Lebendige Luppe — Reconnecting Leipzig's Cut-Off Floodplain Forest to Its Old River Courses (Germany)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A €22.7m federal Biodiversity Programme project that re-watered old Luppe channels in Leipzig's floodplain forest: a 5 km brook can flood again, ~20 ha inundated after water returned, and amphibians have trended upward since 2013.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-24

City of Leipzig (Office of Urban Green and Water) with City of Schkeuditz, NABU Sachsen, UFZ and Leipzig University — accessed 2026-11-24

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