

Japan J-Credit Scheme — Forest Management Carbon Credits

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Japan's tripartite government carbon credit scheme for forest management (METI, MOE, MAFF): 356 forestry projects registered by March 2024. Japan's forests removed 45 Mt CO₂/yr in 2023; J-Credits link forest owners to domestic carbon markets and the GX-ETS compliance scheme.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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