

THE IMPACT OF A LARGE TROPICAL HYDROELECTRIC DAM:
THE CASE OF TUCURUÍ IN THE MIDDLE RIVER TOCANTINS.

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss the main impacts of the Tucuruí dam on fisheries and human populations. Above the reservoir, positive impacts on fisheries outweighed negative ones, although currently flourishing fisheries may not be sustainable in the long run. Below the barrage, the negative impacts are much stronger. High mosquito populations make everyday life very difficult in the reservoir area.