

São Paulo Water Fund — PCJ and Upper Tietê Watersheds (Brazil)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Brazil

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Multi-donor water fund protecting drinking water for 22 million São Paulo residents via PES to 430+ farmers across 11,000 ha in the PCJ and Upper Tietê watersheds. Leveraged R\$200 M (US\$61 M); modelling shows 50% sediment reduction achievable in priority areas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
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 2026-06-22

[SABESP / The Nature Conservancy / Fundação SOS Mata Atlântica](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Water Action Hub — São Paulo Water Fund](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[TNC Brazil — water risk and nature-based solutions](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Resilient Watersheds Toolbox — SABESP NBS](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Americas Quarterly — corporate partnership](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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