

ETAPA's Tariff-Funded Protection of Parque Nacional Cajas (Cuenca, Ecuador)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Cuenca's municipal utility ETAPA has co-managed the ~29,000-hectare Parque Nacional Cajas — source of the rivers that supply the city's drinking water — since 2000, funded in part by a dedicated water-tariff surcharge on Cuenca's water bills.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-16

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