

# Biocredit Investment Operations (BIO) — Tondwa Game Management Area Biodiversity Credit Pilot

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

A UK Darwin Initiative-funded pilot (GBP 525,573, 2023-2026) led by IIED with Conserve Global and Tondwa Conservation is designing Zambia's first community biodiversity-credit scheme across the 440 sq km Tondwa Game Management Area, alongside a parallel Uganda site.

## Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[International Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\), with Conserve Global, Tondwa Conservation Ltd and ValueNature/Credit Nature](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Darwin Initiative – Biocredits Investment Operations \(BIO\) project page](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Carbon Pulse – INTERVIEW: African pilots plan to generate biodiversity credits across 300,000 ha](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Conserve Global – Tondwa Game Management Area, Zambia](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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