

Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund (Kenya)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Africa's first water fund (2015): TNC and partners pay 50,000+ Upper Tana farmers to protect Nairobi's water supply for 9M people. USD 18 M invested; 73,000 ha managed; 3.6 M trees planted; projected 50% sediment cut, 15% water-yield gain; USD 250,000/yr in utility savings.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
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

[Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund \(UTNWF Trust\) / The Nature Conservancy](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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[TNC: The Nairobi Water Fund](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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