



# Costa Rica, 25 Years of Geothermal Energy and Future Plans

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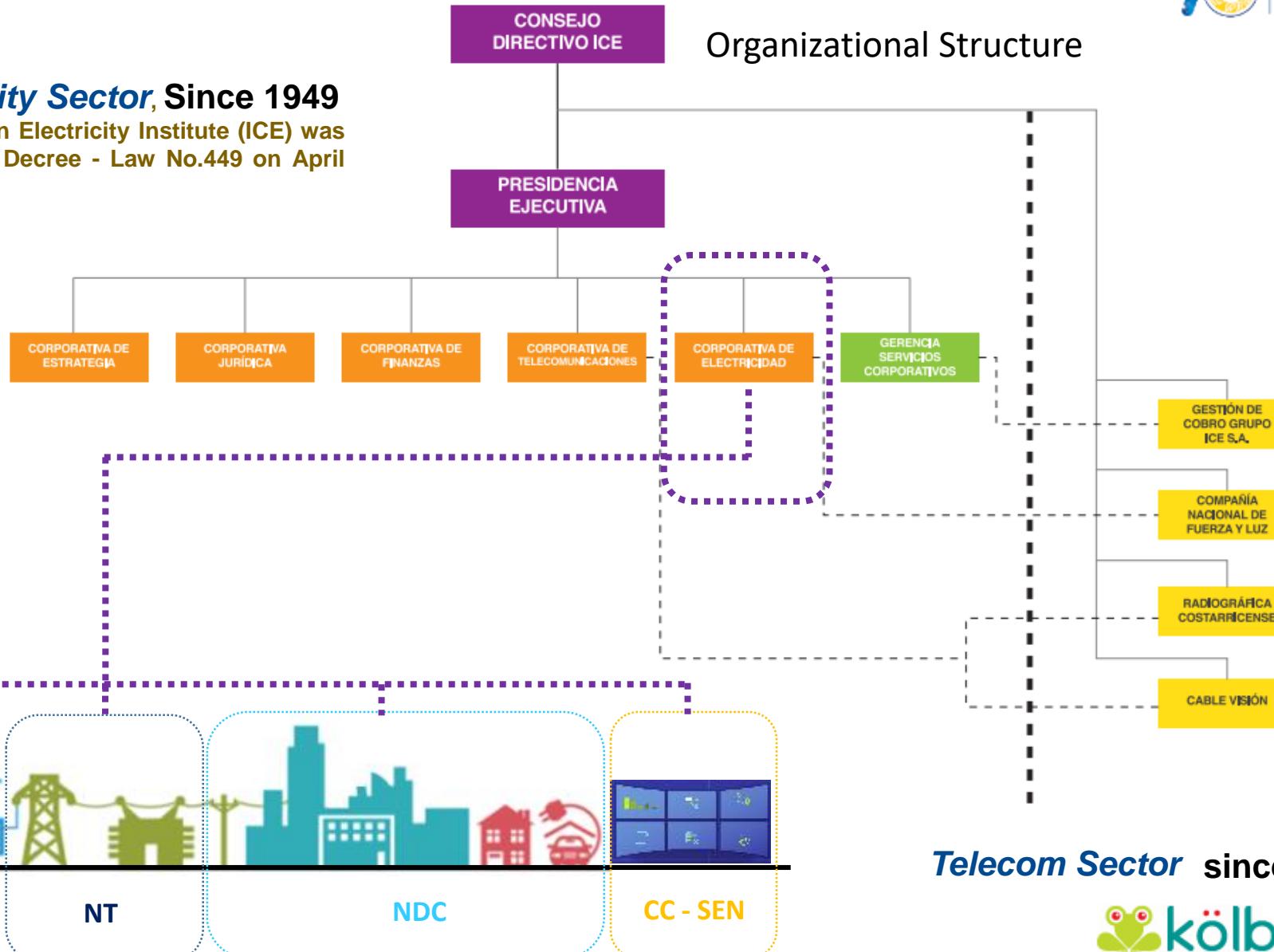
# 1. Overview of ICE Group



## Electricity Sector, Since 1949

Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) was created by Decree - Law No.449 on April 8th 1949.

## Organizational Structure



Telecom Sector since 1963





# 98.6 % Renewable 2018

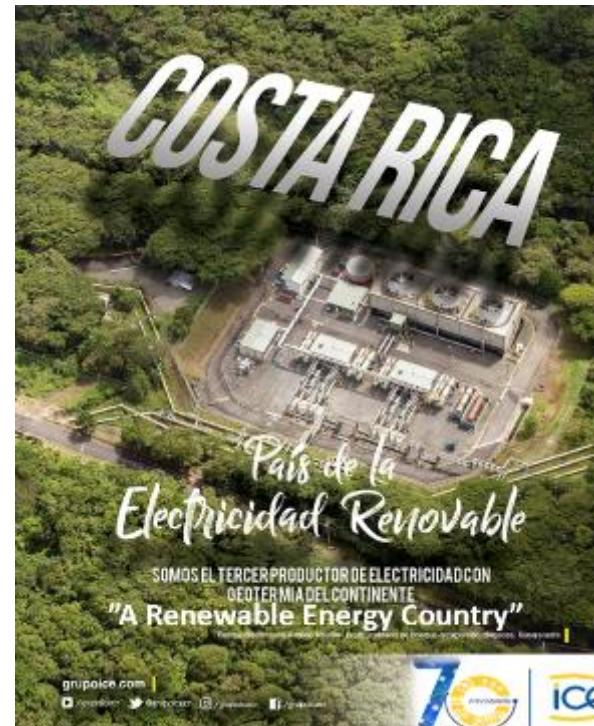
Hydro: 73.47%  
Geothermal: 8.53%  
Wind: 15.83%  
Biomass: 0.68%  
Solar: 0.09%  
Non Removable (Thermal): 1.40%

2016: 1st place on Wind Power in  
Central American and Caribbean and  
3rd in LA region

Generation of Clean Energy 2018

+80%

Installed Capacity is Renewable  
(Green energy sources)



300+ (2018)

345+ (2017)

240+ (2016)

75+ (2015)

days of Clean Energy área news in the World

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### 3. Geothermal: Legal framework in Costa Rica since 1976



- -" It is declared of public interest the investigation, exploration and exploitation of geothermal resources of the country, and all the activities related will be carried out by the Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (ICE)...."
- -"... Geothermal resources are defined as the energy accumulated in subsurface waters that, due to different geological processes, are found at high temperatures and pressures."



FACULTY OF THE COSTA RICAN  
ELECTRICITY INSTITUTE FOR THE  
INVESTIGATION, EXPLORATION AND  
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RESOURCES IN THE COUNTRY

(Law No. 5961 of December 6, 1976)

(Gazette No. 244 of December 22, 1976)

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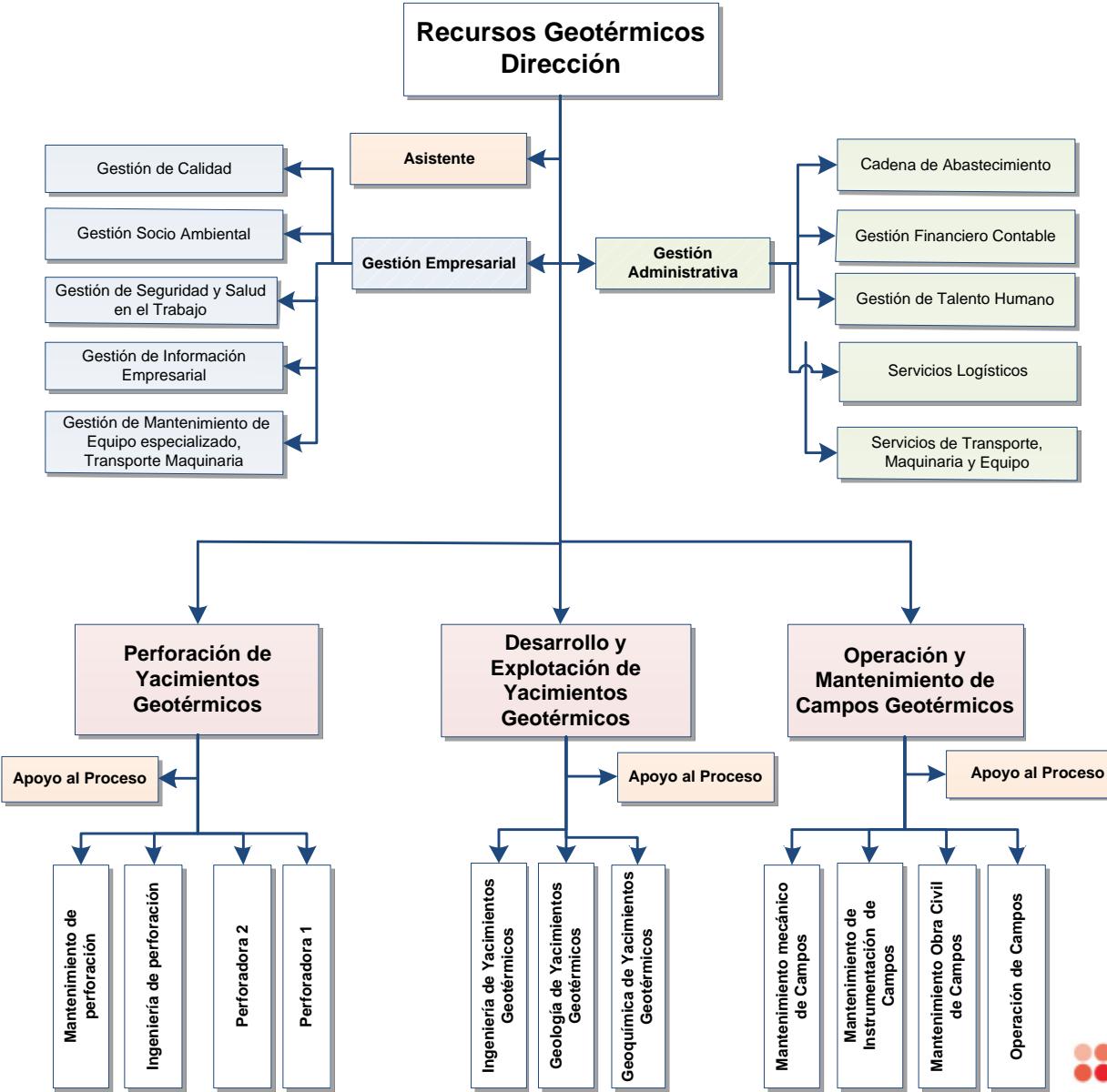
# 4. Ours capacity - Integrated Reservoir Management



## Electricity Corporate Direction

Conceptualize, design and execute the strategies and actions that allow, under a concept of sustainability, the Exploration, Development and Exploitation of geothermal reservoirs, for commercial use in the generation of electricity. The above with technologies, planning, organization and adequate controls, in harmony with the environment.

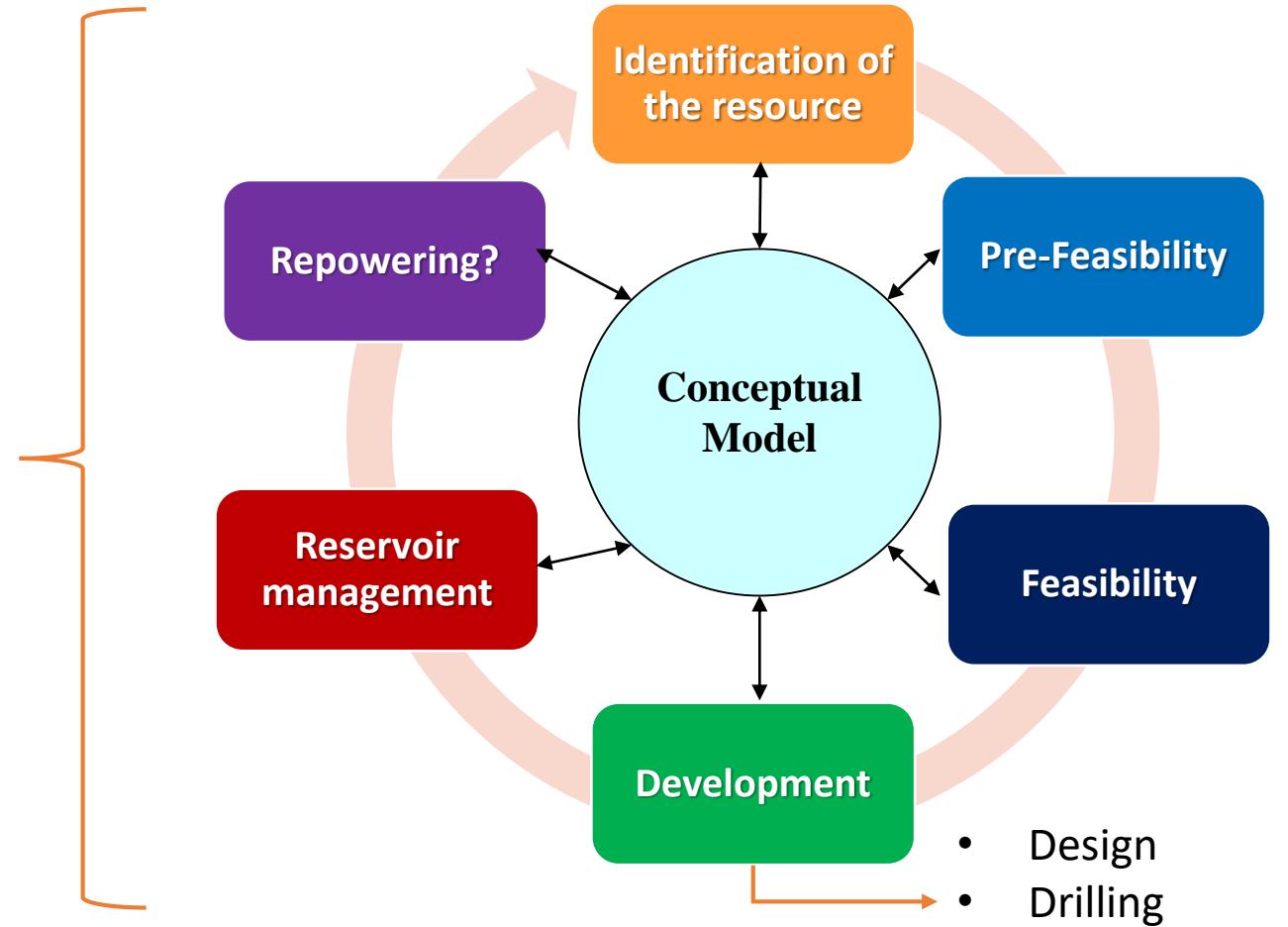
Process that comes from the stages of recognition of the potential zones of geothermal interest, to the supply of the energy resource to the power plants.



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## Sustainable exploitation

- A specialized group manages all stages in an integrated manner
- Low turnover of personnel, allows highly specialized and experienced staff.
- Since the ICE is a state-owned company, a long-term exploitation of the resource is sought.



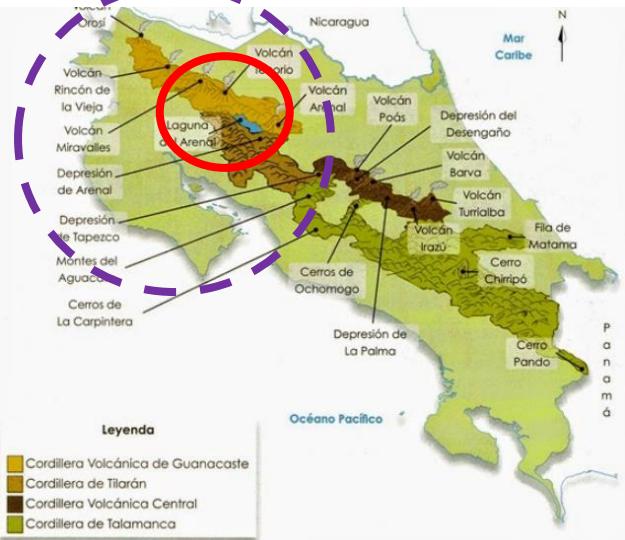
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# 5. Geothermal Resources Developments in Costa Rica



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# Geothermal Resources: fields



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Alfredo Mainieri P.  
Geothermal Field  
**(Exploitation since 1994)**  
Installed cap. (154,5 MW)  
Estimated pot. (164 MW)  
CapEx \$ 3.7 Mills/MW

2

Pailas I  
Geothermal Field  
**(Exploitation since 2011)**  
Installed cap. (42.5 MW)  
CapEx \$ 5.8 Mills/MW

3

Pailas II  
Geothermal Field  
**(Exploitation since 2019-7)**  
Installed cap. (55 MW)  
CapEx \$ 4.47 Mills/MW

4

Borinquen I  
Geothermal Field  
**(Development)**  
Proposed cap. (55 MW)  
CapEx \$ 5.9 Mills/MW

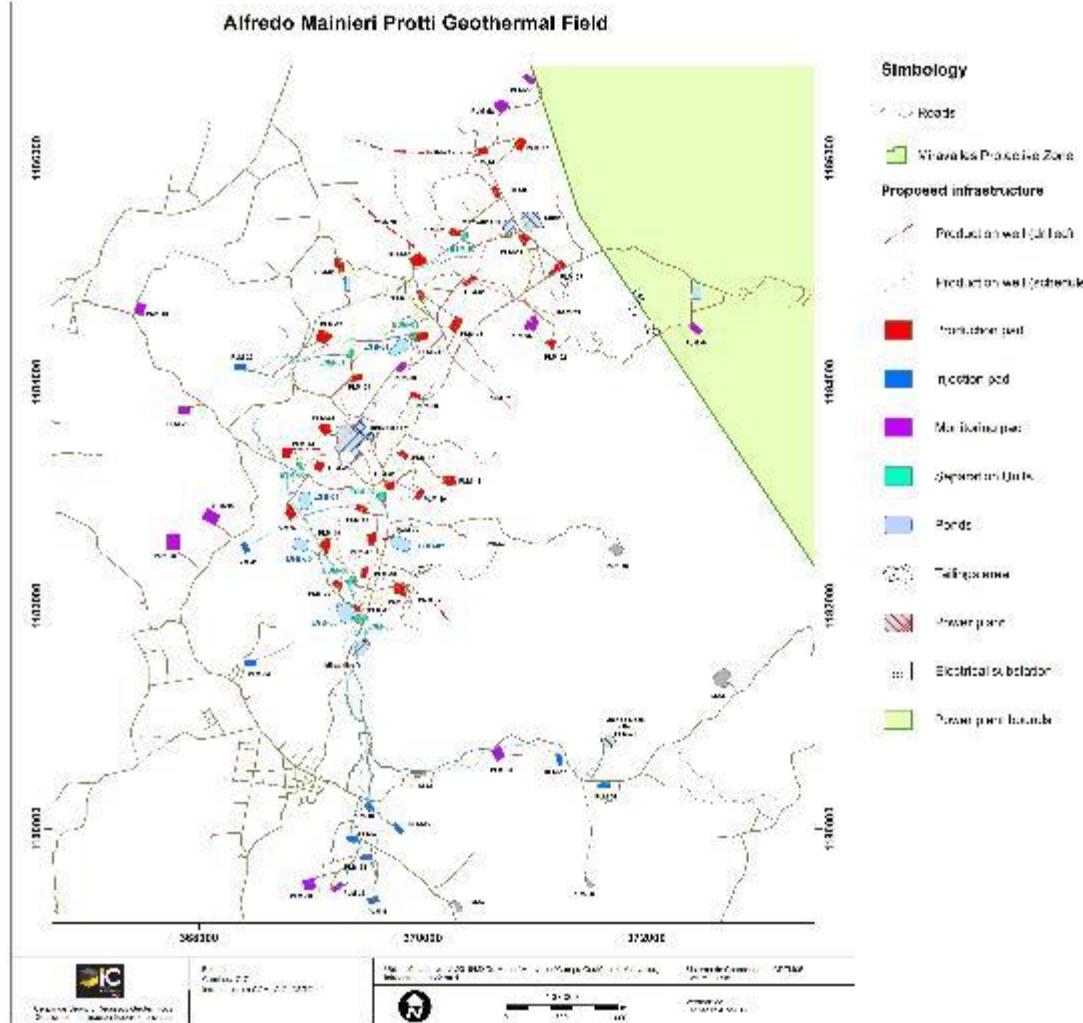
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Borinquen II  
Geothermal Field  
**(Future Development)**  
Proposed cap. (55 MW)

Average cost of  
Geothermal  
Generation  
7.18 c\$/ kWh

Rincón de la Vieja  
Volcano  
Estimated potential:  
**137 MW**

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## Alfredo Mainieri Protti Geothermal Field

- Miravalles I Star-up 1994
- Back pressure unit Start-up 1995
- Miravalles II Star-up 1998
- Miravalles III Star-up 2000
- Miravalles V Star-up 2003
- 154.5 MW installed
- Length of networks
- Aqueduct: 17.21 km
- Cold reinjection system: 28.17 km
- Fiber optic: 14.5 km
- Electrical networks: 29,780 km
- High temperature pressurized piping: 48,512 km.
- 5 collection ponds
- 7 separating stations
- 61 wells

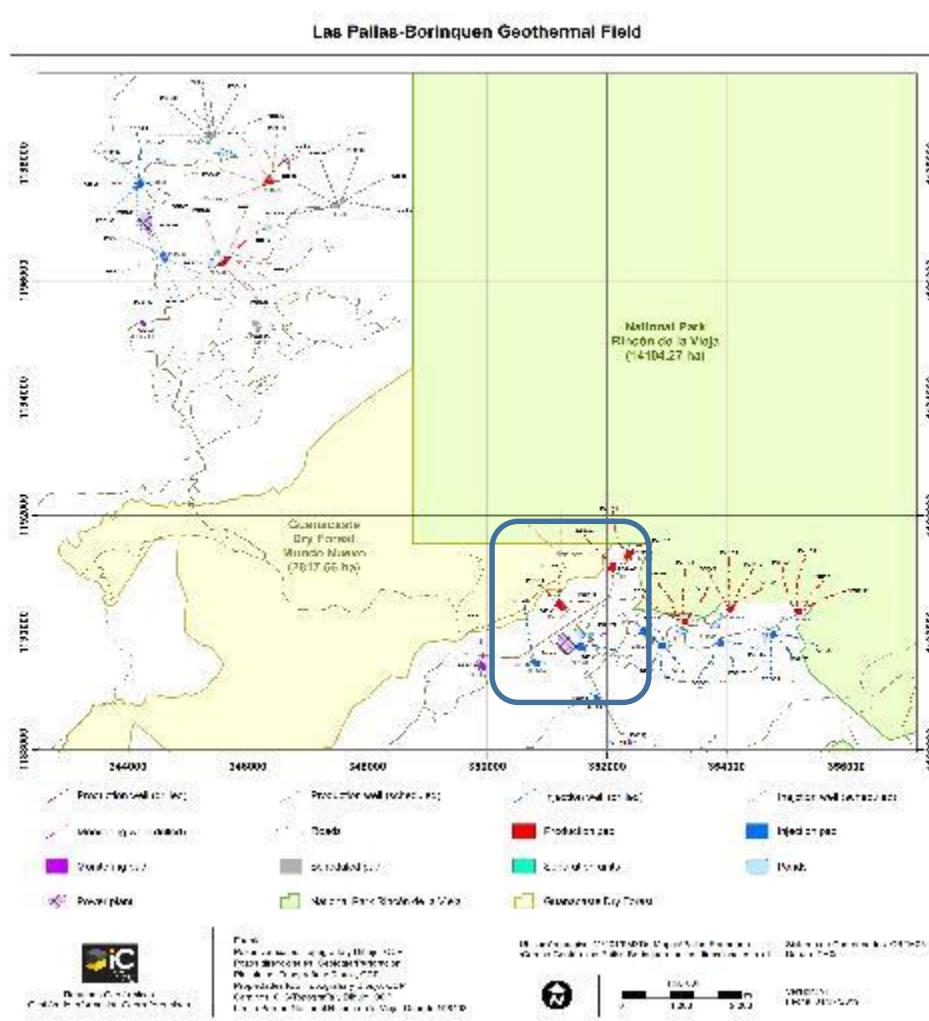
# MIRAVALLES GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT

Costa Rica



Celebrating  
25 Years of Operation

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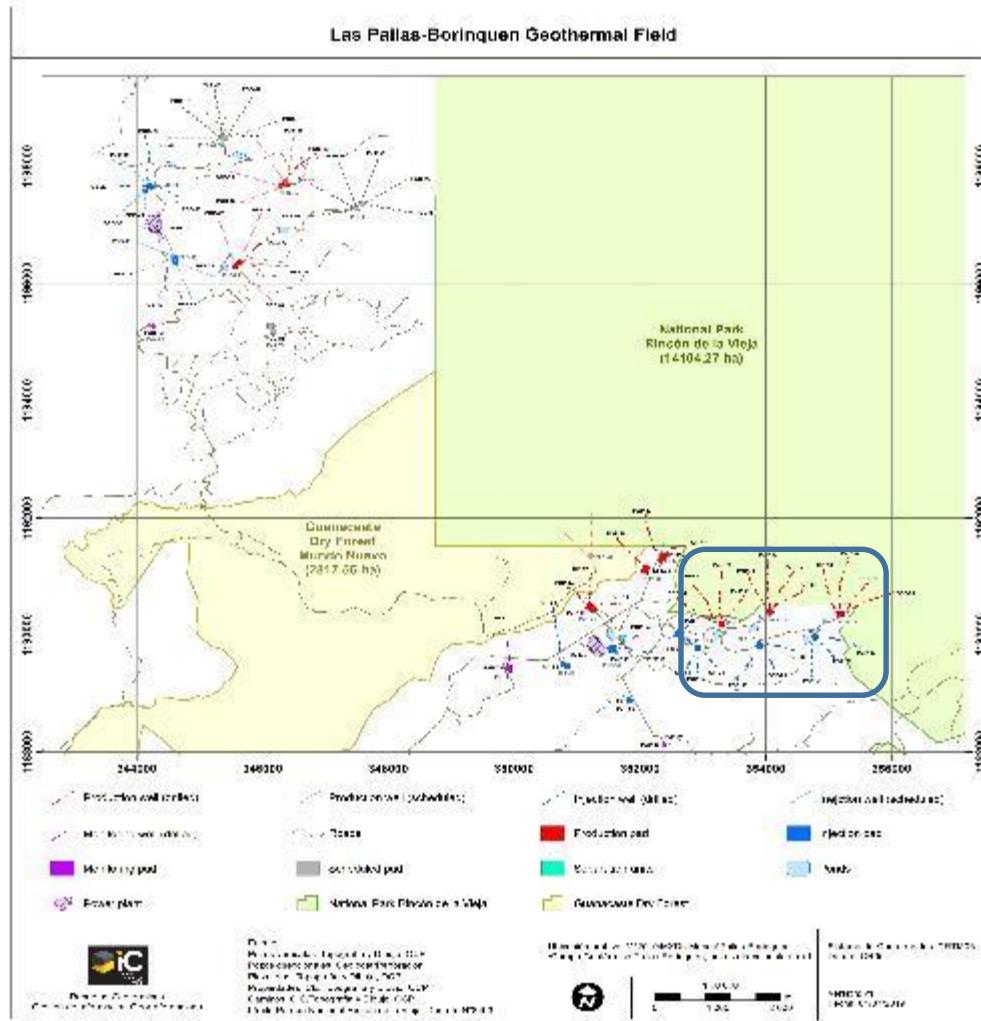


## Pailas Geothermal Field. Unit I

- Start-up operations in 2011
- 42,5 MW installed
- Total pipeline length: 13.86 km (including sewerage system)
- Pressure pipeline: 7.77 km
- 20 wells



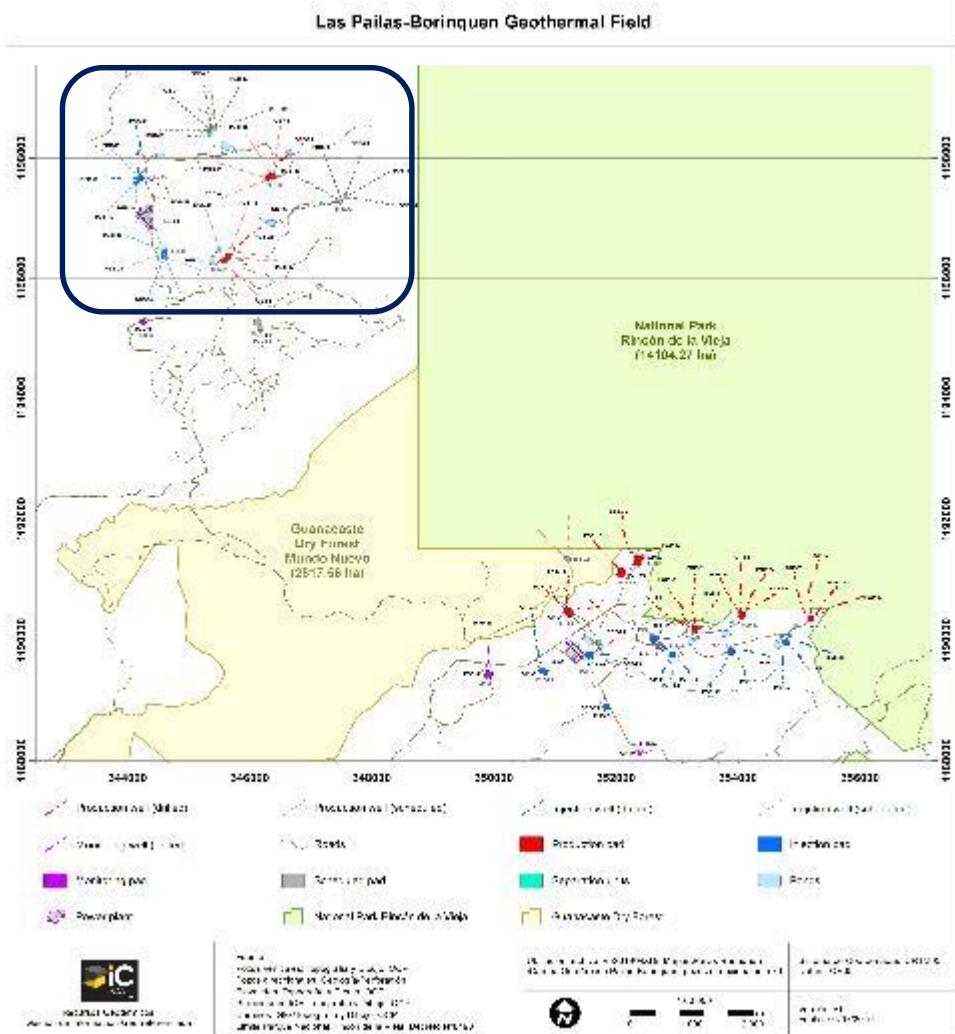
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## Pailas Geothermal Field. Unit II

- Start-up operations in 2019
- 55 MW Installed
- Total pipeline length: 13.88 km (including sewerage system)
- Pressure pipeline: 8.63 km
- 21 directional drilling Wells





## Borinquen Geothermal Field. Unit I, Unit II

### Conceptual developments under integrated variables:

- Analysis and interpretation of geoscientific information, focused on the reality of the current industrial context.
- Operational flexibility and modular growth.
- Long-term exploitation criteria.
- Scale economy.
- Reality of geographical context.
- Environmental and Social factors.

**Borinquen I**  
**55 MW**  
Start-up 2026  
Pressure pipeline: 11.36 km

**Borinquen II**  
**55 MW**  
Start-up 2030  
Pressure pipeline : 9.51 km

# 6. Geothermal Resources. Project portfolio



Installed capacity operating and estimated until 2040, in different phases: **538 MW**

	Projet	Locación	Capacity MW	Stages	Until	Comments
Exploitation <b>252 MW</b>	Miravalles etapa I	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	55	Operación comercial desde 1994	2030	Repotenciado para el periodo 2028-2060 con ajuste de potencia a 35 MW
	UCP- Boca de Pozo	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	5	Operación comercial desde 1995	2030	Repotenciado para el periodo 2030-2060 potencia a 5 MW
	Miravalles etapa II	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	55	Operación comercial desde 1998	2030	Repotenciado para el periodo 2030-2060 con ajuste de potencia a 35 MW
	Miravalles etapa III	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	29,5	Operación comercial desde 2000	2030	Repotenciado para el periodo 2030-2060 potencia 29,5 MW
	Miravalles Etapa V	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	10	Operación comercial desde 2003	2030	Sistema binario, ciclo de fondo
	Pailas etapa I	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	42,5	Operación comercial desde 2011	2036	Pendiente estudios de repotenciamiento
	Pailas etapa II	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	55	Operación comercial Junio 2019	2054	Cambio en esquema de desarrollo de yacimientos geotérmicos. Se introduce la flexibilidad operacional y 100 % perforación direccional
	Borinquen etapa I	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	55	Operación comercial 2026	2061	Cuenta con estudio de impacto ambiental, estudio técnico y financiamiento
Development <b>110 MW</b>	Borinquen etapa II	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	55	Operación comercial 2030	2065	Cuenta con estudio de impacto ambiental, estudio técnico y financiamiento
	PLB-01	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	12	Factibilidad avanzada	30 años	Disponible para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2020 - 2030
Feasibility <b>36 MW</b>	PLM-55	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	12	Factibilidad avanzada	30 años	Disponible para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2020 - 2030
	PLM-54	Volcán Miravalles, Guanacaste	12	Factibilidad	30 años	Disponible para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2020 - 2030
	RV Norte	Volcán Rincón de la Vieja, Guanacaste	35	Reconocimiento	35 años	Proyectado para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2030 - 2040
Reconnaissance <b>140 MW</b>	Orosí	Sector Orosí – Cacao, Guanacaste	35	Reconocimiento	35 años	Proyectado para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2030 - 2040
	Poco Sol	Sector Arenal – Poco Sol, Alajuela	35	Reconocimiento	35 años	Proyectado para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2030 - 2040
	Irazú	Sector Irazú- Turrialba, Cartago	35	Reconocimiento	35 años	Proyectado para el plan de desarrollo eléctrico, periodo 2030 - 2040

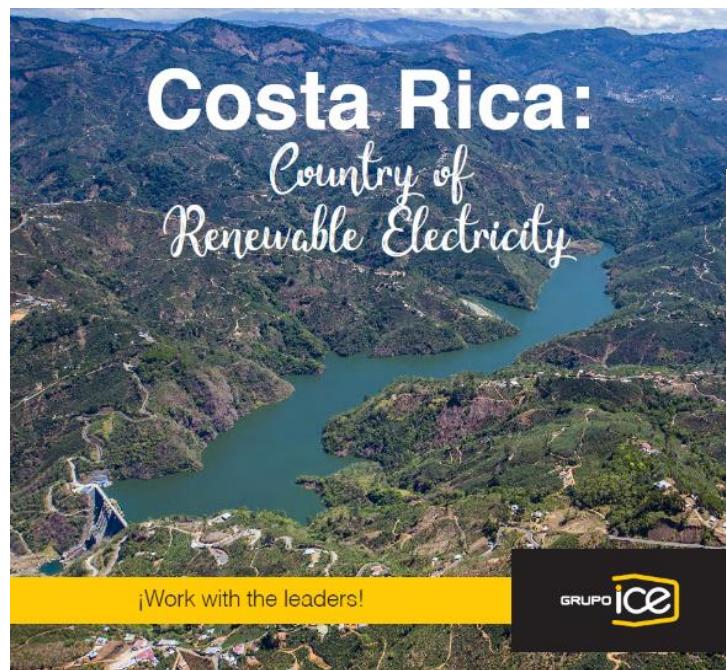


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# 7. Geothermal Services

## Service Transformation to a renewable matrix

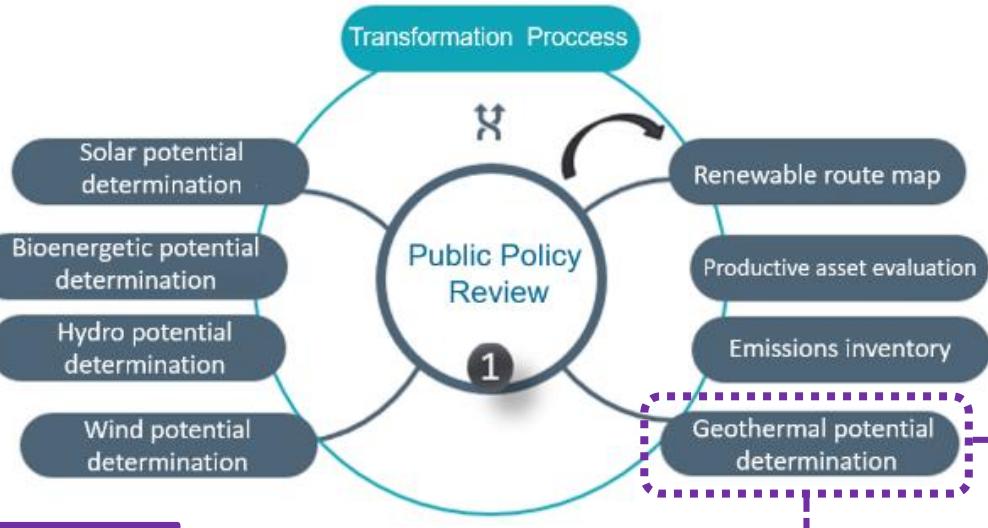


### Geothermal: ICE pioneer

- The heat from beneath the Earth's surface -close to the volcanoes in the country- is the second source in participation on the national electric matrix. Costa Rica has researched and exploited it for almost 40 years. Today, Costa Rica exports its knowledge.

### Transformation from Electric to Renewable Matrix.

Comprehensive and Reliable Solutions for the decarbonization of the matrix



ICE exploration capacity, in drilling services and other geothermal specialties.

### Evaluation of Geothermal Potential:

- ICE has proven experience in the study, planning and development of geothermal projects (specialization in all phases of research and development of projects of this type).
- ICE is the interdisciplinary interaction of a range of technical professionals in the areas of engineering, energy, environment, social and economics, which allows the development of integrated studies that analyze the viability and sustainability of the electrical matrix.
- Generation of evaluation report of the Geothermal potential of the country and roadmap for the insertion of the source of energy into the national electricity system is included.

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A photograph of a power plant at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm orange and yellow hues. A tall, dark industrial tower stands prominently in the center-left, with several smaller structures and power lines visible against the colorful sky.

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