

South Africa Biodiversity Stewardship Programme (SANBI / DFFE)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

National voluntary programme where private and communal landowners receive rates exemptions and technical support in exchange for conservation commitments; has secured >1.5 M ha — 73% of the 2.4 M ha of new protected areas South Africa added since 2020.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[South African National Biodiversity Institute \(SANBI\) / DFFE](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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