

Portugal Ecosystem Services Remuneration Programme — Serra do Açor & Tejo Internacional

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Portugal

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Portugal's national PES pilot (Resolução 121/2019): Fundo Ambiental pays 14 landowners €3.7M over 20 years to conserve 27,674 ha — Serra do Açor (1,190 ha) and Tejo Internacional NP (26,484 ha) — for carbon, water, biodiversity and wildfire susceptibility reduction.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Fundo Ambiental / ICNF \(Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Portuguese Government — PSE announcement, March 2020](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Fundo Ambiental — PRSE Phase 1 programme details](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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