

Greater Cape Town Water Fund — Invasive Alien Vegetation Clearing for Water Security (South Africa)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2018 the Greater Cape Town Water Fund has cleared 46,000+ hectares of invasive alien vegetation, recovering 15.2 billion litres of water a year and creating 722 green jobs, becoming an independent legal entity in 2023.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[The Nature Conservancy / City of Cape Town / CapeNature / SANBI / WWF South Africa](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[The Nature Conservancy: Nature-Based Solutions Are Protecting Cape Town's Water Supply](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Western Cape Government: 10,000 Hectares Cleared of Alien Vegetation](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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