Salantai Dam Removal — Reopening the Salantas River to Lampreys and Sea Trout (Lithuania)

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

A 1990s dam on the Salantas was removed for €310,520 of EU structural funds. River-lamprey nests above the site rose from 24 (2022) to 149 (2023), but no sea-trout spawning has yet been recorded upstream.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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