

Kariba REDD+ Project — Carbon Credit Over-Issuance and Correction (Zimbabwe)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Zimbabwe

Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

One of the world's largest community REDD+ projects, run by four Zimbabwean Rural District Councils across ~1.3 million hectares of the Zambezi Valley, was suspended in 2023 after Verra's own review found 57% of its issued credits were over-crediting; Verra ordered cancellation o

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-22

[Carbon Green Investments \(CGI\) / South Pole / Binga, Nyaminyami, Hurungwe and Mbire Rural District Councils](#) — accessed 2026-07-22

[Verra: Verra Acts on Kariba Project \(Sept 2025\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-22

[Climate Home News: Zimbabwe forest carbon megaproject generated millions of junk credits](#) — accessed 2026-07-22

[REDD-Monitor: The Kariba REDD project, Zimbabwe — community complaints](#) — accessed 2026-07-22

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