

Tonga's Ridge to Reef Community Grants — Mangrove Restoration & Coastal Resilience

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Tonga

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Tonga's GEF/UNDP-funded Ridge to Reef programme has directed USD 570,000 to 33 communities across Tongatapu and Vava'u, financing mangrove nurseries aiming to plant 200,000 mangroves, women-led livelihoods and youth-led monitoring in erosion-vulnerable coastal areas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
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 2026-08-07

[Tonga Department of Environment / UNDP-GEF Ridge to Reef Programme; Coastal Green Nursery](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[Matangi Tonga — Mangrove restoration protects livelihoods for coastal communities](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[Pacific Environment \(SPREP\) — Tonga Advances Integration of Nature-based Solutions](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

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