

# Simandou Biodiversity Offset Strategy — Pic de Fon Classified Forest (Guinea)

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

Rio Tinto's Simandou iron-ore project has surveyed chimpanzee populations in Guinea's Pic de Fon forest since 2007 to build an IFC PS6 biodiversity offset, but independent researchers and journalists question whether it can succeed absent any national offset policy.

## Key dimensions

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

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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