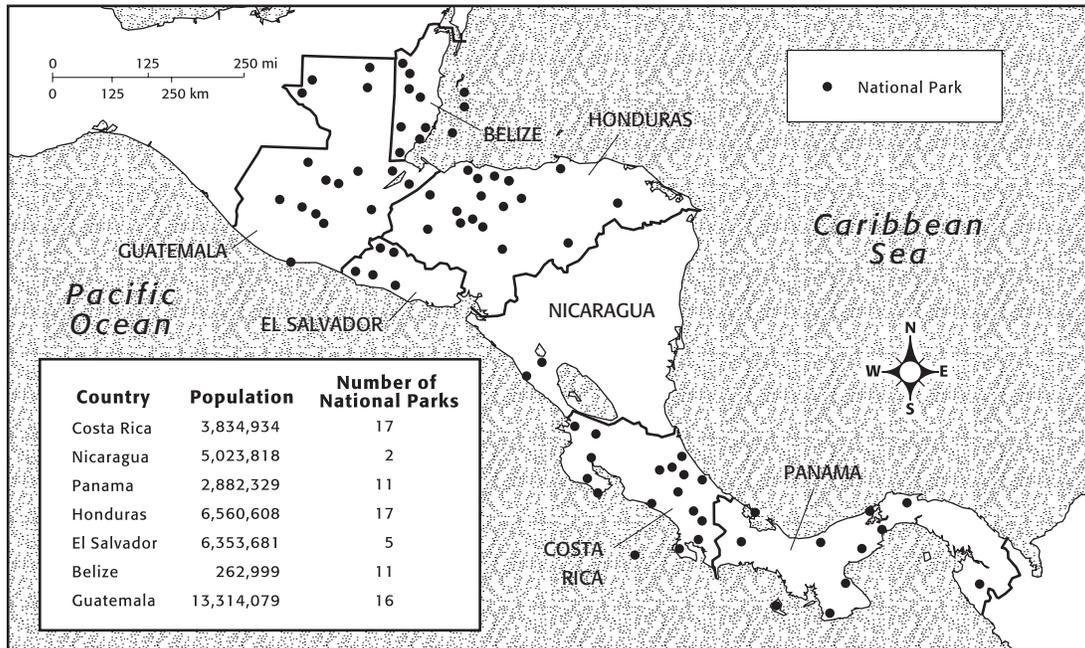


Map Skills



Every Central American country has created national parks in order to save the remaining rain forest ecosystems. There are 411 protected areas in the region, and 391 more are being planned. Of the areas already protected, 124 are officially national parks.

Use the map above to answer the questions below.

- Analyzing Data** Which country or countries in Central America have the most national parks? the fewest?

- Analyzing Data** How have countries distributed their parks among interior and coastal areas?

- Inferring Relationships** What is the relationship, if any, between the size of a country and the number of national parks?

- Making Conclusions** What factors do you think affect the creation of national parks?

- Making a Hypothesis** How might a significant population increase in Guatemala affect the national parks system?
