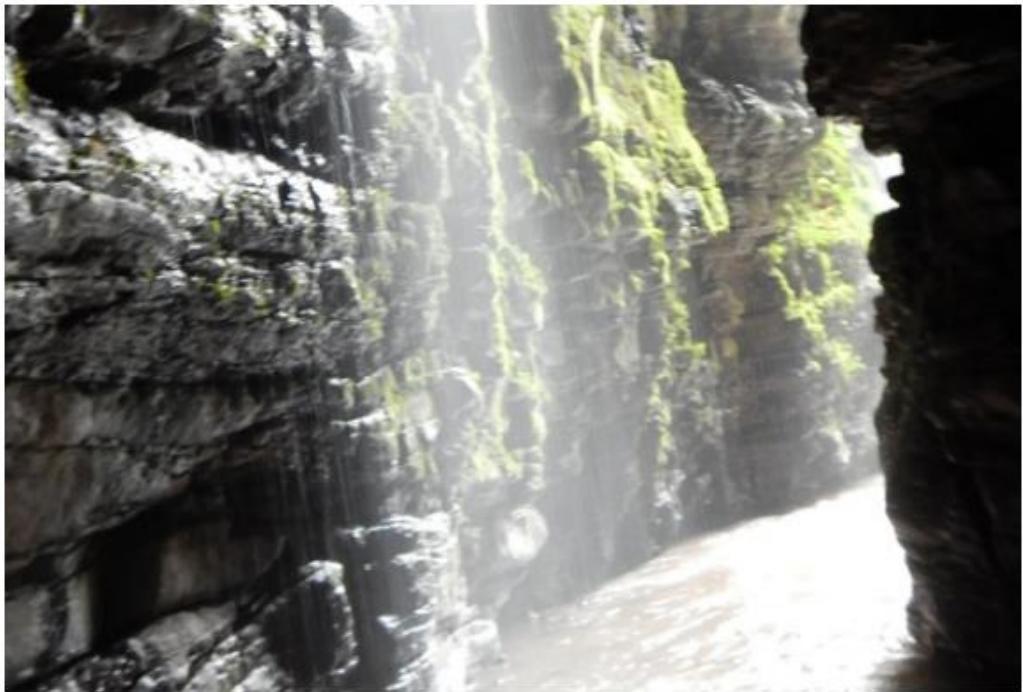




Country (NIKAS)	NIKAS springs	Coordinates / Nearby City	Spring discharge (Q in l/s,min/av/max) / tapped or not	Criteria* order / Main justification */ H-historic, A-aesthetic, S-scientific, E- Economic, Ec-ecologic	Data collected by
Ecuador 	1. Rio Cacapishco (Gruta de los Tayos)	S 0°13'07.0" W 77°44'28.0" Z = 1572 m asl Recinto Las Palmas (parroquia Santa Rosa)	Not available. Not tapped	A, E <i>Presence of the tayos (<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>), migratory nocturnal birds that inhabit the walls of the cavities. Presence of abundant vegetation and an attractive landscape for tourist activities. Area near the Reventador and Sumaco volcanoes, as well as the San Rafael waterfall (formerly considered the highest waterfall in Ecuador). The site is explored as local tourist zone for recreation, trekking and exploration.</i>	Bruno Conicelli Angel Intriago Elizabeth Naranjo

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*Photos of the Gruta de los Tayos and Cacapishco River (Guía Espeleológica de la Provincia Napo).
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