

AJAASSPIB — Twenty-Eight Water Committees Buying Back Pico Bonito's Watershed, Honduras

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2003, 28 water committees in Honduras's Pico Bonito buffer zone (AJAASSPIB) have bought back degraded land, creating 9 protected areas over 5,453 acres to safeguard drinking water for 40,000+ people, funded by mandatory tariffs, winner of UNDP's 2012 Equator Prize.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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