

Kigali's Five-Wetland Rehabilitation Programme — Turning Flood Zones into Urban Eco-Parks

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Kigali is rehabilitating five degraded urban wetlands (491 ha: Gikondo, Rwampara, Nyabugogo Lower, Kibumba, Rugenge-Rwintare) into flood-control eco-parks under a \$27M GEF/World Bank/NDF programme expected to benefit 220,000+ residents, building on the Nyandungu pilot.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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