

Greater Cape Town Water Fund (South Africa)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

City of Cape Town and TNC fund invasive alien tree clearance since 2018. By Oct 2023: 46,000+ ha cleared across 7 mountain catchments, recovering 15.2 billion litres/year to dams; 722 green jobs (50% women). R125M+ city investment (2021–2026); target 54,300 ha to avoid 100 billion litres of water treatment.

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	1/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Greater Cape Town Water Fund / The Nature Conservancy](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[TNC: Nature-Based Solutions for Cape Town](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Water Action Hub: Cape Town Water Fund](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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