

Gabon's Payment for Environmental Services Pilot — Conseil National Climat & CAFI-Funded Community Incentives

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Gabon

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

On 15 July 2025 Gabon's environment ministry and Conseil National Climat launched a CAFI-funded PES pilot (259M FCFA, ~\$465k) rewarding communities for forest, soil and water stewardship; by November's COP30, CAFI had folded Gabon into a wider \$125m regional push.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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