

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Validation/Verification Body Assessment of Proposed New Module for Reduced Impact Logging in Natural Forest of the Northern Republic of the Congo

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1 INTRODUCTION

Verra is a global leader helping to tackle the world's most intractable environmental and social challenges. As a mission-driven nonprofit organization, Verra is committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improving livelihoods, and protecting natural resources by working with the private and public sectors. We support climate action and sustainable development with standards programs that credibly, transparently, and robustly assess environmental and social impacts and enable funding for sustaining and scaling up projects that verifiably deliver these benefits.

The [Verified Carbon Standard \(VCS\) Program](#) is our flagship program. It allows vetted projects to turn their GHG emission reductions and removals into tradable carbon credits called Verified Carbon Units (VCUs). Since its launch in 2006, the VCS Program has grown into the world's largest voluntary GHG program with over 2,400 registered projects in 126 countries that have cumulatively generated more than 1.3 billion VCUs.

An integral component of the VCS Program is the [Methodology Development and Review Process, v4.4 \(MDRP\)](#) (PDF), which allows stakeholders to develop new methodologies that set out procedures to monitor and quantify the emission reductions and removals of new project activities, thus expanding the eligibility of project activities under the VCS Program. Such new methodologies are submitted to Verra for review before undergoing a technical assessment by an approved, accredited validation/verification body (VVB).

2 SCOPE OF WORK

Verra is accepting proposals for the assessment of the draft [Module for Performance Method for Reduced Impact Logging in Natural Forest of the Northern Republic of the Congo](#) as per section 3.5 of the MDRP, v4.4. The methodology has been developed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), which Verra hired. TNC will also lead the VVB assessment.

The proposed methodology module must be used in conjunction with VCS methodology [VM0035 Methodology for Improved Forest Management through Reduced Impact Logging](#), specifically to account for GHG emission reductions obtained with the implementation of RIL-C practices in natural forests of northern Republic of the Congo.

TNC is funding the development and assessment process for the methodology, including the costs for the VVB assessment.

The requirements for the assessment are set out in Section 6 of the *MDRP, v4.4*.

3 QUALIFICATIONS

Verra is seeking a VVB that conforms with the requirements set out in Section 5 of the [VCS Program Guide, v4.4](#) (PDF). Verra will review all VVB proposals received and select a VVB based on their expertise and experience in the scope of work and the sectoral scope (VCS Sectoral Scope 14: Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use [AFOLU]).

Verra will use the following specific criteria for evaluating proposals, in order of preference:

- Experience with and performance on methodology assessments
- Experience with and performance on Improved Forest Management (IFM) project assessments (both validations and verifications)
- Economical value to ensure that the proposed level of effort is consistent with the outcomes
- Availability to comply with the proposed timeline

4 MILESTONES, DELIVERABLES, AND TIMELINE

The respondent must outline the assessment's duration, key milestones, and timeline within the proposal consistent with sections 3.5 and 5 of the *MDRP, v4.4*.

The VVB assessment is planned to start in April of 2025, with a duration of approximately two to three months. The 30-day public stakeholder consultation will be carried out simultaneously with the start of the VVB assessment.

5 RESPONSES TO THE RFP

Respondents are requested to submit the following as part of their proposals:

- A two- to three-page narrative detailing how the VVB will execute the scope of the work and deliverables as set out in Section 6 of the *Methodology Development and Review Process, v4.4*, including a work plan and estimated timeline for the assessment
- A description of their experience in assessing methodologies and projects, including the following:
 - A list of all methodologies assessed by the VVB, including the name of the GHG program, sectoral scope, and year of issuance of the VVB assessment report. This list must also state whether the assessment was for a new or revised methodology.

- A list of all IFM projects validated or verified by the VVB, including the name of the GHG program, assessment type (validation or verification), and year of issuance of the VVB assessment report
- A summary of the proposed reviewer's experience in methodology assessment and IFM projects and a short resume or CV (one page maximum for each reviewer)
- A detailed cost proposal (including work hours required for different personnel)
- A disclosure statement of services (i.e., a conflict of interest statement), which will be provided to the methodology developer

The detailed proposal must be submitted by email with the subject "VVB Proposal for Methodology for RIL-C Module Congo" to methodologies@verra.org by **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**. Verra may also share the proposal with the methodology developer. Verra may request interviews with the proponent as part of the selection process.

Verra aims to finalize the VVB selection by April 2, 2025.

Interested proponents may request clarifications on any information in this RFP by sending an email to methodologies@verra.org with the subject "Clarification: VVB Proposal for Methodology for RIL-C Module Congo."

Legal Nature of RFP

This RFP is an invitation for proposals, and Verra is under no legal obligation to accept any proposal or proceed with the RFP. Verra reserves the right to amend the requirements at any time.