

Atatürk Airport National Garden — Türkiye's Largest Urban Park, Opened Amid a Cancelled Tender Ruling

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Türkiye

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Built on the former Atatürk Airport site, Istanbul's 121.5-hectare National Garden opened in November 2025 with 20,000+ trees and a 2.5km waterway, part of a 15-garden Istanbul programme, despite a Council of State ruling that cancelled the project's tender.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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