

Vida Manglar — Colombia's First Verified Blue Carbon Mangrove Project (Cispatá Bay)

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Conservation International and Colombian partners' Vida Manglar project protects and restores mangroves across Cispatá Bay, scaling from 7,500 to 11,000 hectares; the first VCS-registered blue carbon project worldwide (2021), projected to remove ~1.22 million tCO₂e over 30 years.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	3/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-20

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