

Yashil Makon - Uzbekistan's Billion-Tree Pledge, Its Reporting-Fraud Scandal, and the UNDP-Backed Correction

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Uzbekistan

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Uzbekistan's 2021 pledge to plant 1 billion trees was followed in 2022 by reports that 6.2M 'planted' trees were never registered and 2.4M seedlings died from neglect; UNDP then co-developed a digitised master plan now tracking hundreds of millions of trees.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan / UNDP](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Daryo.uz investigation, Oct 2022](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[UNDP Uzbekistan feasibility study / master plan](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Daryo.uz, Jan 2024 \(digitisation\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

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