

Japan donates 10 million dollars for Galapagos solar energy

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A Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) swims underwater in San Cristobal island, Galapagos Archipelago, in 2009. Japan has donated 10 million dollars to Ecuador to help fund a solar energy project in the Galapagos Islands, a UN-designated World Heritage site, Ecuador's Electricity Ministry said Friday.

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An agreement between Quito and the Japan International Cooperation System Company will help start a plan to introduce "[clean energy](#) with solar generation systems to be located on Baltra Island," one of 13 islands that form the archipelago, the ministry said in a statement.

The project, part of a larger push for cooperation between the

governments of Japan and Ecuador, aims to "mitigate the effects of global warming, reducing the emission of [greenhouse gases](#)," the statement added.

According to the ministry, the money will be use to buy equipment, facilities and "a photovoltaic system."

The Galapagos were declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO some three decades ago in acknowledgement of the area's rich flora and fauna both on land and in the surrounding sea.

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