

RESTORATION OF DEGRADED, RIPARIAN WETLAND AS A STREAM PROTECTION STR

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Preliminary aspects to consider a novel, interdisciplinary approach in management projects over riparian areas is presented. A case study, representative of 300,000 km² in South America, with recovery opportunities, is outlined. The first steps of a Stream Protection Strategy, based on the REBRUSH approach (Menciondo, 1999) is presented. It holds interactions between geomorphologic, biological and hydrological factors of South America's rivers and promote new management attitudes towards natural resources conservation, linking the gap between practices and real needs of having "lessons learned".