Jersey's Action for Cleaner Water — Farmer–Utility–Government Partnership Cutting Nitrate in Drinking-Water Catchments

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Jersey

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Jersey's government, water utility and growers jointly cut farm nitrate and pesticides in drinking-water catchments. Stream nitrate fell from a 1994 peak of 68 to ~43 mg/l by 2017, with no mains breach of the 50 mg/l limit in four years. Pesticide issues persist.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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