Divjaka-Karavasta Pelican Colony — Wardened Nesting Island Brings Albania's Dalmatian Pelicans Back from 19 Pairs

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Albania

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Albania's only Dalmatian pelican colony, on an islet in Karavasta Lagoon, fell to as few as 17–19 pairs around 2000–2003. Boat exclusion, 24-hour wardening and raised nests since 2014 helped it recover to 68 pairs in 2019 and 85 in 2021.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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