

Caucasus Wildlife Refuge — Private Protected Area for Persian Leopard Recovery (Armenia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Armenia

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2010, Armenian NGO FPWC has leased land near Khosrov Forest State Reserve to build the 30,300 ha Caucasus Wildlife Refuge for the Critically Endangered Persian leopard — though population claims are self-reported and its advertised carbon-offset revenue is unverified.

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	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

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