

Zhejiang's Forest Ecological Benefit Compensation Fund — Provincial Payments for Public Welfare Forest

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2004, Zhejiang province has paid forest owners and collectives annual per-area compensation to maintain designated 'public welfare forests' for water and soil conservation — now covering 3 million+ hectares and over 2.5 million households from the provincial fiscal budget.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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