

FORAGUA — Regional Water Fund of Southern Ecuador

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

FORAGUA pools water tariff revenues from 14 southern Ecuador municipalities to conserve 337,000 ha of cloud forest and páramo; the ~US\$389k annual fund budget supports conservation agreements and 1,500 ha restoration, serving 500,000 residents and aiming for 600,000 ha by 2030.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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