Phoenix Islands Protected Area Conservation Trust — Avoided-Cost Marine Payment for Ecosystem Services (Kiribati)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Kiribati

Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Kiribati and Conservation International built a trust fund to pay the government a 'reverse fishing licence' fee to forgo tuna revenue in the 408,250 km² Phoenix Islands reserve; the 2015 full closure was reversed to commercial fishing in 2021.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-02

Government of Kiribati / Conservation International — accessed 2026-08-02

IUCN - trust structure & endowment — accessed 2026-08-02

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