

Chile: Financing of Hydroelectric Dams in the Bío Bío River (1995)

The Inspection Panel received a Request for Inspection (the “Request”) on November 17, 1995 from a Chilean NGO called Grupo de Acción por el BioBío, on behalf of Pehuenche Indians and other Chileans living in the BioBío River basin. The Requesters alleged that the International Finance Corporation’s (IFC) participation in the construction of the Pangué/Ralco complex of hydroelectric dams on the upper BioBío River violated several IFC and World Bank policies. The Request was not registered because the Inspection Panel’s mandate restricts it to review only projects financed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA), not the IFC.