

New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme — Forestry Removals (New Zealand)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

New Zealand's ETS has included post-1989 forests since 2008; ~349,000 ha registered (2021) earn NZUs for carbon sequestration. In 2024, 11.5 M NZUs were issued for forest removals — the world's first ETS with symmetrical afforestation/deforestation incentives.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	3/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
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 2026-06-21

[Ministry for Primary Industries \(MPI\) / New Zealand Government](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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[Frontiers in Forests & Global Change – Including forestry in an ETS: Lessons from New Zealand \(peer-reviewed, 2022\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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