

An Interdisciplinary Agenda for Action for the Uruguay River Basin (URB)

Project Goal: An interdisciplinary agenda for action can help identify opportunities for cooperative management of the Uruguay River Basin (URB).

Project Teams: Project members will work in small teams via skype and email for 4-6 months to better articulate both the scientific and policy issues around three key “priority” dimensions -- land use & related infrastructure; biodiversity & ecosystem functions, and transboundary basin governance.

	Land Use & Infrastructure Team	Biodiversity & Ecosystem Functions Team	Transboundary Basin Governance Team
G U I D I N G Q U E S T I O N S	What are the primary scientific issues related to land use and infrastructure in the URB?	What are the primary scientific issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem functions in the URB?	What are the main challenges and opportunities to strengthen the governance of the URB?
	What are the areas where further scientific research on land use and infrastructure is needed and why?	What are the areas where further scientific research on biodiversity and ecosystem functions is needed and why?	In what areas is research and engagement needed the most to improve the governance of the basin and why?
	What are the policy and legal questions associated with land use and infrastructure in the URB?	What are the policy and legal questions associated with biodiversity and ecosystem functions in the URB?	What are opportunities and challenges to generate collaborative interdisciplinary research and engagements between the basin stakeholders?

Team Reports: Team reports will range from **3-5 typed single pages**, along with relevant tables and figures. An annotated bibliography (with a few short sentences summarizing the publication) will identify the primary notable scientific studies.

Stakeholder Workshop: Project members will come together for a stakeholder workshop in May 2016 to share team findings and craft a purposive, multidisciplinary agenda for potential actions and investments in the basin.

Publication: We will produce a publication containing the results of this collaborative multidisciplinary effort and the suggested policy/research agenda for the Uruguay River Basin. *Contributors to this publication will appear as co-authors.*