

NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (Australia)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Largest biodiversity credit market in Australia: 381 stewardship agreements covering 109,911 ha under NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. A\$467M Stewardship Payments Fund (March 2025). 2022 audit: 86–97% of credits untradeable; 2024 reforms mandated net-positive outcomes.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	1/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust \(BCT\) / NSW DCCEEW](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[NSW BOS Achievements](#) — NSW Environment — accessed 2026-06-22

[NSW Audit Office — Effectiveness of the BOS \(2022\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust — Offsets Programme](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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