

Altépetl Bienestar — Mexico City's Payments for Ecosystem Services in the Suelo de Conservación

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Mexico City pays communities in its 87,000+ hectare Suelo de Conservación to protect forests and aquifer recharge. Since 2019, Altépetl Bienestar has reached 36,594 beneficiaries, but academic review found predecessor schemes' environmental outcomes weakly measured.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-28

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