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Fishing or predation: there is much to control and raise awareness about the Paraná River.

The lower reaches of the Paraná River changed decades ago. The massive presence and size of native fish species are no longer evident. The actions of the Entre Ríos fishing industry wreaked havoc on the fish fauna, and the consequences are still being paid for. They said they needed the shad, but they wiped out everything. There has been a debate in recent weeks.

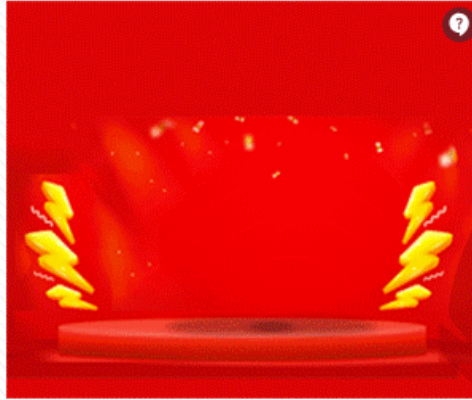


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The fish confiscated by municipal personnel. | PH: The Opinion

The **appearance of surubí** specimens continues in **the jurisdiction of San Pedro**. While it **provokes great enthusiasm among those who catch this species** or a dorado of dimensions rarely seen on the riverbank, it revives the **debate about the future of the Paraná River's fish wealth**.



Although the scarcity of fish **cannot be blamed on those who fish from the shore** , mostly **surubí weighing less than 10 kilos** , known as "**cachorros**", it must be taken into account that this is part of **sport fishing** and in **other areas of the Mesopotamian Coast they are forced to return them to the watercourse** due to their minuscule size.

A surubí only reaches 97 centimeters in length at 8 years of age , and this is when it is ready to spawn and reproduce .

In the **Lower Paraná River** , a section of the **Buenos Aires province** , **there is no awareness about the preservation** of fish in its various varieties (the exception being fishing guides who require small specimens to be returned to the river). **Nor is there a state policy enforcing regulations** .

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The way things are handled is different in **Santa Fe** , which, for example, **establishes closed periods** (between November 1 and December 31) **for capture, collection, transportation, and marketing** . It also imposes minimum sizes, or even prohibits them, as is the case in Corrientes.



The only control in recent years was carried out by Food Science, but for sanitary control.

By feeding on the "smaller fish," the tarpon's offspring—which multiply significantly—are ideal for maintaining biological balance. They lay hundreds of eggs, which later become their main prey during growth.

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But the depredation of the Paraná River in this area dates back almost 40 years. We're a long way from catching 30-kilo surubí on the port docks or *a monstrous manguruyú weighing almost 200 kilos in the Paraná River*, as we did six decades ago. Nor are the bogas that many were waiting for for Easter emerging, demanding a 6-kilo one because a 4-kilo one "was too small."

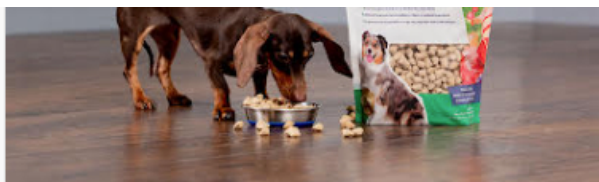
The first question arose with the appearance of the meatpacking plants in southern Entre Ríos. Under the guise of catching tarpon, they used the nets of those who worked as outsourced workers for these companies to destroy everything. It didn't matter if it wasn't a scaled species, according to their objectives.

It was the subject of complaints even from mayors and the Argentine Naval Prefecture showed little commitment to its preservation. In San Pedro, the isolated attitude of Officer Pisani, who served in the local department, is still remembered. He went out on several occasions to search for the "predators" that were ravaging the interior streams of Las Lechiguanas, seizing nets and mesh.

These were used for "fishing," which in no way distinguished a Saturday from a dorado, much less from a patí. *In short, every creature in the water ended up in an Entre Ríos meatpacking plant*, located in the area of the cities of Victoria and Diamante.



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Their **commercial purpose was to export fishmeal to Brazil** . Over the years, **it was later dried and filleted, and later, fresh** .

Later, other companies **joined** , but in Santa Fe: **Coronda, Villa Constitución** and in the vicinity of the capital, in **Arroyo Leyes** .

*And that wasn't all. **Typical Atlantic coast boats were even seen sailing as far as Rosario: the characteristic "little yellow boats," which were reported as looters** .*

We Argentines have always distinguished ourselves by being protagonists. In this case, **we are one of the few countries that export freshwater fish** . But from their natural waterways, not from farms.

The **low water level** that has been present for **several years in the final stretch of the Paraná River** has possibly **modified the habitat** and with it the spaces for the natural breeding and wandering **of species** .

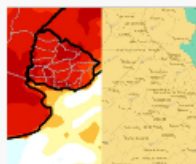
*Undoubtedly, as some experts point out, **controls on companies should exist*** . And in an **unfavorable environment like the current one, regulation of commercial fishing would be necessary** given the **deterioration of the natural resource that persists** , and will surely persist, if **awareness of the need to protect the river and its resources** is not raised .

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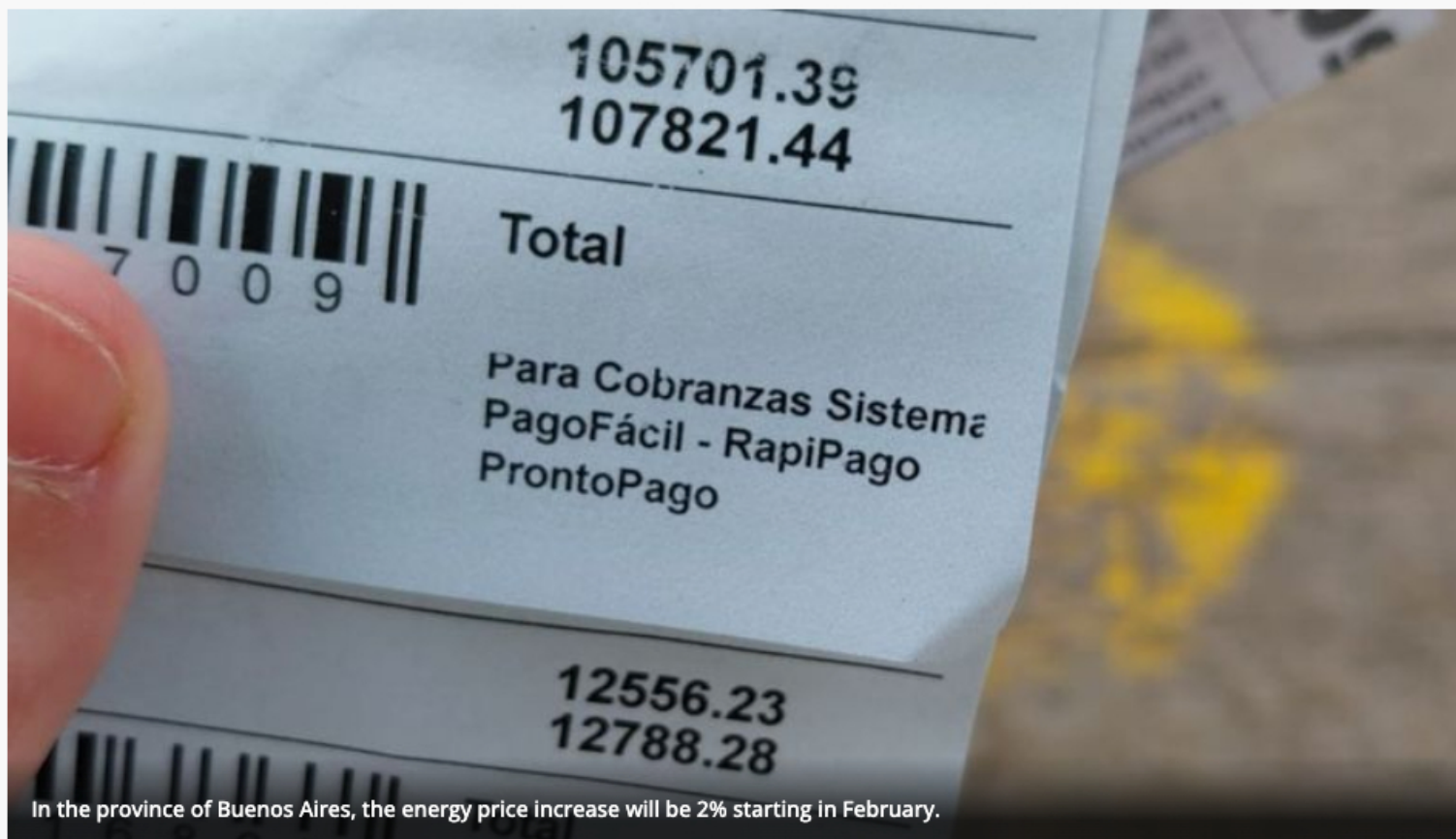
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Electricity and gas rates: Subsidies are reduced and electricity prices will increase by 2% starting in February.

The reduction in electricity and gas subsidies will increase prices. In the province of Buenos Aires, the energy subsidy will be 2% starting in February and will impact bills in March and April. For low-income earners, the discount will be 65%.



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Starting this month, **energy distributors in the province of Buenos Aires** will implement a **2% increase in electricity distribution rates**.



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*This tariff change **will directly affect users' bills**, who will see the **adjustment reflected in their consumption for the month of February**. Therefore, the **impact on consumers will be reflected in their March and April bills**.*

Meanwhile, the **National Energy Secretariat has ordered** a reduction in **electricity and gas consumption subsidies** for **middle- and low-income groups**. **The total will be 12%, but it will be implemented gradually.**

Electricity and gas bills will increase by 2% for these sectors, while *those without subsidies will see an average increase of 1.5%.*

For its part, the **National Government established that, starting in February 2025, Tier 2 (low-income) users will receive a 65% discount on the cost of electricity and gas production. Until now, they had a 72% discount.**

Meanwhile, **Tier 3 users (middle income) will receive a 50% discount instead of a 55% discount. If they use more than 250 kWh/month, they will pay the full rate for the excess. The limit for Tier 2 will be 350 kWh/month.**



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Protesters protest Yael's death outside the hospital and march to City Hall: "Enough with the negligence."

Family members and friends of the 37-year-old woman who died in the hospital after surgery gathered in front of the Guardia Civil to demand justice. Carrying banners that read "let the guilty pay" and "medical errors should not cost lives," they maintained that the case involved "malpractice," as they filed a criminal complaint. From the hospital, they marched through the streets of the city center to the City Hall.



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