Reef Credits Scheme — Great Barrier Reef Water Quality

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Queensland farmers earn Reef Credits — each equal to 1 kg of nitrogen prevented from reaching the Great Barrier Reef — in a market administered by Eco-Markets Australia; AU$10M government investment; 50,000+ credits generated by 2024; first buyers: HSBC and the Queensland Governm

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	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-06-21

GreenCollar / Eco-Markets Australia — accessed 2026-06-21

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