

# GRASS — Verified Carbon Revenue Reaches Communal Rangeland Farmers in South Africa

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

## Summary

TASC and Meat Naturally Africa's GRASS project issued 266,255 Verra VM0042/CCB-certified carbon units for regenerative grazing on 95,000+ ha of communal rangeland in South Africa's Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, paying the first R2.7 million to 15 farming communities in 2026.

## Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-12

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