

Ingula Partnership — Eskom's High-Altitude Wetland Stewardship for a Pumped-Storage Water Source (South Africa)

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

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2003, Eskom has partnered with BirdLife South Africa and the Middelpunt Wetland Trust to protect the wetlands feeding its Ingula Pumped-Storage Scheme — an 8,000 ha Ramsar site since 2021, with 340+ bird species and tracked breeding data for three threatened species.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
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 2026-07-23

[Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd / BirdLife South Africa / Middelpunt Wetland Trust](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[BirdLife South Africa — Ingula Partnership](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[GoBirding \(BirdLife South Africa\) — Ingula Nature Reserve](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[ESI-Africa — Ingula Nature Reserve recognised as internationally important](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

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