



Area of Impact: Society
Specialty: Public Policies

In Chile, the “Environmentally Relevant Policies” (ERPs) have been implemented to regulate, identify, punish or protect any matter pointedly environmental or which contains elements related to it. The Millennium Nucleus Center for Socioeconomic Impact of Environmental Policies, CESIEP, seeks to understand, evaluate and assess the diverse socioeconomic effects associated to these policies.

But, why is it important to study the ERPs? Chile is a high-income country that is beginning to show similar economic-political concerns to those of richer nations where issues of environmental quality, health and inequality compete for greater attention from politicians, along with the traditional requests of growth and poverty reduction. The relationship between welfare and environment in developing countries is the focus of agencies and policy-makers as a first step to diminish the harmful effects of economic development on the environment. As a result, it has increased the demand for Environmentally Relevant Policies.

In this context, in Chile we find ourselves with limited recognition of the socioeconomic contributions of the environment and the study of the social dimensions and outcomes. The area under investigation is concentrated on South Central Chile and its research, of empirical nature, is grouped into 5 major lines of work: welfare measures; models of individual behavior; effects of the ERPs; mechanisms that explain the impact of the ERPs; and balances between environmental and socioeconomic consequences associated with the ERPs.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Constant dialogues with specialists from the private sector (Forestal Arauco and CORMA) and the public sector (Ministry of Environment, CONAF, INFOR) who are participate in the CESIEP national advisory panel.
- Pioneers in training public servants in impact assessment and evidence systematization to improve the design and evaluation of public policies.

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RESEARCH TOPICS

- Welfare measures.
- Models of individual behavior.
- Impacts of the ERPs.
- Mechanisms that explain the impact of the ERPs.
- Balance between environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with ERPs.

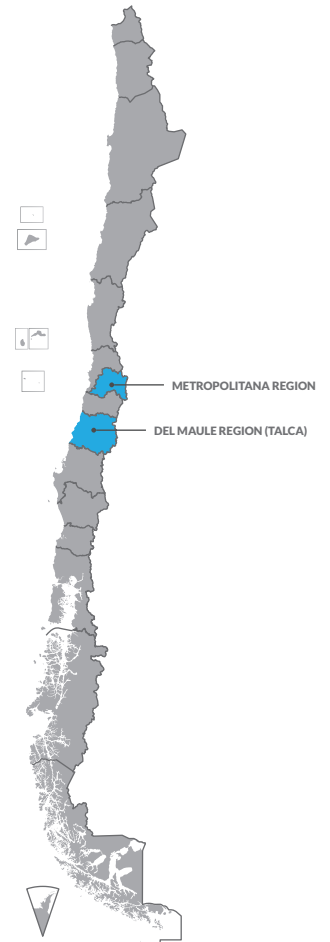
NOTED OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Course "**Impact Assessment, Systematic Evidence and Communication of Results to Improve the Design and Evaluation of Public Policies**", organized by CESIEP with Bangor University and the Ministry of Environment, held between November 2015 and January 2016. Directed to state officials from the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Social Development, Office of Agricultural Policies (ODEPA) and National Forestry Corporation (CONAF). It was an opportunity for public sector professionals to receive training in methodologies of impact assessment and evidence systematization, and consequently promote within their institutions the use of evidence in the design of environmental policies, and effectiveness evaluation of the existing standards and regulations.

 **PRODUCTIVITY PUBLICATIONS
(BETWEEN 2014-2015)**
ISI: 1 | SciELO: 1

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