

Fondation des Savanes Ouest-Africaines: A Trust Fund for the W-Arly-Pendjari Complex

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Benin

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Created in 2012 by Benin's government, IUCN and international donors, FSOA finances ranger patrols and community programmes across the W-Arly-Pendjari savanna complex spanning Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger, backed by KfW, AFD, FFEM and GEF funding.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Fondation des Savanes Ouest-Africaines \(FSOA\), with KfW, AFD/FFEM and the Government of Benin](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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[KfW Development Bank – A model for conservation cooperation in Benin](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[AFD – Projet d'appui à la Fondation des Savanes Ouest-Africaines](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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