

## CORRECTION TO VCS PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

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This document provides a correction to the program document referenced in the table below. Such corrections are effective on the effective date listed in the table. Project proponents and validation/verification bodies must apply and interpret the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program documents consistent with the correction set out in this document.

The correction will be incorporated into the next issued versions of the program documents.

Correction/ Clarification	Description	Document and Section Reference	Effective Date
Correction 1	<p>An update to the effective date of ecosystem health safeguards related to Section 3.19.27(3) on non-native monocultures.</p> <p>The new effective date for update ID#18 is: “Effective for all project requests submitted after 1 March 2024, <b>except for 3.19.27 (3) which does not apply to projects with a start date prior to 1 March 2024, pending further consultation.</b>”</p>	VCS Standard, v4.5, Appendix 3 Document History and Effective Dates, ID# 18	Effective immediately

### I. **Correction 1: An update to the effective date of ecosystem health safeguard requirements**

**Correction: VCS Standard v4.4, Appendix 3 Document History and Effective Dates**

ID#	Update Description & Effective Date	Section
18.	<p>Clarified <b>safeguard and stakeholder engagement</b> requirements related to ecosystem health, property rights, human rights, and risks to stakeholders and the environment.</p> <p>Clarified that project proponents reporting on SDGs must also report on contributions to the host country's SDG reporting.</p> <p>Effective for all project requests submitted on or after 1 March 2024, <b>except for 3.19.27 (3) which does not apply to projects with a start date prior to 1 March 2024, pending further consultation.</b></p>	3.18 – 3.19

### Background:

The updates to Section 3.19.27(3) required a revised effective date that takes into account project activities already underway, pending further consultation on this requirement and the associated definition of monoculture.