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The Argentine PES and deforestation in the Chaco forest

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Content: As the world population grows, the protection of our natural heritage seems to increasingly come into direct conflict with an increased demand for land to produce food and fibers. Resolving this conflict requires developing effective strategies that reduce land clearing for large-scale agriculture. Market-based strategies like Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) are increasingly emphasized in the scientific and policy community to face the challenge of generating income while simultaneously conserving forests. In this talk I will share some results on how resources from the Argentine PES are invested to prevent forest loss driven by large-scale agriculture in one of the most threatened forested ecosystems in the world, the Chaco forest.

Biography: Mauricio is a conservation biologist from Salta, Argentina. His general interest is to combine quantitative techniques from the field of landscape ecology with tools from other traditional disciplines to better understand how human activities (such as deforestation or bioenergy production) affect biodiversity and ecosystem services. After completing undergraduate studies in Salta, he joined the Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department at UF to work under Dr. Lyn Branch on how deforestation and the creation of forest strips can alter occupancy patterns of mammals in the endangered Chaco forest. Mauricio got his PhD from the School of Natural Resources and Environment working with Dr. Rob Fletcher on biofuels impacts on biodiversity, as well as understanding how effective payments for ecosystem services are to avoid deforestation in Argentina. For more information, please visit www.maununezregueiro.org

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