

Suntory Natural Water Sanctuary Programme (Japan)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2003, Suntory holds 30–100-year forest management agreements at 27 Japanese sites totalling >12,000 ha, recharging more than twice the groundwater it extracts. Five sanctuaries hold OECM certification from Japan's Ministry of the Environment.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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