

Kuamut Rainforest Conservation Project (Sabah, Malaysia)

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Malaysia's first certified nature-based carbon project: 83,381 ha of Bornean dipterocarp rainforest in Sabah, verified under Verra VCS+CCB. First VCUs issued March 2024; ~800,000 tCO₂e/yr reduced; 30-year target 16 Mt CO₂e. Bornean Orangutan and helmeted hornbill habitat.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Permian Global / Sabah Forestry Department / Yayasan Sabah](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Kuamut project verified to Verra standards – SEARRP \(2024\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Malaysia first certified NBS carbon project – ADB SEADS](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Kuamut first CCB verification – Permian Global](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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