

Saudi Green Initiative — National Tree-Planting & Land Rehabilitation Programme

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The Saudi Green Initiative (2021-) reports 151 million trees planted and 500,000 ha rehabilitated by mid-2025 -- about 1.5% of its 10-billion-tree pledge -- with no independent verification found and analysts questioning the water needed to scale further.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification \(NCVC\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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