

VCS + SocialCarbon Monitoring Report Template

This template is for the monitoring of projects using the VCS Program that are also pursuing SOCIALCARBON certification.

Instructions for Completing the Monitoring Report

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MONITORING REPORT: Instructions for completing the project description template are under the section headings in blue or green text in this template. The blue text represents all the instructions that must be followed for the carbon components of the project, as set out in the VCS Standard. These instructions relate back to the rules and requirements set out in the VCS Standard and the accompanying program documents. The green text represents guidance for the social and environmental components of the project. This guidance relates back to the rules and requirements set out in the SOCIALCARBON Standard. Adhere to all instructions, as set out in the relevant VCS Program and SOCIALCARBON program documents and the methodology, as well as the methodology and relevant guidance as it relates to the project and methodology.

Note: The instructions in this template are to serve as a guide and do not necessarily represent an exhaustive list of the information the preparer must provide under each section of the template.

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|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Project Title  | *Name of project*  |
| Version | *Version number of this document* |
| Report ID | *Identification number of this document* |
| Date of Issue | *DD-Month-YYYY this version of the document issued* |
| Project ID | *VCS project database ID, if registered* |
| Monitoring Report | *DD-Month-YYYY to DD-Month-YYYY**Include the period assessed for the social and environmental components, if different from the monitoring period for the carbon component.* |
| Prepared By | *Individual or entity that prepared this document and that is responsible for the application of the SOCIALCARBON indicators* |
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# Project Details

## Summary Description of the Implementation Status of the Project

Provide a summary description of the implementation status of the project, including the following (no more than one page):

* A summary description of the implementation status of the technologies/ measures (e.g., plant, equipment, process, or management or conservation measure) included in the project.
* The relevant implementation dates (e.g., dates of construction, commissioning, and continued operation periods).
* The total GHG emission reductions or removals generated in this monitoring period.
* *A brief description of the implementation of the social and environmental components of the project.*

## Sectoral Scope and Project Type

Indicate the sectoral scope(s) applicable to the project, the AFOLU project category and activity type (if applicable) and whether the project is a grouped project.

## Project Proponent

*Provide contact information for the project proponent(s). Copy and paste the table as needed.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Organization name** |  |
| **Contact person** |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

## Other Entities Involved in the Project

*Provide contact information and roles/responsibilities for any other project participant(s) involved in the development of the project. Copy and paste the table as needed.*

*Include the entity responsible for scoring the project against the SOCIALCARBON indicators.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Organization name** |  |
| **Role in the project** |  |
| **Contact person** |  |
| **Title** |   |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

## Project Start Date

*Indicate the project start date, specifying the day, month and year.*

*Where the start date of the social and environmental components of the project are different from the carbon component of the project, indicate the start date (specifying the day, month and year) and provide justification for any difference.*

## Project Crediting Period

*Indicate the project crediting period, specifying the day, month and year for the start and end dates and the total number of years.*

## Project Location

Indicate the project location and geographic boundaries (if applicable) including geodetic coordinates. For grouped and AFOLU projects, coordinates may be submitted separately as a KML file.

## Title and Reference of Methodology

Provide the title, reference and version number of the methodology or methodologies applied to the project. Include also the title and version number of any tools applied by the project.

Provide the name and version of the approved and/or adapted SOCIALCARBON indicators applied to the project.

## Participation under other GHG Programs

Where applicable, indicate whether the project is registered under any other GHG programs and, where this is the case, provide the registration number and details. Provide details of any GHG credits claimed under such programs.

## Other Forms of Credit

Include the following information, as applicable:

* Emission Trading Programs and Other Binding Limits: Where the project reduces GHG emissions from activities that are included in an emissions trading program or any other mechanism that includes GHG allowance trading (as identified in the project description, or where such programs or mechanisms have subsequently emerged) demonstrate that net GHG emission reductions or removals generated during this monitoring period have not be used for compliance under such programs or mechanisms. Examples of appropriate evidence are provided in the VCS Standard.
* Other Forms of Environmental Credit: Indicate whether the project has sought or received another form of GHG-related environmental credit, including renewable energy certificates, during this monitoring period. Include all relevant information about the GHG-related environmental credits and the related program. Additionally, provide a list of all and any other programs under which the project is eligible to create another form of GHG-related environment credit.

## Sustainable Development

Describe how the project contributes to achieving any nationally stated sustainable development priorities, including any provisions for monitoring and reporting same.

# Safeguards

## No Net Harm

Summarize any potential negative environmental and socio-economic impacts and the steps taken to mitigate them.

## Local Stakeholder Consultation

Describe the process for, and the outcomes from, ongoing communication with local stakeholders conducted prior to verification. Include details on the following:

* The procedures or methods used for engaging local stakeholders (e.g., dates of announcements or meetings, periods during which input was sought).
* The procedures or methods used for documenting the outcomes of the local stakeholder consultation.
* The mechanism for on-going communication with local stakeholders.
* How due account of all and any input received during ongoing communication has been taken. Include details on any updates to the project design or justify why updates are not appropriate.

For AFOLU projects, also demonstrate how the project has communicated the following with local stakeholders:

* The results of project implementation, including the results of monitoring.
* Any changes, where relevant, to risks, costs and benefits the project may bring to local stakeholders.
* Any changes, where relevant, to relevant laws and regulations covering workers’ right in the host country.
* The process of VCS Program verification and the validation/verification body’s site visit.

## AFOLU-Specific Safeguards

For AFOLU projects, provide details on the following:

* Activities implemented to mitigate risks local stakeholders due to project implementation.
* Any updates, where relevant, to the property and land use rights of the local stakeholders and a demonstration that the project has not negatively impacted such rights without first obtaining the free, prior and informed consent of the affected parties, and provided just and fair compensation if done so.
* The processes used to communicate and consult with local stakeholders during the monitoring period, including any information about any conflicts that arose between the project proponent and local stakeholders and whether any such conflicts were resolved via the established grievance redress procedure.

For AFOLU projects with no impacts on local stakeholders, provide evidence of such.

For non-AFOLU projects, this section is not required.

# Implementation Status

## Implementation Status of the Activity

*Describe the implementation status of the project activity(s), include information on the following:*

* The operation of the project activity(s) during this monitoring period, including any information on events that may impact the GHG emission reductions or removals and monitoring.
* For AFOLU projects, where no new project activities that lead to the intended GHG benefit commenced during the monitoring period, discuss whether project activities that commenced prior to the monitoring period continued to be implemented during the monitoring period.
* Where applicable, describe how leakage and non-permanence risk factors are being monitored and managed for AFOLU projects.
* Any other changes (e.g., to project proponent or other entities).
* Include a brief description of the implementation of the social and environmental components of the project.

## Deviations

### Methodology Deviations

*Describe and justify any methodology deviations applied during this monitoring period. Include evidence to demonstrate the following:*

* The deviation does not negatively impact the conservativeness of the quantification of GHG emission reductions or removals.
* The deviation relates only to the criteria and procedures for monitoring or measurement, and does not relate to any other part of the methodology.

### Project Description Deviations

*Describe any project description deviations applied during this monitoring period and explain the reasons for the deviation. Identify whether the deviation impacts the applicability of the methodology, additionality or the appropriateness of the baseline scenario and provide an explanation of the outcome.*

*Describe and report on any project description deviations applied in previous monitoring reports.*

## Grouped Projects

For a grouped project, provide relevant information about new instances of the project activity(s) and demonstrate and justify how each new instance of the project activity(s) meets the eligibility criteria set out in the project description. Address each eligibility criteria separately.

## Safeguards

# Data and Parameters

## Data and Parameters Available at Validation

Complete the table below for all data and parameters that are determined or available at validation, and remain fixed throughout the project crediting period (copy the table as necessary for each data unit/parameter).

Data and parameters monitored during the operation of the carbon component of the project are included in Section 3.2 (Data and Parameters Monitored) and the data monitored under SOCIALCARBON are included in Section 3.3 (Data Monitored for SOCIALCARBON) below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Data / Parameter |  |
| Data unit | Indicate the unit of measure |
| Description | Provide a brief description of the data/parameter |
| Source of data | Indicate the source(s) of data  |
| Value applied | Provide the value applied |
| Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied | Justify the choice of data source, providing references where applicable. Where values are based on measurement, include a description of the measurement methods and procedures applied (e.g., what standards or protocols have been followed), indicate the responsible person/entity that undertook the measurement, the date of the measurement and the measurement results. More detailed information may be provided in an appendix. |
| Purpose of the data | Indicate one of the following: * Determination of baseline scenario (AFOLU projects only)
* Calculation of baseline emissions
* Calculation of project emissions
* Calculation of leakage
 |
| Comments | Provide any additional comments |

## Data and Parameters Monitored

*Complete the table below for all data and parameters monitored during the project crediting period (copy the table as necessary for each data unit/parameter).*

*Data and parameters determined or available at validation are included in Section 3.1 (Data and Parameters Available at Validation) above and the data monitored under SOCIALCARBON are included in Section 3.3 (Data Monitored for SOCIALCARBON) below.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Data / Parameter |  |
| Data unit | Indicate the unit of measure |
| Description | Provide a brief description of the data/parameter |
| Source of data | Indicate the source(s) of data |
| Description of measurement methods and procedures applied | Specify the measurement methods and procedures, any standards or protocols followed, and the person/entity responsible for the measurement. Include any relevant information regarding the accuracy of the measurements (e.g., accuracy associated with meter equipment or laboratory tests). |
| Frequency of monitoring/recording | Specify measurement and recording frequency |
| Value monitored | Provide the monitored value for the data/parameter |
| Monitoring equipment | Identify equipment used to monitor the data/parameter including type, accuracy class, and serial number of equipment, as appropriate |
| QA/QC procedures applied | Describe the quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures applied, including the calibration procedures where applicable |
| Purpose of the data | Indicate one of the following: * Calculation of baseline emissions
* Calculation of project emissions
* Calculation of leakage
 |
| Calculation method | Where relevant, provide the calculation method, including any equations, used to establish the data/parameter |
| Comments | Provide any additional comments |

## Data Monitored and SOCIALCARBON

*Complete the table below for all data monitored during the project crediting period and used to score SOCIALCARBON indicators (copy the table as necessary for each indicator).*

*The data and parameters used for the carbon components of the project are included in Section 3.1 (Data and Parameters Available at Validation) and Section 3.2 (Data and Parameters Monitored) above. The monitored results are provided and analyzed in Section 5 (SOCIALCARBON Results) below.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Provide the name of the indicator* |
| Data unit | Indicate the unit of measure |
| Description | Provide a brief description of the data |
| Source of data | Indicate the source(s) of data |
| Description of methods to collect information and procedures to be applied | Specify the measurement methods and procedures used to collect information or data including any standards or protocols followed, and interviews, questionnaires or site visits made. Identify the person/entity responsible for data collection.  |
| Purpose of the data | Indicate the scenario that this indicator corresponds to |
| Comments | Provide any additional comments |

## Monitoring Plan

Describe the process and schedule followed for monitoring the data and parameters set out in Section 3.2 (Data and Parameters Monitored) above, during this monitoring period. Include in the description, the process and schedule followed for monitoring the data set out in Section 3.3 (Data and Parameters Monitored for SOCIALCARBON) above.

For all (VCS and SOCIALCARBON) data and parameters monitored, include details on the following:

* *The organizational structure, responsibilities and competencies of the personnel that carried out the monitoring activities.*
* *The methods used for generating/measuring, recording, storing, aggregating, collating and reporting the data on monitored parameters.*
* *The procedures used for handling any internal auditing performed and any non-conformities identified.*
* The implementation of sampling approaches, including target precision levels, sample sizes, sample site locations, stratification, frequency of measurement and QA/QC procedures. *Where applicable, demonstrate whether the required confidence level or precision has been met.*
* *Where information is collected from communities and stakeholder meetings, provide an attendance lists in an appendix.*

*Where appropriate, include line diagrams to display the GHG data collection and management system.*

# Quantification of GHG Emission REductions and REmovals

## Baseline Emissions

Quantify the baseline emissions and/or removals, providing sufficient information to allow the reader to reproduce the calculation*. Attach electronic spreadsheets as an appendix or separate file to facilitate the verification of the results.*

## Project Emissions

Quantify project emissions and/or removals providing sufficient information to allow the reader to reproduce the calculation*. Attach electronic spreadsheets as an appendix or separate file to facilitate the verification of the results.*

## Leakage

*Quantify leakage emissions providing* sufficient information to allow the reader to reproduce the calculation*. Attach electronic spreadsheets as an appendix or separate file to facilitate the verification of the results.*

## Net GHG emission reductions and removals

Quantify the net GHG emission reductions and removals, summarizing the key results using the table below. *Specify breakdown of GHG emission reductions and removals by vintages where the intent is to issue each vintage separately in the VCS registry system.*

*For non-AFOLU projects, use the following table:*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Baseline emissions or removals (tCO2e) | Project emissions or removals (tCO2e) | Leakage emissions (tCO2e) | Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO2e) |
| Year A |  |  |  |  |
| Year... |  |  |  |  |
| **Total**  |  |  |  |  |

*For AFOLU projects, include quantification of the net change in carbon stocks. Also, state the non-permanence risk rating (as determined in the AFOLU non-permanence risk report) and calculate the total number of buffer credits that need to be deposited into the AFOLU pooled buffer account. Attach the non-permanence risk report as either an appendix or a separate document.*

*For AFOLU projects, use the following table:*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Baseline emissions or removals (tCO2e) | Project emissions or removals (tCO2e) | Leakage emissions (tCO2e) | Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO2e) | Buffer pool allocation | VCUs eligible for Issuance |
| Year A |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# SOCIALCARBON Results

## Results

### Social Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

### Human Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

### Financial Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

### Natural Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

### Biodiversity/Technology Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

### Carbon Resource

Complete the table below for each indicator assessed. *Copy the table as necessary.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator | *Name of indicator* |
| Description | *Description of indicator* |
| Situation | *Describe the current situation of the project, providing the evidence used to ascertain the scenario chosen below*  |
| *Description of Scenario 1* | *Description of Scenario 2*  | *Description of Scenario 3*  | *Description of Scenario 4* | *Description of Scenario 5* | *Description of Scenario 6* |
| Score | *Provide the score obtained (1 to 6) and highlight the corresponding scenario above (as per the example above).* |
| Prospects | *List possible recommendations and goals to be reached, where applicable* |

## Analysis of Results

### Current Performance

Complete the table below to summarize the overall performance of the project for each resource. Following the example given, determine the percentage of indicators with critical (scores 1 through 2), satisfactory (3 through 4) or sustainable (5 through 6) scores. Calculate the average score and list the corresponding performance.

Comment on the overall results (maximum 600 words), emphasizing on the project’s main strengths and weaknesses during the SOCIALCARBON monitoring period.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Resource | Critical | Satisfactory | Sustainable | Average Score | Performance |
| **Social** | *31%* | *33%* | *36%* | *3.33* | *Satisfactory* |
| **Human** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Financial** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Natural** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Biodiversity/Tech** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Carbon** |  |  |  |  |  |

### Historical Performance

Complete the table below to provide a historical analysis of the six resources since point zero. Discuss how the score for each resource has improved or otherwise, starting with point one (maximum 150 words for each resource).Add columns or rows to the table to include the scores for additional year points.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Social | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |
| Human | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |
| Financial | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |
| Natural | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |
| Biodiversity | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |
| Carbon | Point Zero | Point One  | Point Two | Point Three |
|  | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* | *Score* |
| Historic Analysis:  |

### Performance Hexagon

Provide a hexagon illustrating project performance, showing the average score obtained for each resource. Include each of the year points in the hexagon.

## Prospect Status

### Achieved Prospects

Complete the table below for each indicator. Copy the table as necessary.

|  |
| --- |
| *Specify the Resource* |
| Indicator | *Identify the indicator* |
| Prospect | *Describe the prospect from the last verification* |
| Details | *Provide details regarding the action implemented* |

### Not Achieved Prospects

Complete the table below for each indicator. Copy the table as necessary.

|  |
| --- |
| *Specify the Resource* |
| Indicator | *Identify the indicator* |
| Prospect | *Describe the prospect from the last verification* |
| Details | *Provide details regarding the action implemented* |

### Identified Prospects

Identify the perspectives identified during this analysis of the project performance. Where applicable, include possible recommendations and goals to be reached. Copy the table as necessary.

|  |
| --- |
| *Specify the Resource* |
| Indicator | *Identify the indicator* |
| Responsible | *Name of the person with primary responsibility to implement the action* |
| Timescale | *Deadline for completion of timeline for action* |

#### InterNotIdne

# Appendix

Use appendices for supporting information. Delete this appendix (title and instructions) where no appendix is required.