

METSO Forest Biodiversity Programme (Finland)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Finland

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Finland's voluntary PES programme paying private landowners to conserve biodiversity-rich forests in Southern Finland. Over 96,000 ha permanently or durably protected; €46M annual budget in 2025. Target met ahead of schedule; successor METSO+ programme launches 2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
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 2026-06-20

[Ministry of the Environment & Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[MMM – METSO programme official page](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Finnish Government – METSO target met ahead of schedule \(2025\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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