Centre Hills Project — Protecting Montserrat's Last Forest Watershed After the Volcano

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Montserrat

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A £160,900 Darwin Initiative project (2005–08) valued Montserrat's Centre Hills, the island's sole water catchment, at ~US$1.4m/yr and drafted its management plan. The endemic Montserrat Oriole halved from 1998 to 2013, then edged up in 2011–16.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
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

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