

Guyana's MRVS: Satellite-Verified Forest Payments, Then a Contested Carbon-Credit Sequel

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Guyana's Forestry Commission built a national satellite MRV system that verified a 0.068% deforestation rate, earning \$190M from Norway (2009-2015). The same system later certified credits sold to Hess for \$750M - but independent forest-loss data disputes the post-2015 trend.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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