

Albania's National Forest & Pasture Environmental Services Programme

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A \$20.9M World Bank/GEF/Sida-financed programme helped 229 Albanian upland communities sustainably manage 12,320ha of forest and pasture, avoiding an est. 811,262 tCO₂e over 20 years — though a formal ecosystem-service payment law was still pending in 2023.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research \(FAO publication\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania / World Bank / Global Environment Facility / Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency \(Sida\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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