

Cyprus's National Agri-Environment-Climate & Natura 2000 Payments Scheme

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Cyprus's 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme put 36,742 hectares under agri-environment-climate contracts and paid farmers across its 63-site, 1,789km² Natura 2000 network, backed by EUR132.2M EU co-financing — sources report budgets and area, not verified outcomes.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Republic of Cyprus](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[European Commission — RDP Factsheet Cyprus 2014-2022](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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