Bhutan for Life — Project Finance for Permanence (Bhutan)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Bhutan

Quality score: 87/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Asia's first 'Project Finance for Permanence' secures 1.1 M ha of protected Himalayan forest in Bhutan via a USD 118 M public-private fund (2017–2032). Forests store 240 M tCO_2e; Bhutan is carbon-negative; tiger population rose ≥20% by 2024.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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