

Ecuador Socio Bosque Conservation Programme

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Ecuador

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Ecuador's national PES since 2008 pays landowners and indigenous communities US\$30–60/ha/yr to conserve 1.6M+ ha of native forest and páramo, cutting annual deforestation from 77,000 to 44,000 ha and benefiting 175,000 people.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition \(MAAE\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[UNDP: Ecuador receives USD 18.5M for deforestation reduction](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Cambridge study: Forest conservation incentives and deforestation in Ecuador](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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