

VALIDATION STATEMENT

For the CCBA Project

Lacandón-Forest for Life REDD+ Project

Validation report nº: Val CCB Report Lacandón 20160618

Project name: Lacandón-Forest for Life REDD+ Project	
<p>Project proponent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza. Primary Project Proponent. • Unión Maya Itza Cooperative • La Lucha Cooperative • La Técnica Agropecuaria Cooperative 	<p>Project location:</p> <p>The Lacandón REDD+ Project is located in the North West of Petén Department in Guatemala, within the National Park Sierra de Lacandón.</p> <p>The project is grouped and the first instances represent the forest areas belonging to the Cooperatives La Lucha, Unión Maya Itzá and La Técnica Agropecuaria and the properties of Naranjitos and Centro Campesino of Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza.</p> <p>The project zone is the total area of the National Park Sierra de Lacandon. The NPSL has international boundaries with the Mexican states of Chiapas and Tabasco. The northeast borders is the multiple use zone of the MBR, the north limits with the state of Tabasco (Mexico), for the west is the Usumacinta River which represents a natural border with the state of Chiapas (Mexico), and south and east boundaries are the buffer zone of the MBR, within the municipalities of La Libertad and Las Cruces.</p>
Date of issuance of validation statement: 14 July 2016	
Date of validation: 18 June 2016	
Date of expiration¹: 17 June 2021	
First PDD dated on 12 January 2016	Final PDD dated on 7 June 2016

¹ The CCB Validation expires after five years from the date of issuance of the Validation Statement unless the project achieves CCB verification within this period.

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CCB Standard and level applied: CCB Standard third edition, validated at Gold Level

Gold Level Criteria: Exceptional Climate, Community and Biodiversity Benefits

Summary of the CCB project benefits

This project is designed to avoid deforestation over 45,288.81 ha belongings to the first instances selected.

The climate objectives are covered through the implementation of activities to reduce deforestation and forest degradation by decreasing illegal timber extraction and assuring legality of land use right through forest sustainable management. These activities will help reduce GHG emissions and will increase carbon stocks over time; especially through the strategies of “Adjustment of land uses and land use rights in communities without land registry” and the “Improved management of the SLNP”. It is expected that the project reduce an average annual of 238 875.6 tCO₂e in a project area of 45 288.81 ha corresponding to the forest area of Unión Maya Itzá, La Técnica Agropecuaria and La Lucha cooperatives; and the private properties of Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza, Naranjitos and Centro Campesino.

The community objectives takes into account the strengthening of local governance; supporting the development of sustainable economic and livelihoods alternatives through training and technical workshops; enhancing local administrative capacity, leadership capacity and environmental awareness through training activities. One of the main activities is to invest in education that leads to lower necessities for deforestation which is cover by the strategy of “Community dialog, education and capacitation”. On the other hand, the project activities also consider the transfer on knowledge to the communities. Aspects related to health and welfare and their relation with daily practices, like the awareness about sexual and reproductive knowledge, facilitates the access to measures of family planning and on water management, including the management of human waste and use of latrines are other initiatives to be carried out by the project.

The biodiversity objectives will focus on identifying, prioritizing and executing actions for the adequate management of the environmental and cultural resources and achieve their most effective and efficient conservation. It is expected that the populations of endemic and endangered species will increase, native species will be planted restoring the ecosystem for fauna and flora communities. This objective will be achieved through the main strategy of “Forest protection and biodiversity programs” and “Diversification and use of communal forestry resources” where the development of sustainable forest management plans for small holders and communities is important. In addition, a program for conservation of habitats linked to endangered species and development of a plan for conservation of HCV will be implemented in the project lifetime. Finally, conservation of threatened species as Jaguar (*Panthera onca*), Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) and Pecari (*Tayassu pecari*) lies at the core of the project’s activities.

By reducing deforestation the environmental function of the diverse ecosystems will be maintained, the cultural tangible heritage will be preserved and greenhouse gas emissions through deforestation and degradation processes will be prevented.

Summary of Validation Results

	Criterion	Required/Optional	Fulfilment Y/N, N/A
G1	Project Goals, Design and Long Term Viability	Required	Yes
G2	Without Project Land Use Scenario and Additionality	Required	Yes
G3	Stakeholder Engagement	Required	Yes
G4	Management Capacity	Required	Yes
G5	Legal Status and Property Rights	Required	Yes
CL1	Without project climate scenario	Required	Yes
CL2	Net Positive Climate Impacts	Required	Yes
CL3	Offsite Climate Impacts	Required	Yes
CL4	Climate Impact Monitoring	Required	Yes
GL1	Climate Change Adaptation Benefits	Optional	Yes
CM1	Without project Scenario for Communities	Required	Yes
CM2	Net Positive Community Impacts	Required	Yes
CM3	Offsite Stakeholder Impacts	Required	Yes
CM4	Community Impact Monitoring	Required	Yes
GL2	Exceptional Community Benefits	Optional	Yes
B1	Without project Biodiversity Scenario	Required	Yes
B2	Net Positive Biodiversity Impact	Required	Yes
B3	Offsite Biodiversity Impacts	Required	Yes
B4	Biodiversity Impacts Monitoring	Required	Yes

GL3	Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits	Optional	Yes
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Validation Conclusion:

The review and crosschecking of explanations and justifications in the last PDD with the original sources of information detailed in both the PDD and this report have provided enough evidence to AENOR in order to determine the compliance of the project with all the criteria listed in the Standard Climate Community and Biodiversity third edition. The summary of benefits on the Climate, Community and Biodiversity that will be generated by the project included in the cover page of the PDD is accurate.

In the opinion of AENOR, the project meets the requirements of the CCB Standard. Therefore, AENOR recommends the project for registration.

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