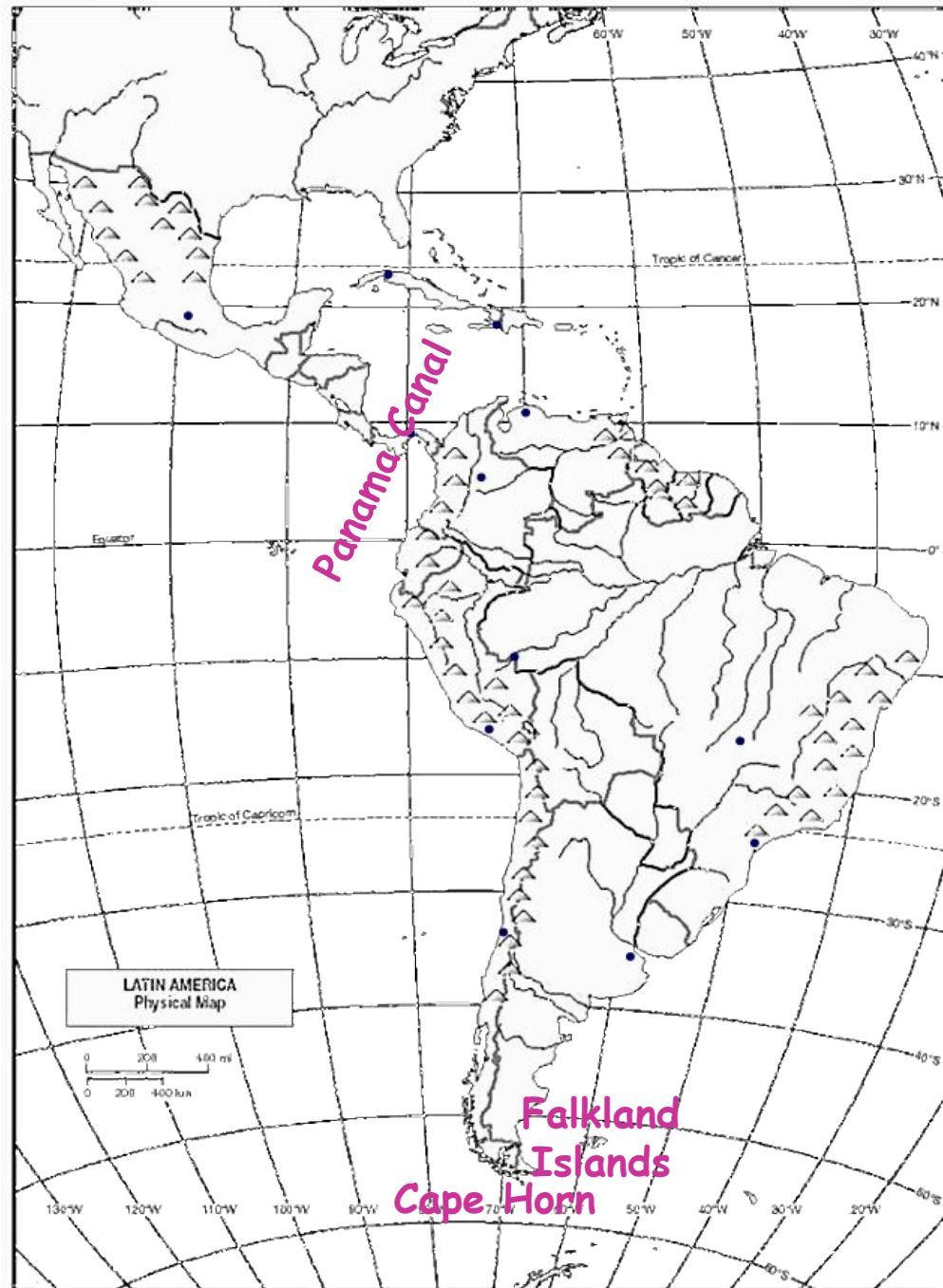


# Cities



# Others

Cape Horn - a rocky headland on an island at the extreme S tip of South America, belonging to Chile. It is notorious for gales and heavy seas; until the building of the Panama Canal it lay on the only sea route between the Atlantic and the Pacific



# The Falkland Islands or *Islas Malvinas*



# Cape Horn



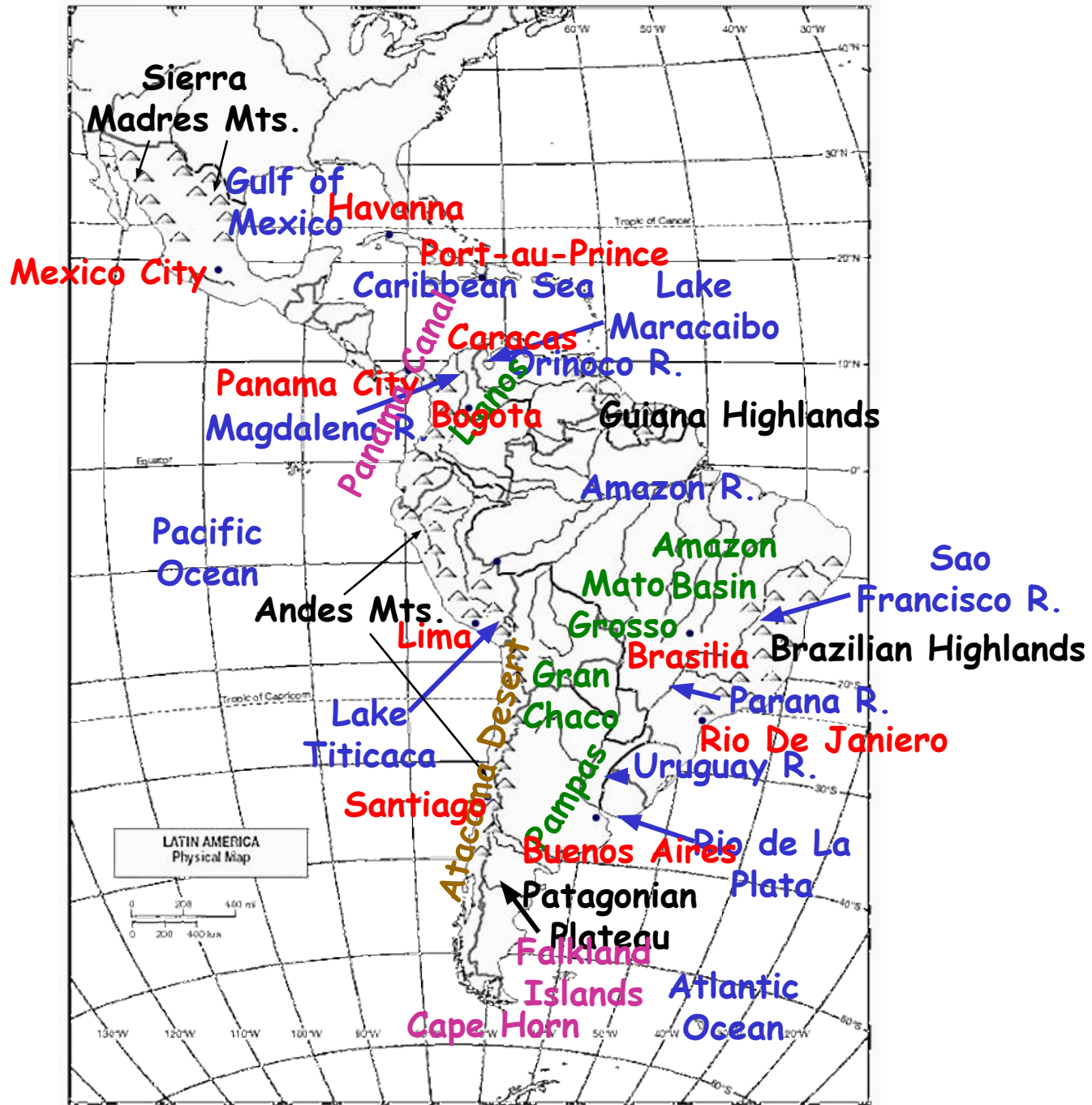


# The Panama Canal

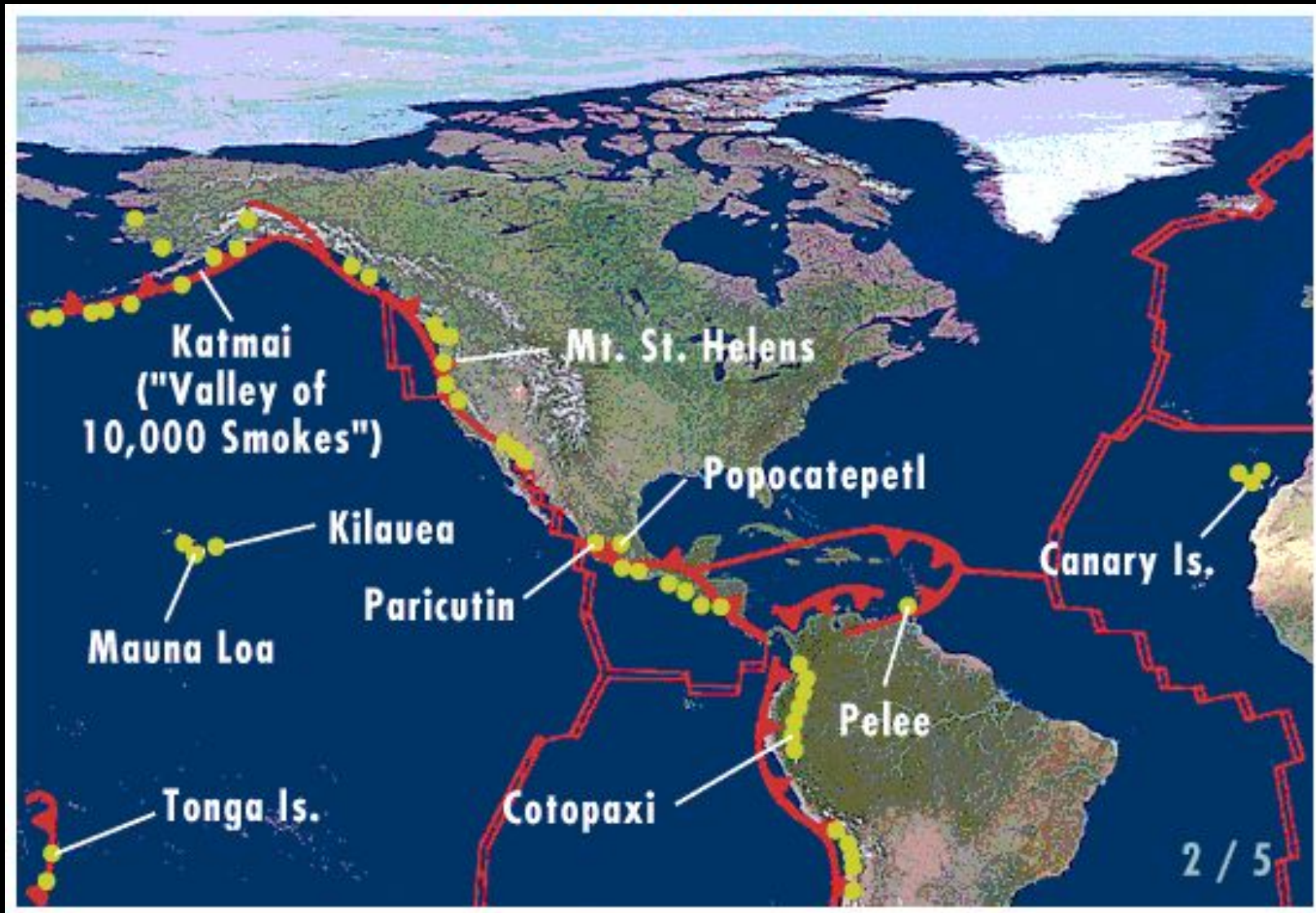


# Going Through the Panama Canal





# Active Volcanoes



# Climate

The image features a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene. The sky is a mix of deep blues, purples, and pinks, with wispy clouds catching the low light. In the foreground, a city is visible with its lights beginning to glow, and a range of dark mountains stretches across the horizon. The word "Climate" is superimposed in the center in a large, bold, black font with a bright pink outline.

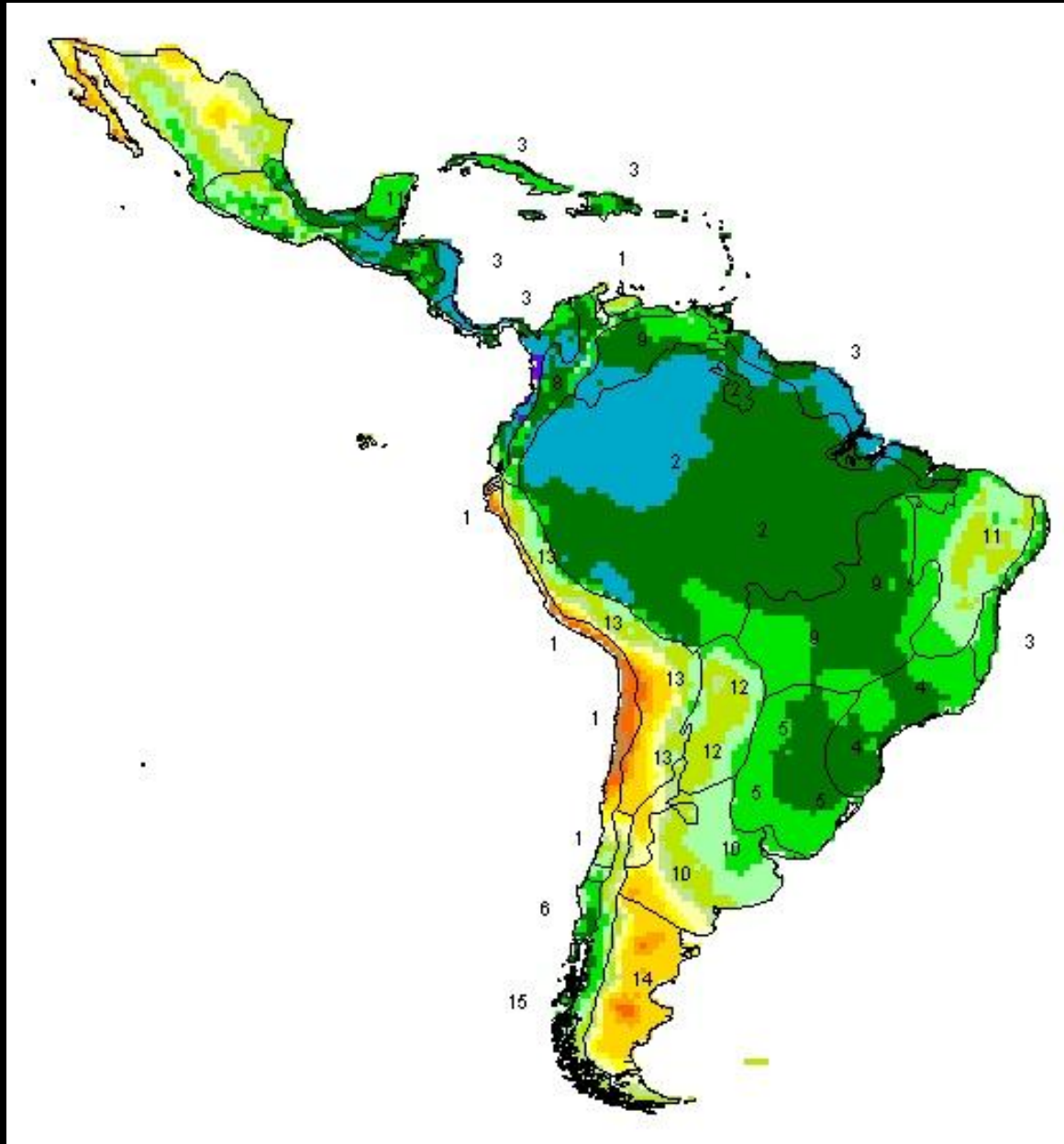
# Latin American Climatic Zones



# Very Varied Climate Zones



# Precipitation





# RESOURCES



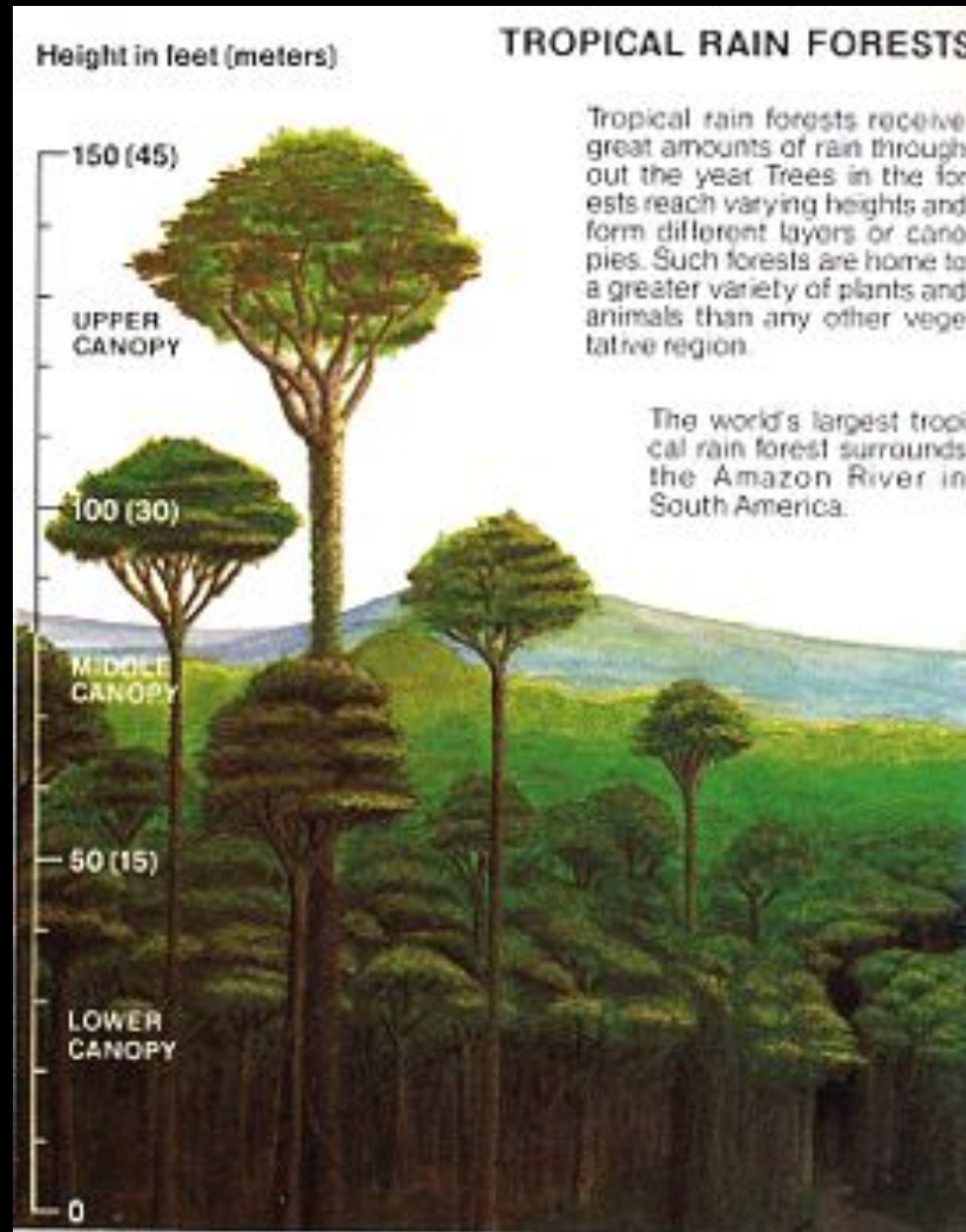
# Amazon Rain Forest



# On the Ground Floor of the Rain Forest



# Three-Tiered Vegetation



# Three-Tiered Canopy - трехъярусный древесный полог



# Native Indians of the Amazon



# Jungle Fauna



# Minerals of the Amazon Region



Quartz



Amethyst



Bauxite



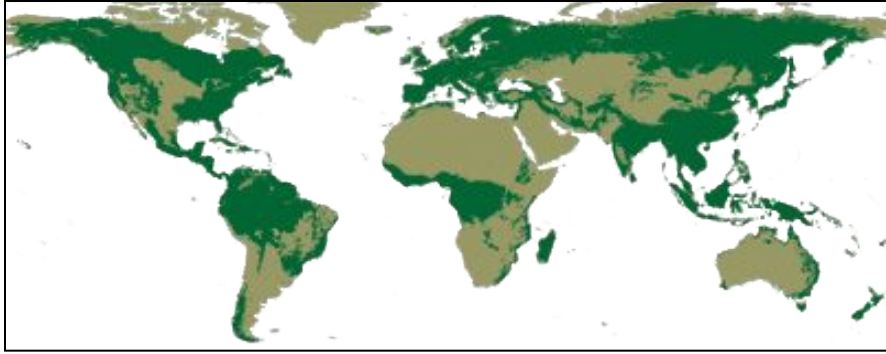
Diamonds



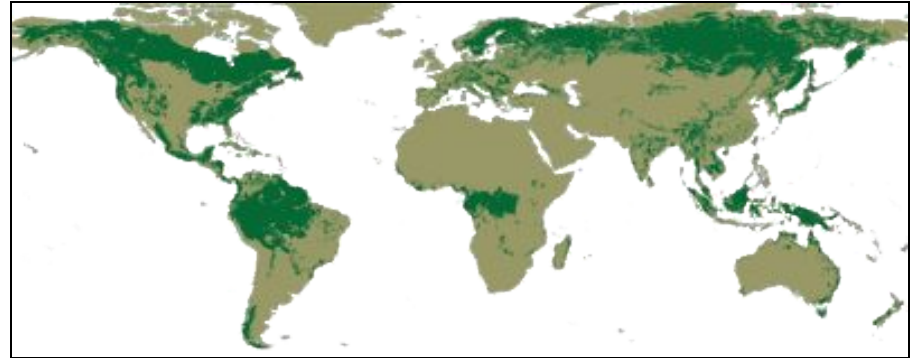
# Deforestation in the Amazon



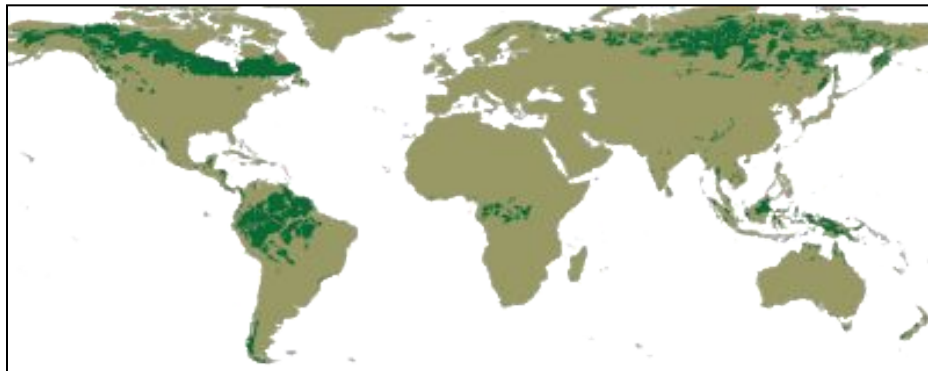
## Original Forest Cover



## Current Forest Cover



## Future Forest Cover



# Agriculture and Fishing



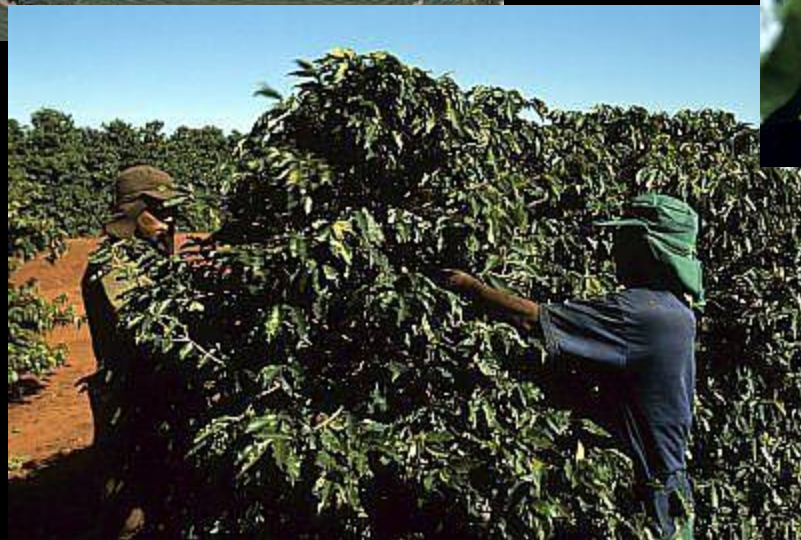
# Banana Plantation



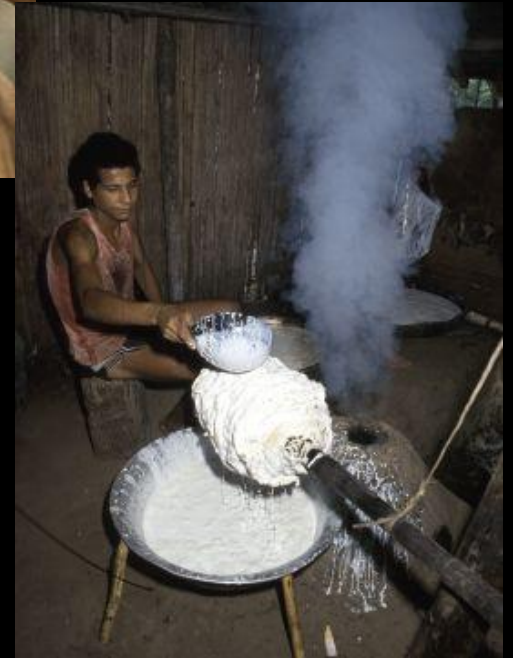
# Harvesting Sugar Cane



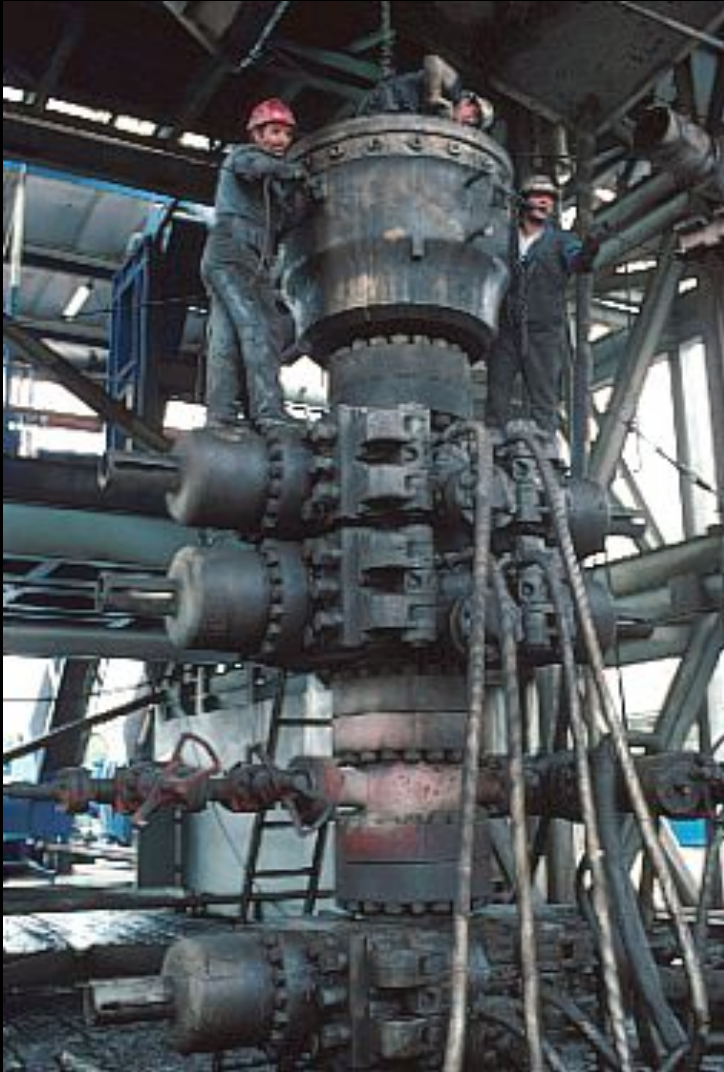
# Growing Coffee



# Rubber Industry



# Oil Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico





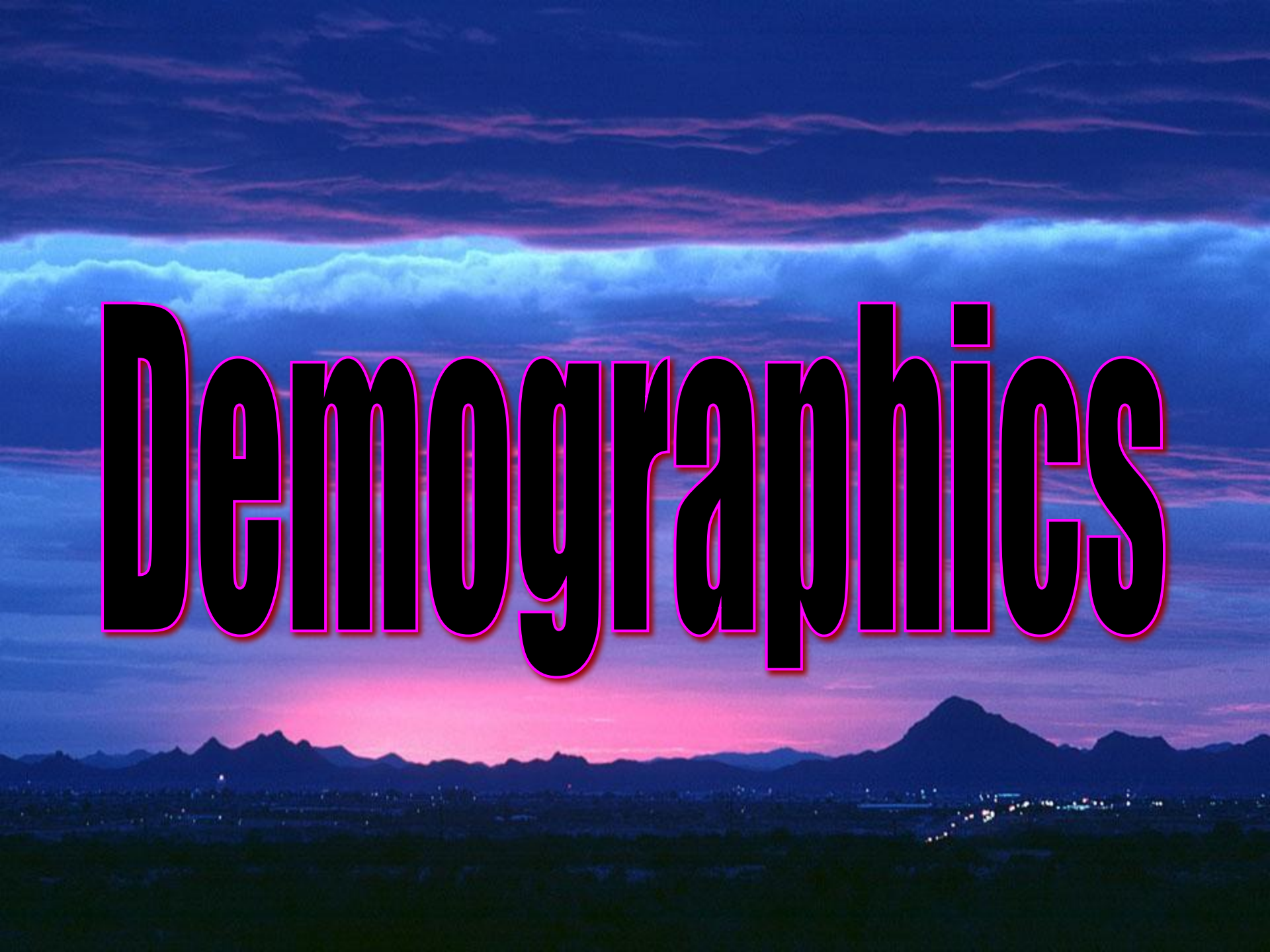
# Eco-Tourism



# Drug Trafficking Routes



# Demographics



# Latin America's Population Distribution



# Sao Paulo, Brazil



# Overcrowding in Sao Paulo, Brazil



# Squatter Settlements (самовольное поселение) in Major Latin American Cities

