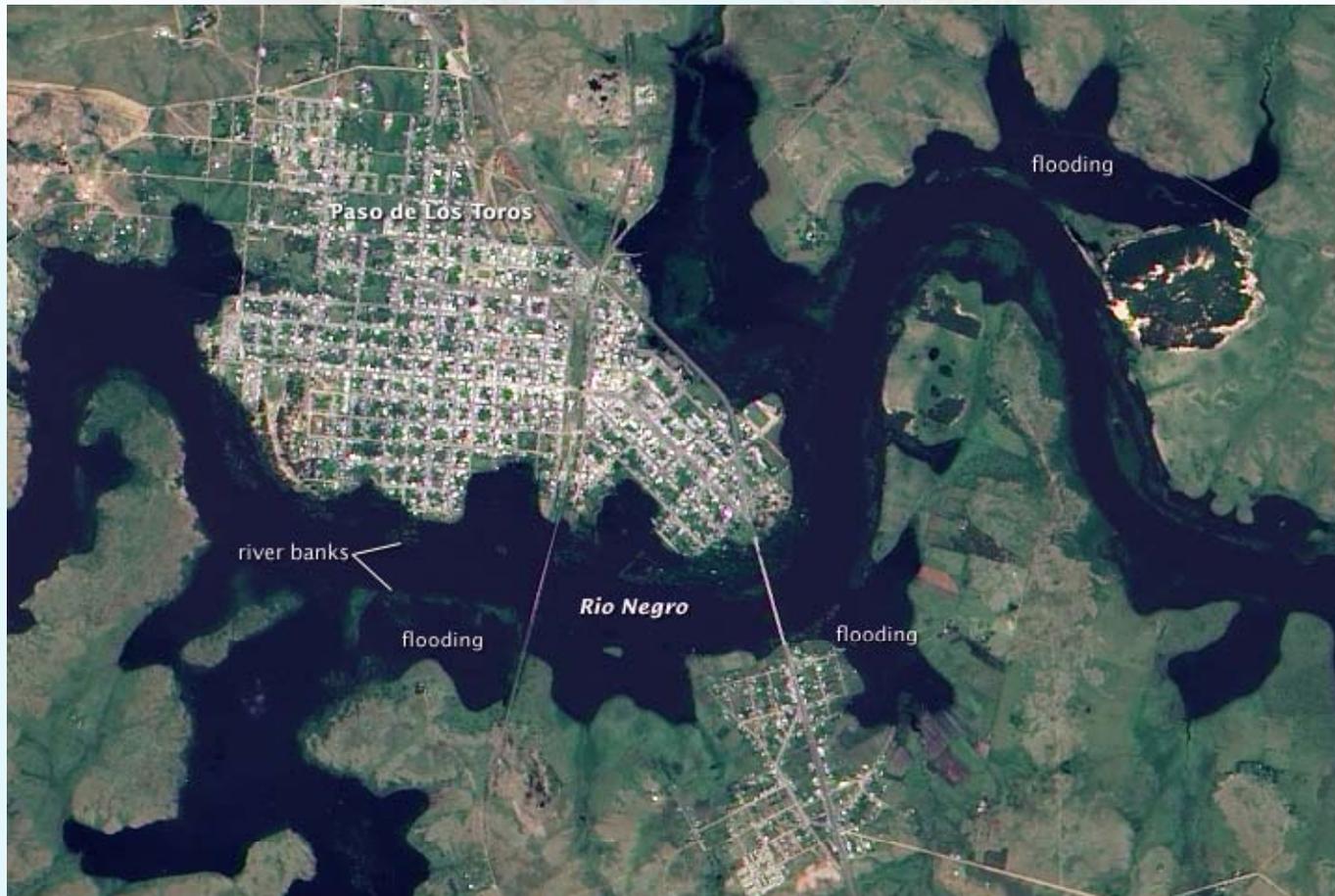


ALI Imagery of Flooding Along the Rio Negro, Uruguay (Dec. 2009)



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Flooding Along the Rio Negro, Uruguay

The city of Paso de Los Toros, in central Uruguay, sits just north of the Rio Negro. The river flows through oxbow curves, surrounding Paso de Los Toros on three sides. Normally, the river's banks are smooth and well-defined. The torrential rains that struck South America in late November 2009, however, pushed the Rio Negro well above its banks and broadened the channels of the smaller water bodies flowing into the river. The rising waters obscured the river's usual course and encroached upon the city's margins.