

Nam Theun 2 Watershed Management and Protection Authority PES (Lao PDR)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Laos

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

NT2 Power Company pays US\$1.3M/year to WMPA to protect the 3,710 km² Nakai–Nam Theun National Protected Area—Laos' largest NPA—for 25 years (2010–2035), securing watershed services for a 1,070 MW hydropower plant and livelihoods for >6,000 NPA communities.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[NT2 Watershed Management and Protection Authority \(WMPA\) / Nam Theun 2 Power Company](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Nam Theun 2 watershed – World Bank feature \(2011\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[NT2 Project Overview – World Bank \(2019\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[WMPA official about page](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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