

SNPAS OECM Grants — Eswatini's National Payment Scheme for Community & Private Conservation Land

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Eswatini

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

GEF/UNDP-funded six-year programme run by Eswatini's National Trust Commission raised national protected-area coverage from 3.9% to 5.2% by paying grants of E200,000–E270,000 to eight community, private and university landholders securing 18,000 ha as conservation areas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Eswatini National Trust Commission \(ENTC\), with UNDP and the Global Environment Facility](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[UNDP — Biodiversity and Ecosystems Conservation Framework for Eswatini](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[ATTA — E98.5 Million Conservation Project](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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