

Ecosystem Conservation Cooperation Charge — Compensatory Restoration Fund (South Korea)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · South Korea

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2001 South Korea has charged developers a per-square-metre fee for ecosystem damage, funding 277 restoration projects by 2022 — though a 2024 academic review found scant evidence assessing whether restored sites actually recovered biodiversity.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
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 2026-07-04

[Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea — Han River Basin Environmental Office](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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