



CONGUILLIO NATIONAL PARK, IX REGION, CHILE

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Professional Development
Seminar on Managing
ecosystem services from
Tropical forests.

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Costa Rica

Principal research projects

Associate Research for the Center for Socioeconomic Impact of Environmental Policies, CESIEP, Chile.

The Center focuses on what we term Environmentally Relevant Policies (ERPs), or policies that affect directly and indirectly the natural environment. The primary objective of the Center is to understand and measure the environmental, social and economic sustainability of environmental policies through improved modeling and measurement of the causal links between ERPs and various measures of human welfare (employment, income, poverty, inequality, health).

I am currently working on the development and publication of the research "Evaluation of impact of protected areas on poverty in Chile". The objective of this research is to estimate the effect of the establishment of protected areas on changes in poverty between 1992 and 2003 and so be able to answer the question: "How different would poverty had been in census districts with protected areas in absence of this policy?".

Master's Thesis "Evaluation of impact of protected areas on rural poverty in the VII, VIII, IX, XIV and X regions of Chile"

Development and presentation in different seminars (LACEEP 10+ and SECHI Annual

Meeting 2015) of the master's thesis "Evaluation of impact of protected areas on rural poverty in the VII, VIII, IX, XIV and X regions of Chile". The results of this research provide the first empirical evidence of the socioeconomic impact of protected areas in Chile.

Training Program "Capacity building for impact evaluation, evidence synthesis, and communication of results for improved environmental evaluation and management"

This project was organized by the Center for Socioeconomic Impact of Environmental Policies (CESIEP), the Center for Evidence-Based Conservation (CEBC) at the University of Bangor and the Ministry of Environment of Chile. The objective of this project is to create institutional capacity within the Chilean Ministry of the Environment to carry on impact evaluations of environmental policies and to engage in systematic reviews and evidence mapping in order to develop an evidence-based framework to support decision-making.

UNDP GEF - SNAP Project "Management standards and methodology strengthening for the planning and financial management, evaluation and monitoring of protected areas".

Analysis and diagnosis of the current financial situation of the Protected Areas of the "National System of Protected Areas of the State",

SNASPE, and development of a proposal to improve budget management.

Interdisciplinary project "Why forests are important for poverty alleviation: a spatial explanation" The main objective of this project was to understand the relationship between rural poverty and forest resources in the VIII and IX administrative regions of Chile.



Picture. Course of Evidence synthesis and communication of results, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, January, 2016

In January of 2016 we had the second part of the training course "Capacity building for impact evaluation, evidence synthesis, and communication of results for improved environmental evaluation and management" with the participation of Prof. Andrew Pullin, Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Conservation (CEBC)

