

Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary REDD+ — Verified Carbon, Contested Indigenous Land Rights

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Cambodia's Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary (292,690 ha) has issued 18.87M Verra-verified carbon credits since 2010, incl. a 2016 \$2.6m sale to Disney, but a 2024 Mongabay/Pulitzer probe found Bunong land-rights violations and arrests on site.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-09-10

Wildlife Conservation Society, Cambodia Ministry of Environment — accessed 2026-09-10

WCS Newsroom — accessed 2026-09-10

Mongabay/Pulitzer Center investigation (2024) — accessed 2026-09-10

VOA News investigation (2017) — accessed 2026-09-10

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