REM Mato Grosso — Results-Based Payments for Avoided Deforestation

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Brazil

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2017, Germany and the UK have paid Mato Grosso, Brazil, for independently verified cuts in deforestation emissions via KfW. Phase 1 (2016–2023) delivered ~18 million tCO_2e verified reductions against a 9 million target, reaching 12,400 smallholder families.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	3/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	1/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-06

KfW Development Bank / Government of Mato Grosso (SEMA-MT), with GIZ technical support — accessed 2026-08-06

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