

Balaanbal Rangeland Enclosure — A Community-Managed Drought Reserve in Somaliland

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Somalia

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

A Netherlands-funded FAO programme helped Balaanbal, Somaliland fence off a communal pasture reserve; residents banned charcoal production and patrol it, and the enclosure held an estimated 20,000 livestock during the 2025 drought when nearby rangeland had no pasture left.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[FAO Food and Nutrition Security Resilience Programme \(FNS-REPRO\); Balaanbal Natural Resource Management Committee](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Global Landscapes Forum — Can rangeland enclosure stave off drought in Somaliland?](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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