

Colombia National Payment for Environmental Services Program (PSA)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Colombia's Decreto-Ley 870/2017 created a national legal framework paying landowners to conserve páramos, forests and wetlands; by 2024 government figures reported ~743,000 ha ever enrolled (157,637 ha currently active) across 214 projects and 8,771 families in 19 departments.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible \(MADS\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[MADS — official PSA program page](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Decreto-Ley 870 de 2017 \(legal text\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[El Espectador — PSA in collective territories: progress, tensions](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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