

Yasuní-ITT Initiative — Ecuador's Oil-Left-in-the-Ground Compensation Fund That Raised 0.4% of Its Target

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Ecuador

Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Ecuador offered to leave ~846m-1.5bn barrels of oil under Yasuní National Park in return for \$3.6bn in international compensation (2007); only ~\$13m was deposited and the initiative was cancelled in August 2013.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[Government of Ecuador / UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[UBC Open Case Studies](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

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