

Bulawayo's Sustainable Cities Integrated Programme — GEF-Backed Urban Forest & Wetland Restoration

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Zimbabwe

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Zimbabwe's GEF-backed Sustainable Cities Integrated Programme targets 1,931 ha of forest and 39 ha of wetland restoration in Bulawayo, with a stated 919,444-tonne CO₂ mitigation goal, funded by a ~US\$19.4M GEF package delivered with FAO and Zimbabwe's government.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Zimbabwe Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife / Environmental Management Agency, with FAO and the GEF-managed Sustainable Cities Integrated Programme](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[CITE Zimbabwe coverage](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[FAO Africa news story](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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