

Bavaria's Beaver Management System — Volunteer Consultants, Damage Compensation and Prevention Funding (Germany)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Bavaria coexists with about 23,000 beavers via ~1,000 volunteer consultants and two schemes (damage compensation, prevention funding), a 5 m farming ban beside waters and ~1,900 animals removed yearly; one flood-defence saving of €450,000 is cited.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-01

[Bavarian State Government / Bayerischer Naturschutzfonds](#) — accessed 2026-10-01

[Scottish Wild Beaver Group — Bavaria lessons](#) — accessed 2026-10-01

[EcoHustler — Eager for beavers](#) — accessed 2026-10-01

[LIFE Beaver — Bavaria workshop](#) — accessed 2026-10-01

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