

BURQA Watershed Initiative — Heineken Ethiopia's Bedele & Harar Water-Balancing Programme

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Ethiopia

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Heineken Ethiopia's BURQA initiative, with World Vision Ethiopia and Acacia Water, restores the Dabena and Hakim Gara catchments; an independent 2024 baseline reports 190-192% modelled water balance after a 2020-2023 phase reaching 30,000 people on a 50M-Birr budget.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Heineken Ethiopia / World Vision Ethiopia / Acacia Water](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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[SustainCase: How Heineken is protecting water resources](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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