

Scolel'te Community Carbon Project (Chiapas, Mexico)

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

World's oldest operational carbon market project (1994), led by indigenous and mestizo farming communities in Chiapas under Plan Vivo. Covers 9,150 ha of community agroforestry and reforestation; >USD 860,000 in direct payments to ~500 families since 2002.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[AMBIO S.C. \(Cooperativa Ambiental de Chiapas\) / ECOSUR](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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