

TRI–CECAB Agroforestry Carbon Programme — São Tomé's First Payment for Ecosystem Services Scheme

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Sao Tome and Principe

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

GEF/FAO-backed landscape restoration with the CECAB cocoa cooperative added, in 2023, São Tomé and Príncipe's first Payment for Ecosystem Services layer: Rabobank's Acorn platform verifies and sells carbon credits from smallholder agroforestry, sharing revenue with farmers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
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 2026-08-05

[The Restoration Initiative \(TRI\) / CECAB, with FAO, GEF, IUCN and Acorn \(Rabobank\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[IUCN — São Tomé and Príncipe restoration achievements](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Africanews — From cocoa beans to forests](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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