

Fish River Fire Project — Indigenous Savanna-Burning Carbon Abatement (Northern Territory, Australia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2012, Traditional Owners and rangers at Fish River Station, NT, have used early dry-season burning across 178,000 ha to prevent destructive late-season wildfires, generating Australia's first Indigenous savanna-burning carbon credits sold on the open market.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation / Traditional Owners](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Carbon Eyes ACCU registry — Fish River \(EOP100517\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Country Needs People — Fish River Indigenous Carbon Farming Project](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[ILSC — Fish River: Australia's first savanna-burning project](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[ResearchGate — Payment for ecosystem services in practice: savanna burning and carbon abatement at Fish River](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

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