

Wakhan National Park — Community-Managed Snow Leopard Conservation in Afghanistan's Pamir Corridor

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Afghanistan

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

In Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor, WCS camera traps confirmed snow leopards at 16 locations under a 2016–2019 GEF-funded, community-managed protection programme — a strong biodiversity result whose continuity since the 2021 change of government remains unverified.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Wildlife Conservation Society \(WCS\), with Afghanistan's National Environmental Protection Agency](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Global Snow Leopard & Ecosystem Protection Program — Afghanistan project page](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[People Not Poaching — Wakhan Corridor snow leopard case study](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Snow Leopard Network — Wakhan country update](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

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