

Prespa Lake Integrated Ecosystem Management — Transboundary Watershed Restoration (North Macedonia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · North Macedonia

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A decade-long UNDP-GEF transboundary programme cut farmer pesticide use by ~30% and irrigation water use by ~60% around Lake Prespa, restoring wetlands and curbing agricultural pollution across the shared basin of North Macedonia, Albania and Greece.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[UNDP / Global Environment Facility / Government of North Macedonia \(Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning\) / Municipality of Resen](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[UNDP: Restoration of the Prespa Lake Ecosystem](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[GEF: Restoring Hope in The Future for Prespa Lake, FYR Macedonia](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

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