Rarakau Rainforest Carbon Project — M■ori-Led REDD+ (Southland, New Zealand)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2008, the Rowallan Alton M■ori Incorporation has kept 738 ha of temperate rainforest near Fiordland National Park standing, financed by Plan Vivo carbon credits sold via NZ developer Ekos — a rare indigenous-led REDD+ deal outside the tropics; 16,589 tCO_2e issued to date.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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