

Kenya Agricultural Carbon Project — Verified Soil-Carbon Credits for Smallholder Farmers

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

60,000 Western Kenya smallholders adopted sustainable land management verified under the VCS, generating Africa's first certified soil-carbon credits (24,788 tCO₂e). An IATP review found transaction costs absorbed most projected revenue before it reached farmers.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Vi Agroforestry, in partnership with the World Bank BioCarbon Fund](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Vi Agroforestry — KACP project page](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[IATP — Elusive Promises of the Kenya Agricultural Carbon Project](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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