

ArcelorMittal Nimba Biodiversity Offset — East Nimba Nature Reserve Co-Management (Liberia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Liberia

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

ArcelorMittal Liberia funds co-management of the 11,533 ha East Nimba Nature Reserve, home to chimpanzees, the Nimba toad and otter shrew, as its offset; a 2014 FFI-brokered plan engaged 25 communities, though critics call it a conflict-of-interest paradox.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-10

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