

Bogotá's 5x1 Rule — Five Trees Planted for Every One Felled for Construction

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2022, Bogotá requires developers who fell an urban tree to plant five in return, or pay a monetary equivalent, under a formula weighing epiphytes, wildlife habitat and tree-poor areas, replacing a weaker 2x1 rule, targeting 802,000 new trees.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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