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I have a degree in Biological Sciences from the National University of Tucuman, Argentina. Currently, I am Ph.D. student, working at Neotropical Biodiversity Institute (IBN in Spanish) which depends on the National University of Tucuman. My doctorate is funded by The Argentine National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET in Spanish). My project is oriented towards implementing a socio-ecological approach to the problem of environmental impacts on rivers by the Sugar Industry, which has been a major issue in Tucuman for decades. To deal with this problem it is necessary to study the watersheds from an integrated interdisciplinary perspective that includes human and natural dimension, because these environments provide many benefits to people. From the study of ecological status of rivers and the relationships of stakeholders with this environment, this research seeks to provide new strategies to solve environmental problems. Also, it seeks to link the social valuation of rivers with the ecological value, and provide new tools to improve the interaction between them.