Voluntary Nature Values Trading — First Private Biodiversity Credit Transaction, Kuikkasuo Mire (Finland)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Under a September 2023 decree enabling voluntary ecological compensation, Finland recorded one of its first private biodiversity-credit deals in March 2026: retailer S Group paid to restore a 12-hectare mire, part of a goal to fund 500 hectares of nature restoration by 2035.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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