

# CDC Biodiversité — Cossure Nature Compensation Site (France)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Europe's first supply-side biodiversity compensation site: CDC Biodiversité restored 357 ha of orchards to rare Crau steppic grassland (€12.5M; 2008–10). Great bustard and ocellated lizard returned; all credits sold. Scaled nationally under France's Green Industry Act (2023).

## Key dimensions

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

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[CDC Biodiversité \(Caisse des Dépôts group\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[CDC Biodiversité — Cossure compensation site](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[EIB–CDC Biodiversité partnership on biodiversity credits \(April 2025\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[France SNCRR — Ministère de la Transition Écologique](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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