

Tokyo's Water Conservation Forests — a Century-Old 'Green Dam' for Source-Water Protection (Japan)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

For over 120 years Tokyo's Bureau of Waterworks has owned and managed ~25,000 hectares of 'water conservation forest' along the upper Tama River — about half the basin's upper forest area — funding upkeep partly via corporate naming-rights and sponsorship agreements.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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