

Sherbro River Estuary Blue-Carbon Agreement — Carbon-Justice Mangrove Protection (Sierra Leone)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

In October 2025, 124 communities on Sierra Leone's Sherbro Island signed a 50-year blue-carbon deal with developer West Africa Blue to protect ~79,000 hectares of mangroves, guaranteeing communities 40-52.5% of gross carbon-credit revenue under 'carbon justice' principles.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[West Africa Blue, with Namati Sierra Leone and Verra](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Mongabay: Sierra Leone communities sign carbon agreement based on carbon justice principles](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Mongabay: Huge 'blue carbon' offsetting project takes root in the mangroves of Sierra Leone](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

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