

Cuenca Verde — Medellín Water Fund (Colombia)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Multi-stakeholder water fund linking EPM, Coca-Cola, Postobon, IDB and TNC to pay upstream farmers for watershed conservation across 23,000 priority hectares, securing water supply for 3.7 million Aburrá Valley residents. In ten years: 6,500 ha conserved, 512 families paid, 500+

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Corporación CuencaVerde / Empresas Públicas de Medellín \(EPM\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[CuencaVerde official site](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[TNC Latin American Water Funds — Cuenca Verde](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Water Action Hub — Medellín Water Fund](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[UrbanShift — Cuenca Verde case study](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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