

Uganda's REDD+ Results-Based Payment — Africa's First GCF Forest Carbon Disbursement

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Uganda became the first African country to receive a UN Green Climate Fund results-based payment for REDD+, with FAO channelling \$31 million for verified 2016–2017 forest emission reductions of over 8 million tonnes of CO₂, even as agriculture still drives ~90% of deforestation.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Ministry of Water and Environment \(Uganda\); FAO \(GCF Accredited Entity\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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[UN-REDD Programme](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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