

Sweden Nature Conservation Agreements — Naturvårdsavtal

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Swedish Forest Agency pays private owners for 50-year agreements (Naturvårdsavtal) protecting old-growth forest. End 2025: 35,500 ha NCA, 76,600 ha NCA+BPA; SEK 23,000/ha avg. Peer-reviewed biodiversity gains across 25+ years. Note: new enrolments at historic low.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Swedish Forest Agency \(Skogsstyrelsen\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Swedish Forest Agency NCA/BPA statistics \(end 2025\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Svensson et al. 2025 — Restoration Ecology](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Formally Protected Nature in Sweden 31/12/2024 \(SCB\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Preprint — small protected patches and forest conservation in Sweden](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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