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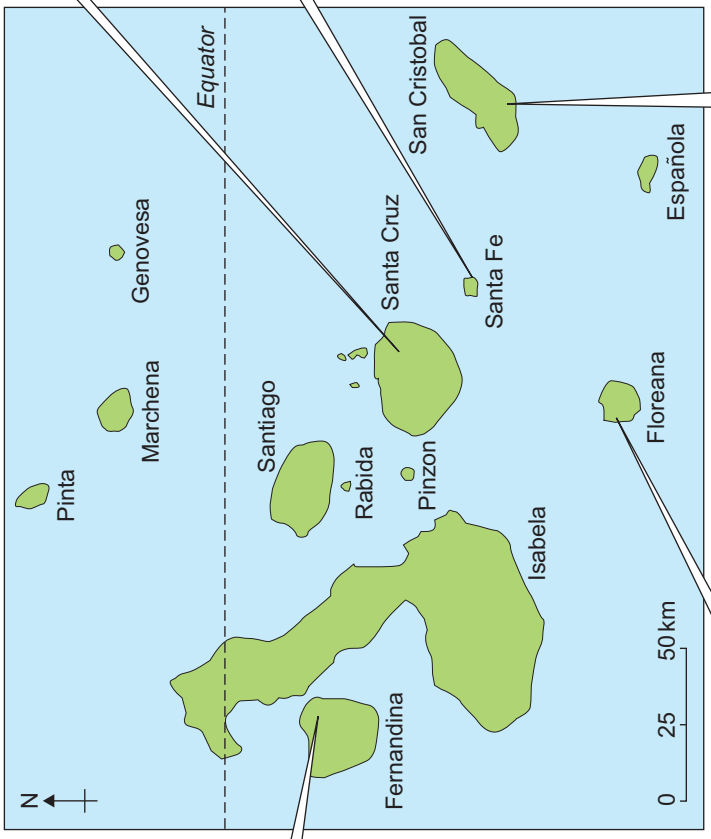
The Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands, governed by Ecuador, are attracting growing numbers of tourists. Many visitors go there to see the unique wildlife, including iguanas, giant tortoises and sea lions. However, tourism has some negative impacts. The Ecuador government allows tourists to visit only 70 approved sites.



Tourist boats can bring unwanted species that don't live in the Galapagos and can harm native wildlife.

Tourists visiting sea lions on Santa Fe. The Ecuador government allows only small groups of tourists with expert guides.

San Cristobal has one of five educational visitor sites in the Galapagos. There is a visitor centre and paths with information boards in Spanish and English.

To protect the rare animals that live on Fernandina, the Ecuador government has allowed only one visitor site. Tourists must stay on the marked path at all times.

Floreana is one island where recycling projects are helping to control the increasing rubbish and pollution caused by tourism.

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