Gazelle Valley Urban Nature Park — Jerusalem's Resident-Won Wildlife Refuge Where an Endangered Gazelle Herd Grew to 80+ (Israel)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Israel

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Residents and SPNI campaigned for about a decade to defeat a plan for 1,400 homes on Jerusalem's last valley of mountain gazelles. The fenced, roughly 25-ha urban nature park opened in the mid-2010s. About 12 gazelles were reintroduced to a remnant of three, and the herd passed 8

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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