



## URUGUAY



→ **Uruguay** currently has 12 public policies related to soils, which have a multi-thematic character. These are framed within the period from 1981 to 2016; In addition, they are distributed among Decrees, Laws and Strategies.

According to their thematic area, the number of existing public policies in the country regarding soils is detailed below:

### ● SOIL CONSERVATION: 9

- Decree No. 405/008 – Responsible and sustainable use of soils. Text date: 08/21/2008
- Decree No. 126/992 - The Honorary National Commission for Soil and Water Conservation is created. Text date: 03-24-1992
- Decree No. 333/004 - Establishes the basic technical criteria to be applied in the management and conservation of soil and water. Text date: 09-16-2004
- Decree No. 404/001 - Regulation of Law No. 16.858, which declares irrigation for agricultural purposes to be of general interest, without prejudice to other legitimate uses. Text date: 10-11-2001
- Law No. 15.239 - Declares of national interest the use and conservation of soils and surface waters destined for fine agriculture. Text date: 12-23-1981
- Law No. 15.939 - Forestry Law. Text date: 12-28-1987
- Law No. 16.858 - Declares irrigation for agricultural purposes to be of general interest, without prejudice to other legitimate uses. Text date: 09-03-1997

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- Law No. 17.283 - Declaration of general interest in the protection of the environment. Text date: 28-11-2000
  - Law No. 18.564 - Regulation related to the conservation, use and adequate management of soils and waters. Text date: 09-11-2009
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### ● SOIL RESTORATION: 2

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- Decree No. 389/996 - Declares national interest for rural exploitation of calcareous materials intended for correcting soil reaction. Date of text: 02-10-1996
  - National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity of Uruguay 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016
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### ● SOIL QUALITY: 4

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- National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity of Uruguay 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016
  - Decree No. 333/004 - Establishes the basic technical criteria to be applied in the management and conservation of soil and water. Date of text: 16-09-2004
  - Decree No. 389/996 - Declares national interest for rural exploitation of calcareous materials intended for correcting soil reaction. Date of text: 02-10-1996
  - Law No. 18.564 - Regulation related to the conservation, use and adequate management of soils and waters. Date of text: 11-09-2009
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### ● SOIL MONITORING: 2

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- Decree No. 405/008 – Responsible and sustainable use of soils. Date of text: 08/21/2008
  - Law No. 15.239 - Declares of national interest the use and conservation of soils and surface waters for agricultural purposes. Date of text: 12-23-1981
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### ● SOIL EROSION: 6

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- Decree No. 405/008 – Responsible and sustainable use of soils. Date of text: 08/21/2008
  - Decree No. 333/004 - Establishes the basic technical criteria to be applied in the management and conservation of soil and water. Date of text: 16-09-2004
  - Decree No. 404/001 - Regulation of Law No. 16.858, which declares irrigation for agricultural purposes to be of general interest, without prejudice to other legitimate uses. Date of text: 11-10-2001
  - Law No. 15.239 - Declares of national interest the use and conservation of soils and surface waters for agricultural purposes. Date of text: 12-23-1981
  - Law No. 16.858 - Declares irrigation for agricultural purposes to be of general interest, without prejudice to other legitimate uses. Date of text: 03-09-1997
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### ● SOIL BIODIVERSITY LOSS: 1

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- National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity of Uruguay 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016
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### ● SOIL POLLUTION: 2

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- Law No. 16.466 - Declares of general interest the protection of the environment against any type of depredation, destruction or contamination. Date of text: 19-01-1994
  - Law No. 17.283 - Declares the protection of the environment of general interest. Date of text: 28-11-2000
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### ● SOIL ACIDIFICATION: 1

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- Decree No. 389/996 - Declares national interest for rural exploitation of calcareous materials intended for correcting soil reaction. Date of text: 02-10-1996
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As a summary, a table is detailed below in which the public policies mentioned above are displayed and what are the thematic areas with which they are linked:

PUBLIC POLICY	THEMATIC AREA							
	SC	SR	SQ	SM	SE	SBL	SP	SA
Decree N° 405/008	■			■	■			
Decree N° 126/992	■							
Decree N° 333/004	■		■		■			
Decree N° 404/001	■				■			
Law N° 15.239	■			■	■			
Law N° 15.939	■							
Law N° 16.858	■				■			
Law N° 17.283	■						■	
Law N° 18.564	■		■		■			
Decree N° 389/996		■	■					■
National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity of Uruguay 2016-2020.		■	■			■		
Law N° 16.466							■	

SC: Soil conservation; SR: Soil restoration; SQ: Soil quality; SM: Soil monitoring; SE: Soil erosion; SBL: Soil biodiversity loss; SP: Soil pollution; SA: Soil acidification.

