

US–Indonesia Debt-for-Nature Swap — \$35 Million for Bird's Head and Lesser Sunda-Banda Coral Reefs

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

The US and Indonesia converted \$35 million of sovereign debt into a nine-year coral reef conservation fund — the first use of the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act for reefs — protecting the Bird's Head and Lesser Sunda-Banda seascapes.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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