

River of Life — Klang River Urban Rehabilitation, Kuala Lumpur

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Malaysia

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Malaysia's decade-long River of Life programme invested about US\$950 million to clean and green a 110 km river network in Kuala Lumpur, aiming to lift water quality from Class III–V to Class IIB. A 2021 Department of Environment review found 57% of monitored effluent meeting Class

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
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 2026-08-24

[Kuala Lumpur City Hall \(DBKL\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-24

[Malaysia DOE River of Life Report](#) — accessed 2026-08-24

[C40 Cities Case Study](#) — accessed 2026-08-24

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