

LIFE Ilhas Barreira — Predator Removal & Seabird Recovery on Ria Formosa's Barrier Islands (Portugal)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Portugal

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

EU LIFE programme (2019–2025, LIFE18 NAT/PT/000927) removed feral cats and invasive plants from Ria Formosa's barrier islands; Audouin's Gull nests rose from ~2,500 to over 7,000, and a rehab centre treated 7,562 seabirds, releasing 3,208.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[SPEA \(Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves\) / ICNF / Animaris / RIAS–Aldeia / CCMAR-UAlg / CIMA-UAlg](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[LIFE Ilhas Barreira project summary — European Dissemination](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Algarve Daily News: Ria Formosa bird population rebounds](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[LIFE Ilhas Barreira official project site](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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