Meiji Jingu Forest — Tokyo's Hand-Planted 70-Hectare Urban Forest Designed for 150-Year Succession (Japan)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Some 100,000 donated trees of 365 species were hand-planted by ~110,000 volunteers on 70 ha of open land around 1920, under a 150-year succession plan. A 2013 survey found about 234 tree species and a forest on course toward the self-sustaining stage.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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