

Salar de Punta Negra Court-Ordered Environmental Reparation — BHP Escondida Mine (Chile)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Chile's environmental court approved a binding, up to US\$93m agreement forcing the world's largest copper mine to fund 19 measures repairing aquifer decline and wetland loss at the Salar de Punta Negra, with indefinite oversight and indigenous co-governance.

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	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-23

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