

Mexico National Payments for Hydrological Services (PSAH)

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Mexico's national government PES scheme (CONAFOR) compensates forest owners ~USD 24/ha/yr to conserve 4.27 million ha of priority watersheds; 78% of payments reach highly marginalised communities since 2003.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[CONAFOR - Comision Nacional Forestal](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[IIED - Mexico's Payments for Ecosystem Services Programme](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[3ie - Impacts of Mexico's payments for ecosystem services \(impact evaluation\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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