

Gola Rainforest REDD+ Project (Sierra Leone)

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

West Africa's only REDD+ national park project: 71,070 ha of Upper Guinea rainforest, protecting 19 Mt CO₂ and reducing ~500,000 tCO₂e/yr. VCS + CCBA certified; RSPB, Government of Sierra Leone and Conservation Society of Sierra Leone co-manage with 7 Gola chiefdoms.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[RSPB / Conservation Society of Sierra Leone](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Gola REDD+ Project – official site](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[RSPB – Gola Rainforest programme page](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Climate Impact Partners – Gola Sierra Leone](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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