

Cabo Verde's Post-Independence National Afforestation Programme — From 3,000 to Over 90,000 Hectares

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since independence in 1975, Cabo Verde has expanded afforested land from about 3,000 to over 90,000 hectares by 2011 — nearly 50 million trees — funded partly through food-for-work schemes, lifting national forest cover from 3.82% to 11.34% of land area.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[Cabo Verde Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, with FAO, WFP and EU support](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[FAO Science, Technology and Innovation Portal — Afforestation in Cabo Verde](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[World Bank / FAOSTAT — Forest area \(% of land area\), Cabo Verde](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[UN Cabo Verde — REFLOR-CV forestry resilience project brief](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

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