

# Frivillig Skogvern — Norway Voluntary Forest Conservation Payments

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

## Summary

Since 2004, Norway pays private forest owners to permanently protect valuable boreal forest. ~870 areas protected; ~NOK 3.3 billion disbursed; 2024 budget: NOK 800M. 5.2% of productive forestland secured; target 10%. Owners must show dead wood, old deciduous trees, rare lichens.

## Key dimensions

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

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## Data sources

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

[Miljødirektoratet \(Norwegian Environment Agency\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Miljødirektoratet — Frivillig skogvern](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[SSB — Statistisk sentralbyrå: Forest area statistics](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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