

Vietnam Payment for Forest Environmental Services (PFES / VNFF)

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Asia's first national PFES law (Decree 99/2010) requires hydropower, water-supply and eco-tourism companies to pay into Vietnam's Forest Fund; 355,000 households manage 3.5 million ha of watershed forest, with USD 263M disbursed by 2015.

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	1/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Vietnam Forest Protection and Development Fund \(VNFF\) / Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[CIFOR: Payments for Forest Environmental Services in Viet Nam \(infobrief\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Blended Finance Taskforce: Vietnam's Payment for Forest Ecosystem Services](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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