

Northern Laos Emission Reductions Payment Programme (GFL / FCPF Carbon Fund)

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Laos's government was paid US\$16 million by the World Bank's FCPF Carbon Fund for 3.2M verified tonnes of CO₂e avoided across six northern provinces (2019-2021) — the first tranche of a US\$42 million results-based agreement.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-16

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