

The Pulp Mills Conflict Between Argentina and Uruguay: An Analysis Focused on Negotiation

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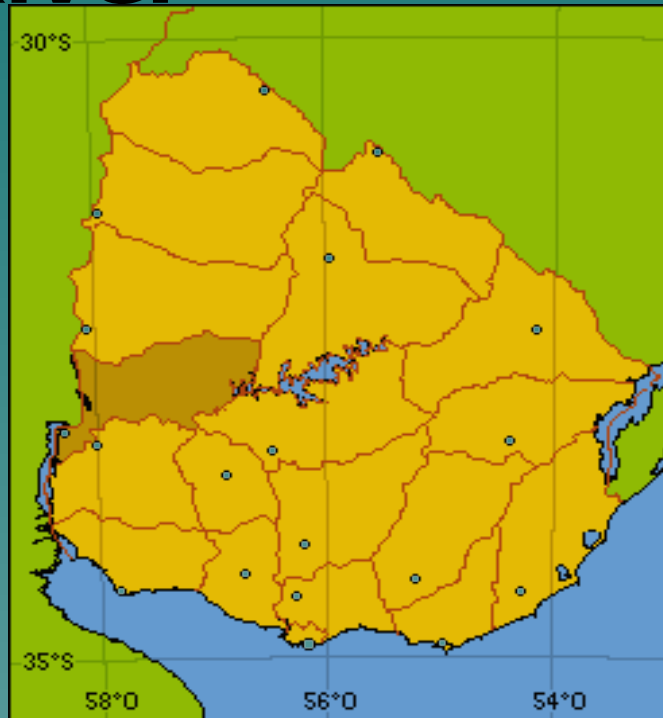
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Location of the projects

Río Negro Department

Border Uruguay – Argentina

Uruguay River



The Fray Bentos Region



The actors:

- ◆ Business: BOTNIA (Finland)
- ◆ ENCE (Spain)
- ◆ Government:
 - ◆ Uruguay: National Government
Río Negro Department
National Major Congress
 - ◆ Argentina: National Government
Entre Ríos Province
Gualeguaychú City

The actors:

- ◆ Civil Society:
 - ◆ Uruguay: PIT-CNT Workers Union
Guayubira Group
 - ◆ Argentina: Environmental
Assembly of Gualeguaychú
- ◆ International: IFC - World Bank
IFC Compliance Advisor
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Interests

Companies	—————>	Produce pulp for global bussiness
UY Government	—————>	Attract foreign investments; give value to planted wood
Río Negro Dep.	—————>	Local and regional development
National Major Congress	—————>	Enhancement of local governments

Interests

- RA Government → Show sensitiveness to regional demands / elections
- Entre Ríos Government → Show sensitiveness to local demands / elections
- Gualeguaychú City Government → Support citizens demands

Presidential dialogue?



Interests

PIT-CNT → Job generation

Guayubira → Stop tree
monoculture
plantation model

Environm. Assembly
Gualeguaychú → Defend health,
environment and
tourism

Some people are against the projects . . .

- ◆ Demonstration at the San Martín International Bridge



. . . others are in favour

◆ Demonstration at Fray Bentos



Positions

Companies



Environmental Impact Assessment accomplished

UY authorities




Río Uruguay Treaty respected; no environmental damage; blockades illegal

RA authorities



Río Uruguay Treaty not respected; environmental damage imminent; plants to be relocated; blockades legitimate

Communication

- ◆ Media
 - ◆ MERCOSUR Compliance Committee
 - ◆ International Court of Justice (The Hague)
 - ◆ Bilateral dialogue interrupted
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Alternatives

- ◆ Rebuild links between local populations
- ◆ Open negotiation process with more actors
- ◆ Respect international law and sovereignty of both countries
- ◆ Join monitoring of environmental effects of the projects
- ◆ Agreement and coordination on forestry/wood based industries policies at the MERCOSUR

- ◆ September 2006: ENCE has left; BOTNIA goes on

