

Loru Forest Project — Serakar Clan Community Carbon, Espiritu Santo (Vanuatu)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Vanuatu

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2013 the Indigenous Serakar Clan has directly held and managed carbon rights over 293 hectares of Espiritu Santo rainforest in Vanuatu, generating Plan Vivo-verified credits and winning the UN's 2019 Equator Prize, though reported figures vary across sources.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Serakar Clan / Nakau Programme / Live & Learn Environmental Education Vanuatu](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Nakau Programme — Loru Vanuatu](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Ekos — Project Loru technical specification](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[VUW Open Access — Community, Forest Carbon & Indigeneity thesis](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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