

# Coffee Farmers Become Climate Heroes — Acorn Agroforestry Carbon Programme (Cauca, Colombia)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Solidaridad / Rabobank Acorn ex-post carbon-payment programme for ~1,200 smallholder coffee farmers in Cauca, Colombia; satellite-verified Plan Vivo certificates paid one farmer \$520 for 26 tCO<sub>2</sub> sequestered on 3 ha, funded partly by the German Postcode Lottery.

## Key dimensions

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

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Solidaridad / Rabobank Acorn](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Solidaridad Network: Coffee farmers in Colombia receive payments for carbon sequestration](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Green.Earth: Acorn's impact on small farmers in Peru and Colombia](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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