~~VCS~~ VERIFICATION REPORT TEMPLATE, VCS V5.0A + CCBS V3.0

This template is for the verification of projects participating in both the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program and the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) Program. It is only to be used for projects that have not submitted a digital monitoring report via the Verra Project Hub.
Validation/verification bodies assessing projects intending only to complete verification under the VCS Program must use the appropriate *VCS Verification Report Template* (v5.0A or B).
Validation/verification bodies assessing projects intending only to complete verification under the CCBS Program must use the *CCB Verification Report Template, v3.0*

Note: This template version (v5.0A) is to be used to verify projects that apply the requirements set out in Sections 3.7, 3.18, and 3.19 of the *VCS Standard, v4.7* for this project request.[1] It applies to projects with a project start date prior to 1 July ~~January~~ 2027 that are submitting a verification approval request that does not include a baseline reassessment. All verification approval requests that include a baseline reassessment submitted after 1 January 2030 must use version 5.0B of this template, available on the Verra website.

Instructions for completing this template

FILE NAME: The following format should be used for the file name of the completed document:

- VCS-CCBS_VerR_[ProjectID]_DDMMMYYYY-DDMMMYYYY-vX

Components of the file name include the following:

- "Project ID" is the unique project ID assigned by the Verra Registry
- "DDMMMYYYY-DDMMMYYYY" is the start and end dates of the monitoring period.
- "vX" is the version of the document assigned by the validation/verification body (VVB)

[1]These are updates V5#14 (right to operate and right to reductions and removals), V5#16 (stakeholder engagement requirements), V5#17 (safeguards requirements), V5#23 (ecosystem conversion safeguards), and V5#58 (financial transparency for benefit sharing).

- The version number X should be incremented for any revisions made to the completed version of the document (i.e., to address findings in a project review report raised by Verra)

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Delete all instructions (including footnotes) and guidance from the final document. Tables which are not applicable to the project type may also be deleted.

ABOUT THIS TEMPLATE

Instructions for completing each section of the verification report template:

- are provided under the section headings and are formatted in *gray italics.*
- relate back to the rules and requirements set out in the *VCS Standard, CCBS Standard,* and other VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram documents.
- indicate what must be included to demonstrate conformance to the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules.
- do not necessarily represent an exhaustive list of information that must be provided under each section of the template.

Where a section addresses requirements from both the VCS and CCBS programs, the information provided, including any justifications and explanations, must reflect the requirements of both programs. For example, the information included in the "Management Experience" row in Section 4.4.2.1 must demonstrate that the experience required to implement activities under both programs was maintained during the monitoring period.

Preparers must refer to the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram documents to gain a full understanding of the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules.

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Formatting used in this template

Light-green references below the section headings identify the requirements addressed in the section.

For example, the reference below identifies the corresponding requirements in Section 4.1 of the *VCS Standard, v5.0* and Section 4 of the *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*:

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4

Preparers must keep these references in the final version of the document.

Instructions are formatted in gray italics. Following instructions is mandatory.

Text in blue boxes like this one provide further guidance. Following guidance is optional but recommended.

[1] Notes and contextual information are provided in footnotes.

Guidance on interpreting the terms used in this template

The following terms are used to indicate the type and depth of information expected in responses.

Term	Description/Use
"Attach"	*Provide the specified information as supporting evidence in an appendix or as a separate document. Attachments are typically referenced in the main response but not reproduced in full within it.*
"Describe"	*Provide narrative information by stating facts or characteristics. A description generally includes an outline of what items, features, or components exist, or an overview of what was done in terms of approach, process, or systems.*
"Explain"	*Provide the reasoning or logic behind an approach or decision, making the process and thinking transparent. An explanation generally includes how and why approaches were used or decisions were made.*
"Fill out the table"	*Complete all the fields in the table. This instruction indicates that all fields must be completed unless explicitly stated otherwise. Delete all example text from the table.*
"Include"	*Ensure that the specified information, content, or element is a part of the response. This is a general instruction on content to be covered, without prescribing format or level of detail unless otherwise stated.*
"Justify"	*Demonstrate that a choice, approach, or decision is appropriate or acceptable, supported by objective information. The justification should enable an independent auditor to assess whether a choice, approach, or decision is appropriate. A justification generally includes:* • *an explanation (i.e., how and why approaches were used or decisions were made)*

	• *why alternative approaches were not chosen, where relevant* • *supporting data, analysis, references, or comparative examples*
"Select"	*Choose the applicable option(s) from those provided. This term is used for yes/no responses, multiple-choice questions, and box ticking, and does not require additional narrative unless specifically requested.*
"State"	*Provide only the requested information. This term is used to request facts, values, characteristics, or other details in a specified format.*

VERIFICATION REPORT: [PROJECT NAME]

Preparer's Logo (optional)

Report ID	*State the VVB's identification number of this verification report.*
Project name	*State the name of project.*
Project ID	*State the Verra project ID.*
Verification period start	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Verification period end	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Document completion date	*State the date of completion of the submitted version of the document.* *Example: 01-JAN-2027*
Document version	*State the version number of this report. The version number should match the version number in the document file name (see "Instructions for completing this template").*
VCS Standard version used for verification	*State the version number of the* VCS Standard *used by the project for this verification.* *Example:* VCS Standard, v5.0
CCBS Standard version used for verification	*State the version number of the* CCBS Standard *used by the project for this verification.* *Example:* CCBS Standard, v3.1
Methodology ID and version	*State the methodology ID(s) and version number(s) applied by the project for this verification.*
Client name and contact	*State the name of the client for whom the report was prepared and their primary contact information (including email address).*

Validation/verification body name and contact	*State the name of the VVB that prepared this report and their primary contact information (including email address).*
Approved by	*State the name of the individual at the VVB who approved this report.*
Team lead	*State the full name of the team lead of the site visit. If the team lead also had other roles, add such roles in brackets.* *Example: John Doe (technical expert)*
Team member(s) and technical reviewer(s)	*State the full name(s) of members of the site visit and their roles, and the full name(s) of the VVB's technical reviewer(s) for this audit.* *Example:* *John Doe (auditor)* *Jane Doe (technical expert)* *John Smith (technical reviewer)*

Document History

Fill out the table below with the document history. For each iteration of this document, state the document file name and ensure the name includes the document type, the project ID, the document completion date, and the document version number. Describe the purpose of each different file, ensuring that a reader can understand the document history and find the correct file to review.

File name	Description
Example: *VCS-CCBS_VerR_[ProjectID]_DDMMMYYYY-DDMMMYYYY_v1*	*Example: Final verification report submitted for verification approval to Verra*
Example: *VCS-CCBS_VerR_[ProjectID]_DDMMMYYYY-DDMMMYYYY_v2*	*Example: Revised verification report re-submitted for verification approval to Verra following a returned request*

Audit Summary

Summary:
Include a brief summary of the following: • *The purpose and scope of verification* • *The method and criteria used for verification* • *The number of corrective action requests (CARs), clarification requests (CLs), and Forward Action Requests (FARs) raised during verification* • *Any uncertainties associated with the verification* • *Summary of the verification conclusion*

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.2

Explain the purpose of the verification.

1.2 Scope and Criteria

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.2

Describe the scope and criteria of the verification.

1.3 Level of Assurance

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.2

State the level of assurance of the verification.

1.4 Summary Description of the Project

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.2

Include a summary description of the project (no more than one page).

2 VERIFICATION PROCESS

2.1 Audit Team Composition

CCBS Program Rules v3.1, Section 4.3.1

Describe the overall composition of the team conducting the audit. Fill out Appendix 3: Competence of Team Members and Technical Reviewers to justify that the team includes expertise in the following areas:

- *Proficiency in a relevant local or regional language for the project location.*
- *Relevant agriculture, forestry and/or other land use experience in the project country or region.*
- *Relevant social and cultural expertise.*
- *Relevant ecological and biodiversity expertise.*

~~2.1~~2.2 Method and Criteria

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; CCBS Program Rules, v3.1, Section 4.3.1

Describe the method and criteria, including the evidence-gathering plan, used for undertaking the verification. Describe the evidence-gathering approach and important assumptions, and justify the chosen approach. Where validation activities have also been performed as part of the verification (e.g., validation of a project description deviation or inclusion of new project activity instances into a grouped project), also include details relevant to the validation process.

~~2.1.1~~2.2.1 Verification Schedule

Fill out the table below to describe the verification schedule. Add as many rows as needed for each key milestones and corresponding dates.

Milestone	Date
Contract signed	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Strategic analysis and risk assessment completed	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Audit plan delivered to project proponent	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Notice of Validation/Verification Services (NOVS) Form submitted [optional]	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Opening meeting	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Closing meeting	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
First CARs, CLs, or FARs issued	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
All CARs, CLs, and FARs closed	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
First draft report issued to project proponent	*DD-MMM-YYYY*

~~2.2~~2.3 Document Review

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; CCBS Program Rules, v3.1, Section 4.3.1

Fill out the table below to describe how the document review or desk review was performed as part of the audit:[2]

Review start date	Review completion date	Number of days worked	Description of review	Audit team member(s)
DD-MMM-YYYY	*DD-MMM-YYYY*	*State the number of days that all team members worked on this review.*	*Examples: Pre-review of monitoring report documents, review of remote satellite imagery*	*State the names of the team members and their roles*

Fill out the table below to list the documents that were reviewed, cross-checked, and compared with identified and stated requirements during the audit (including the monitoring report and any supporting documents).
Add rows as needed for each document. Further information may be provided in an appendix.

Ref number	Title, author(s), version, date	Electronic filename	Date provided to VVB

~~2.3~~2.4 Interviews

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.3.1

Fill out the tables below to describe the interview process.

Description of interview process: project proponent
Describe the process for determining the interview format and conducting interviews with the project proponent.

Description of interview process: stakeholder groups

[2] The information in this table should be documented and maintained as set out in ISO 14064-3 (2019), Section 5.4.4.

Describe the process for selecting interviewees (including details on sampling), determining the interview format, and conducting interviews with stakeholder groups, including customary rights holders and Indigenous Peoples where applicable.

Description of interview process: other groups
Describe the process for selecting interviewees (including details on sampling), determining the interview format, and conducting interviews with other groups (e.g., government officials, independent experts).

Fill out the table below to identify the people who were interviewed or provided information additional to that provided in the monitoring report and any supporting documents. Interviewee information may be anonymized where requested, according to the applicable ISO standards (see the definition of "stakeholder private and confidential information" in the VCS Program Definitions, v5.0 *as further guidance for where this would be appropriate). Add rows as needed for each interviewee or group of interviewees.*

Interviewee details	Interview details	Interview topics
State the names or anonymized identifiers of the people who were interviewed. *State the interviewees' role in or relation to the project.* *Example:* *Names: Interviewees #1-#10* *Role: Farmers in project area*	*State:* • *the location and format of the interview (including whether it was remote or on-site).* • *the date of the interview.* • *the names and roles of the interviewer(s).* *Example: On-site in Village A, conducted DD-MMM-YYYY in group setting, by Auditor Name, lead auditor*	*Describe the information discussed with the interviewee(s).* *Example: Topics included start date of implementation of activities and stakeholder engagement activities conducted by the project proponent*

~~2.4~~2.5 Site Visits

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.3.1

Fill out the tables below to describe the site visit(s) performed during the audit. Fill out one table for each site visit, copying and pasting the table as needed.

Site visit start date	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Site visit end date	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Site visit format	Did the site visit include a visit to facilities and/or project areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If no, select the appropriate answer to the following questions:* Where a site visit that includes visits to facilities and/or project areas was required, did Verra provide a site visit exemption? ☐ Yes ☐ No Where a site visit that includes visits to facilities and/or project areas was not required, did the VVB determine that such a site visit was not needed based on an independent risk assessment? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Justify the selection above by describing the assessment and rationale for the decision.*
Methods and objectives	*Describe the method and objectives for the site visit, including a description of the physical and organizational aspects of the project that were assessed.* *Where a site visit occurs prior to the end of the monitoring period, describe the additional evidence gathering activities that were conducted and demonstrate that a reasonable level of assurance was achieved.*
Location(s) of site visit	*Include a list of all facilities and/or project areas visited, including what kind of areas were visited (e.g., farms, plots, project activity instances, or communities), their locations, and the dates each site/facility was visited.*
Team members	*Include the full names and roles of all audit team members present at the facility or project area.*

~~2.5~~2.6 Resolution of Corrective Action Requests, Clarification Requests, and Forward Action Requests

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.3.1

Process for resolution of CARs, CLs, and FARs
Describe the process for the resolution of corrective action requests (CARs), clarification requests (CLs), and forward action requests (FARs)[3] that were raised by the VVB during the verification and resolved by the project proponent prior to the VVB issuing the statement of opinion.

Fill out the tables below to include a high-level summary of the CARs, CLs, and FARs raised during the audit. Add rows to each table as needed.
Include the full list of all CARs, CLs, and FARs in Appendix 2: List of CARs, CLs, and FARs Raised During Audit

Total CARs raised	*State the total number of CARs raised during the verification.*
Total CLs raised	*State the total number of CLs raised during the verification.*
Total FARs raised	*State the total number of FARs raised during the verification.*
Total CARs, CLs, and FARs raised	*State the total number of CARs, CLs, and FARs raised during the verification.*

Reference number	Type	Related VCS Program rules
Include a reference number for the CAR, CL, or FAR.	*Select the type* Choose an item.	*State the VCS Program rules to which the item relates.*
Add rows as needed.		

[3] A Forward Action Request (FAR) is a finding issued by the VVB during the validation or verification of a project that identifies an issue which does not affect the outcome of the current validation/verification but must be resolved by the project proponent prior to the next verification and assessed by a VVB during that verification.

~~2.6~~2.7 Eligibility for Validation Activities

VCS Program Guide, v5.0, Section 5

Where the VVB has undertaken validation activities as part of the verification and does not hold accreditation for validation for the relevant sectoral scope, provide evidence that the eligibility requirements set out in the VCS Program Guide are met. Include the name and Project IDs of five registered projects that the VVB has validated under the VCS Program.

3 VALIDATION FINDINGS

Fill out this section to provide details of all validation activities that took place during the verification, such as validation of methodology deviations and project description deviations, the inclusion of new project activity instances into grouped projects, and baseline reassessment.

3.1 Methodology Deviations

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.19

Assessment conclusion

For each methodology deviation applied to the project in this monitoring period, state the VVB's overall conclusion regarding whether the deviations are valid and conform to the VCS Program rules. Include in the conclusion:

- *whether the deviation meets with the criteria and specifications for permitted methodology deviations.*
- *whether the deviation negatively impacts the conservativeness of the quantification of reductions or removals (except where it results in increased accuracy).*
- *whether the deviation relates only to the criteria and procedures for monitoring or measurement and does not relate to any other part of the methodology.*

Include a list of any previously validated methodology deviations. Each verification report must contain an exhaustive list of all methodology deviations applied to the project.

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to validate any methodology deviations applied in this monitoring period, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

3.2 Project Description Deviations

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.20; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Sections 3.5.7–3.5.10

Assessment conclusion

For each project description deviation applied to the project, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the deviation is appropriately described and justified, and whether the project remains in conformance to the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules. Include in the conclusion:

- *whether the deviation impacts the applicability of the methodology, the demonstration of additionality, or the appropriateness of the baseline scenario.*
- *whether the deviation is being applied in order to switch to a different methodology.*

Where either of the above apply, state the VVB's conclusion on the updated project description, including a conclusion on each of the project description sections that have been revised.

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to validate any project description deviations, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*

- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

3.3 Minor Changes to Project Design

CCBS Program Rules, v3.1, Section 3.5.6

Assessment conclusion
For each minor change applied to the community and biodiversity elements of the project design, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether: • *the change is justified as a minor change, or it should be considered a project description deviation.* • *the minor changes are appropriately described and justified.* • *the project remains in conformance with the project's validated design.*

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify any minor changes applied to the community and biodiversity elements of the project design, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.*

Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~3.3~~3.4 New Project Activity Instances and Scalability Limits in Grouped Projects

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.5; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G1.13–G1.15

Assessment conclusion

VCS

State the VVB's conclusion on each batch of project activity instances that have been added in this monitoring period and whether their inclusion is in conformance to the VCS Program rules. For each batch, include in the conclusion:

- *whether all project activity instances in the batches have been implemented during the monitoring period.*
- *whether any of the instances in any added batch were previously enrolled in another project registered with the VCS Program.*
- *whether all instances conform to the eligibility criteria for the eligibility area as specified in the project description.*

CCBS

State the VVB's conclusion on whether the inclusion of new project activity instances that have been added in this monitoring period is in conformance to the CCBS Program rules. Include in the conclusion whether:

- *the new project activity instances, project areas, and communities meet the eligibility criteria set out in the project description and the CCBS Program requirements.*
- *the new project areas and communities meet the scalability limits set out in the project description.*
- *actions taken to mitigate risks that may result from adding project areas and communities are appropriate.*

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to validate the new project activity instances, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~3.4~~3.5 Baseline Reassessment

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.2

Is the project required to undergo baseline reassessment during this monitoring period?[4]

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, fill out the tables below.

Assessment conclusion
Provide an overall conclusion on the project's baseline assessment. Include in the conclusion: • *whether the project is applying the most recent applicable version of the VCS Program rules.*

[4] Certain project types are required to reassess the baseline at set intervals (i.e., every five years or in accordance with the applied methodology) during the project crediting period, as set out in the *VCS Standard*. This is not required for projects that requantify baseline emissions within an ongoing crediting period or baseline reassessment interval (e.g., by updating monitored parameters or a dynamic performance benchmark).

- *whether the project is using active versions of applied methodologies, modules and tools.*
- *whether the project has an updated demonstration of regulatory surplus in the revised project description.*
- *whether the steps taken to reassess the validity of the original baseline scenario were appropriate, including whether the project:*
  - *included an assessment of the impact of new relevant national and/or sectoral policies on the validity of the baseline scenario.*
  - *followed all project-specific requirements in the* VCS Standard *(e.g., for WRC projects) and applied methodology(ies).*
- *whether the project's conclusion on the validity of the original baseline assessment is accurate (including the quality and completeness of evidence, data, and assumptions provided).*
- *whether all sections that have been updated in the revised project description for the baseline reassessment are accurate, complete, and transparent (e.g., project eligibility, baseline scenario, baseline emissions quantification, data/parameters).*

Provide an overall conclusion regarding whether the baseline reassessment and the resulting baseline scenario are accurate, realistic, and valid.

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to validate the project's conformance to the baseline reassessment requirements, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

4 VERIFICATION FINDINGS

4.1 Summary of Project Benefits

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G1

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's conclusion on the standardized benefit metrics and unique project benefits sections of the monitoring report. Include in the conclusion whether:

- *both sections are completed appropriately (i.e., monitored data is included and data that was not monitored or not applicable is labelled accordingly).*
- *all achievements reported are substantiated with information provided in the body of the monitoring report.*

~~4.1~~4.2 Implementation Status of the Project Activity

~~4.1.1~~4.2.1 General Implementation Status

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.2; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Section G1.9

Assessment conclusion

VCS and CCBS

State the VVB's conclusion on the general implementation status of the project activity. Include in the conclusion:

- *whether the list of milestones or actions implemented is accurate, complete, relevant, and transparent.*
- *where no new project activities were implemented during this monitoring period, whether previously implemented activities continued to be implemented, and whether any updates or changes to their implementation status have been described appropriately.*

Material misstatements (CCBS-only)

State the VVB's conclusion on the implementation status of the project activities leading to climate, community, and biodiversity objectives, and whether there are any material misstatements between the project description and the project implementation.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the general implementation status of the project activity, and any material misstatements, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.1.2~~4.2.2 Loss Events

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.2

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion where any of the following apply: an event occurred during the monitoring period that qualified as a loss event or reversal; Verra notified the project proponent of any potential loss of carbon stock; or the project proponent submitted a loss event report to Verra. Include in the conclusion: • *whether the details of the loss (e.g., date of loss, date of discovery, area, and amount) are accurate and complete.* • *whether the loss event meets the definition of a reversal, and whether the project proponent has met all VCS Program rules related to loss events and reversals.* • *whether the loss has been correctly deducted from the project's estimated net reductions and removals for the monitoring period.* • *where the project proponent does not consider the reported loss to qualify as a loss event, whether the submitted evidence supports such assertion.*

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the loss event and reversal requirements, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

4.2.3 Risks to the Project's Benefits

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G1.10

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on the effectiveness of the implemented risk mitigation measures to the expected climate, community, and biodiversity benefits during the verification period.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the actions implemented to mitigate likely natural and human-induced risks to the expected climate, community, and biodiversity benefits during the verification period, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.*

Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

4.2.4 Permanence of Benefits

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G1.11

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether measures to enhance project benefits beyond the project lifetime have been implemented in accordance with the project description.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the actions implemented to maintain and enhance the climate, community, and biodiversity benefits beyond the project lifetime, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2~~4.3 Project Details

~~4.2.1~~4.3.1 Audit History

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4

Justification and assessment conclusion
Justify that the VVB of this audit meets the VVB rotation requirements. State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project's audit history table in the monitoring report is accurate and complete.

~~4.2.2~~4.3.2 Sectoral Scope and Project Classification

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.2, Appendix 1; *VCS Program Guide, v5.0*, Section 2.4

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on the project's selected sectoral scopes, project categories, and project activity types. Include in the conclusion: • *whether all sectoral scopes specified in the applied methodology(ies) were selected.* • *whether all project categories that apply to the project (including AFOLU project categories specified by the applied methodology) were selected, and whether all selected project categories are appropriate.* • *whether all project activity types that apply to the project were selected, and whether all selected project activity types are appropriate.*

~~4.2.3~~4.3.3 Project Location and Project Zone Map

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.10; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G1.4–G1.7, G1.13, CM1.2, and B1.2

Assessment conclusion
Project location *Where any project location information has changed during this monitoring period, state the VVB's conclusion on the description of the project location. Include in the conclusion:* • *whether the description of the project location is complete and accurate, and whether it conforms to any project-type specific project location requirements (e.g., for ~~GCS~~ WRC projects).* • *whether the monitoring report contains maps with all the required information.* • *whether the project has attached a separate geolocation file that has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the* Geolocation File Requirements.

Project zone map

Where any project zone map information has changed during this monitoring period, state the VVB's conclusion on the accuracy of the updated project zone map. Include in the conclusion whether the updated project zone map includes all of the following:

- *Boundaries of the project zone.*
- *Location of communities identified added to the project during this monitoring period, including IPs, LCs, customary rights holders, and stakeholders (VCS Standard, v4.7,* Section 3.18.1(6)*).*
- *Any spatially identifiable high conservation value (HCV) areas.*
- *Areas where positive and negative offsite climate impacts are predicted.*
- *Areas where other stakeholders will be positively or negatively impacted.*
- *Areas where positive and negative offsite biodiversity impacts are predicted.*

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the project location requirements, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

4.3.4 National and Local Laws

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G5.6

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the CCBS Program rules on compliance with national and local laws relevant to project activities. Include in the conclusion, where relevant, whether compliance is achieved.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's compliance with national and local laws, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.4~~4.3.5 Double Counting and Participation with Other GHG Programs

~~4.2.4.1~~4.3.5.1 No Double Issuance

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.21; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Section G5.9

Assessment conclusion
VCS *State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to VCS Program rules on double issuance. Include in the conclusion:* • *whether the project is receiving or seeking credit for reductions and removals from a project activity under another GHG program.*

- *whether any information provided (e.g., name and contact information of program administrator, details of participation, reductions and removals claimed under the other program, and evidence of no double counting) is accurate and complete.*

CCBS

State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to CCBS Program rules on double issuance.

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to VCS and CCBS program rules on no double issuance, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.4.2~~4.3.5.2 Registration with Other GHG Programs

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.21

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to VCS Program rules on registration with other GHG programs. Include in the conclusion:

- *whether any information provided (e.g., name of the other GHG program, project ID) is accurate and complete.*
- *whether the date of project inactivity is accurate and whether the project is considered inactive in the other GHG program.*

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to VCS Program rules on registration with other GHG programs, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.5~~4.3.6 Double Claiming, Other Forms of Credit, and Scope 3 Emissions

~~4.2.5.1~~4.3.6.1 No Double Claiming with Emissions Trading Programs or Binding Emissions Limits

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.22

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project is included in an emissions trading program or binding emissions limit. Include in the conclusion whether any information provided (e.g., name and contact information of administrator, details of participation, project activities included, reductions and removals included, vintage periods, and evidence of no double counting) is accurate and complete.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify whether the project is included in an emissions trading program or binding emissions limit, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.5.2~~4.3.6.2 No Double Claiming with Other Forms of Environmental Credit

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.22

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project has received or is planning to receive credit with another GHG-related environmental credit system. Include in the conclusion whether any information provided (e.g., name and contact information of administrator, details of participation, project activities included, and evidence of no double counting) is accurate and complete.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify whether the project has received or is planning to receive credit with another GHG-related environmental credit system, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*

Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.5.3~~4.3.6.3 Supply chain (Scope 3) Emissions

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.22

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to VCS Program rules related to supply chain (Scope 3) emissions. Include in the conclusion: • *whether the project activities affect the emissions footprint of any products that are part of a supply chain.* • *whether the project proponent(s) or authorized representative are a buyer or seller of a product whose emissions footprint is changed by the project activities, and if so, whether the project proponent(s) or authorized representative have posted a public statement on their website.*

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to VCS Program rules related to supply chain (Scope 3) emissions, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.6~~4.3.7 Sustainable Development Contributions

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.16

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the VCS Program rules on sustainable development contributions. Include in the conclusion: • *whether the project has implemented the activities that result in the sustainable development contributions described in the monitoring report.* • *whether the quantified contributions are accurate, supported by evidence and indicator metadata.* *For guidance on completing this section of the template, see the most recent version of the* VCS Guidance: Right to Operate, Sustainable Development, Stakeholder Engagement, and Safeguards, v5.0.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the VCS Program rules on sustainable development contributions, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.2.7~~4.3.8 Additional Information

~~4.2.7.1~~4.3.8.1 Sensitive Information

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.5; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Sections 3.5.13 and 3.5.14

Assessment conclusion

Describe the VVB's assessment process and state the VVB's conclusion on whether all commercially sensitive or program sensitive information the project proponent has indicated should be excluded from the public versions of project documents is in conformance to the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules on what may be designated as commercially sensitive information or program sensitive information. Provide further details in Appendix 1: Sensitive Information.

~~4.2.7.2~~4.3.8.2 Core Carbon Principles Label Eligibility

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.23

Assessment conclusion
Where the project intends to request Core Carbon Principles (CCP) labels at VCU issuance, fill out a CCP Eligibility Verification Report Checklist Template (available on the Verra website) and attach it as an appendix to this verification report. State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to all CCP label eligibility requirements.

~~4.2.7.3~~4.3.8.3 CORSIA Label Eligibility

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.23

Assessment conclusion
Where the project intends to request Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) labels at VCU issuance, state the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to all CORSIA label eligibility requirements.

~~4.3~~4.4 Safeguards and Stakeholder Engagement

~~4.3.1~~4.4.1 Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation

~~4.3.1.1~~4.4.1.1 Stakeholder Identification

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.18; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G1.5, G1.6, G1.13, and CM1.1

If the stakeholder makeup has changed since validation, including new communities identified from new project activity instances added in this monitoring period, fill out the table below to describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance with the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements. Where the rows do not apply, explain why.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process

Stakeholder identification	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS ~~P~~program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Legal or customary tenure/access rights	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS Program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Stakeholder diversity and changes over time	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS Program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
~~Expected changes in well-being~~	~~*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS Program requirements.*~~ ~~*Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:*~~ ~~• *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*~~ ~~• *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*~~ ~~• *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*~~
~~Location of stakeholders~~	~~*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS Program requirements.*~~ ~~*Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:*~~ ~~• *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*~~ ~~• *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*~~

	~~• A list of any evidence gathered and assessed~~
Location of resources	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS Program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

4.4.1.2 Stakeholder Access to Information

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections G3.1–G3.3, CL4.2, CM4.3, and B4.3

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements.

Stakeholder access to project documents	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project proponent has made project documentation accessible to communities and other stakeholders, including the monitoring plan and results.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Dissemination of summary project documentation	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project proponent has disseminated summary project documentation. Include in the conclusion whether the climate, community, and biodiversity monitoring plans have been actively disseminated to communities and made publicly available online.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Informational meetings with stakeholders	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project proponent held informational meetings with stakeholders in a timely manner throughout the monitoring period.*

	Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following: • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Community costs, risks, and benefits	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether relevant and adequate information on the potential costs, risks, and benefits of project participation was:* • *provided to communities in a form they understand, and* • *sufficient to enable communities to make informed decisions regarding participation in the project.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Information to stakeholders on verification process	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the measures taken and communication methods used to inform communities and other stakeholders of the process for verification are adequate.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Site visit information and opportunities to communicate with auditor	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether:* • *communities and other stakeholders were informed of the auditor's site visit in a timely manner before the site visit occurred.* • *direct and independent communication between communities and other stakeholders or their representatives and the auditor were adequately facilitated.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.1.2~~4.4.1.3 Stakeholder Consultation and Ongoing Communication

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.18; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G3.4–G3.7 and GL2.3

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS ~~P~~program requirements.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Ongoing communication	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS ~~P~~program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Date(s) of stakeholder consultation during the monitoring period	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Communication of monitored results	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Consultation records	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Stakeholder input received during ongoing communication	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Influence in Project Design and Implementation

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G3.4–G3.7

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS program requirements.

Adaptive management	*State the VVB's conclusion on the adaptive management processes implemented during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the VCS and CCBS program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Stakeholder consultation channels	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the consultation channels used by the project proponent to demonstrate conformance to Section G3.5 of the CCBS Standard, v3.1, are appropriate.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Stakeholder participation in decision-making and implementation	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the measures implemented by the project proponent to enable effective participation in culturally appropriate and gender sensitive manner with all communities were relevant and appropriate.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the CCBS Program requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*

	• A list of any evidence gathered and assessed
Anti-discrimination	State the VVB's conclusion on whether the measures implemented to ensure that all entities involved in project design and implementation are not involved in, or complicit in, any form of discrimination or sexual harassment were relevant and appropriate. Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the CCBS Program requirements, including the following: • A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities • The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB • A list of any evidence gathered and assessed

~~4.3.1.3~~4.4.1.4 Free, Prior, and Informed Consent

VCS Standard, v4.7, Sections 3.18 and 3.19; CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G5.2

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Consent	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Outcome of FPIC process	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.1.4~~4.4.1.5 Grievance Redress Procedure

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.18; CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G3.8

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Grievances received and steps taken to resolve the grievances including the outcomes of the resolution	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Accessibility of grievance redress procedure during ongoing communication	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.1.5~~4.4.1.6 Public Comments

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.18; *CCBS Program Rules, v3.1*, Section 4.3.12

Fill out the table below to list any public comments submitted during the public comment period and any comments received after the public comment period. Add rows as needed for each comment received. For each comment received, describe the assessment process and state a conclusion as to whether the project proponent took due account of any comments, made appropriate changes to the project design, or justified that changes were not necessary or appropriate. If the completed table exceeds five pages, it may be attached as an appendix instead and briefly referenced here.

Comment received	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the comment received.	*State the VVB's conclusion as to whether the project proponent addressed the comment appropriately.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess how the project proponent addressed the comment received, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *A reference to any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.2~~4.4.2 Environmental, Social, and Governance Safeguards~~Risks to Local Stakeholders and the Environment~~

~~4.3.2.1~~4.4.2.1 Management ~~Experience~~Capacity

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G4.1–G4.3

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Project governance structures	*State the VVB's conclusion on the assessment of the project's governance structures, including whether they were able to support effective project implementation during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Technical skills	*State the VVB's conclusion on the assessment of the key technical skills required to implement the project successfully, including whether such skills covered expertise in community engagement, biodiversity assessment and carbon measurement and monitoring skills during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Management experience	*State the VVB's conclusion on the assessment of the expertise and experience of the management team, including whether the project proponent has a partnership with other organizations to support the project or a recruitment strategy to fill gaps in expertise.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the VCS Standard, v5.0,* Section 3.18.27 *and the* CCBS Standard, v3.1, *Sections G4.1–G4.3, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Financial health of implementing organization(s)	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the financial health of the implementing organizations was adequate to support effective project implementation during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Avoidance of corruption and other unethical behavior	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the measures implemented by the project proponent and any of the other entities involved in project design and implementation are appropriate to prevent such actors from being involved or complicit in any form of corruption.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.2.2~~4.4.2.2 Risk Assessment

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G3.2, CM3.1, CM3.2 and GL2.3

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s), including where no risk has been identified by the project proponent. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment that no risk has been identified.

Risk category	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Stakeholders' wellbeing	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Stakeholder participation	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Working conditions	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Safety of women and girls	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Safety of minority and marginalized groups, including children	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Pollutants (air, noise, discharges to water, generation and release of hazardous materials and chemical pesticides and fertilizers	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.3~~4.4.3 Respect for Human Rights and Equity

~~4.3.3.1~~4.4.3.1 Labor and Work

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G3.9–G3.12, CM3.1, CM3.2, and GL2.3

Risk Assessment

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s) implemented to prevent such risks during the monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment confirming no risk has been identified.

Risk category	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Discrimination	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Sexual harassment	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:*

	• *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Gender equity in labor and work	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Forced labor	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Child labor	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Human trafficking	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.*

	Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following: • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Occupational safety	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Protection of Workers and Their Rights

Worker training	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether orientation and training were provided for project workers and a wide range of people from the communities, with the objective of building useful local skills and knowledge to increase local participation in project implementation during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Community employment opportunities	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project provided equal employment opportunities to people from the community and whether equal opportunities were provided in the context of gender equity and equal pay for labor and work. Where relevant, state the VVB's conclusion on whether the measures to ensure community members, including women and vulnerable people or marginalized people, have a fair chance to fill positions for which they can be trained were appropriate during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*

	• *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Relevant laws and regulations related to worker's rights	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's adherence to all relevant laws and regulations covering worker's rights and the appropriateness of the measures to inform workers about their rights during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.3.2~~4.4.3.2 Human Rights

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections CM2.1, CM2.2, CM3.1, CM3.2, and GL2.3

Risk Assessment

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks related to recognition, respecting, and promoting the rights of IPs, LCs, and customary rights holders in line with applicable international human rights law, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples during the monitoring period, including any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period and the commensurate mitigation and preventative measure(s) implemented during this monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment that no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed for each risk.

Human rights risks and mitigation measures	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the human rights risk identified by the project and associated mitigation measure(s).	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of the risk, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the risk and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Respect for Human Rights

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project continued to recognize, respect, and promote the protection of human rights during the monitoring period.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable program rules on human rights, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.3.3.3~~4.4.3.3 Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Heritage

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G5.2, CM2.1, CM2.2, CM3.1, CM3.2, and GL2.3

Risk Assessment

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks related to recognizing, respecting, and promoting the protection of the rights of IPs, LCs, and customary rights holders, and to preserving and protecting cultural heritage as part of project activities including any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s) in place to prevent or mitigate the identified risk during the monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment confirming no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed for each risk.

Indigenous Peoples and cultural heritage risks and mitigation measures	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the Indigenous Peoples and cultural heritage risk identified by the project and associated mitigation measure(s)	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of the risk, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the risk and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Preservation and Protection of Cultural Heritage

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project continued to preserve and protect cultural heritage as part of project activities.

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable program rules on preservation of cultural heritage, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.3.3.4~~4.4.3.4 Property Rights

VCS Standard, v4.7, Sections 3.7, 3.18, and 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G5.1–G5.3, G5.5, CM2.1, CM2.2, CM3.1, CM3.2, and GL2.3

Risk Assessment

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks related to protecting and preserving the property rights of IPs, LCs, and customary rights holders, and to protecting legal or customary tenure/access rights to territories, property, and resources, including collective and/or conflicting rights, held by stakeholders. Describe any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s) in place to prevent or mitigate the identified risk during the monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment confirming no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed.

Property rights risks and mitigation measures	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the property rights risk identified by the project and associated mitigation measure(s)	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of the risk, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the risk and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Recognition of Property Rights

Disputes over rights to territories and resources	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements on disputes over territories or resources during the monitoring period.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Respect for property rights	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project continued to recognize all property rights in conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including that:* • *the project did not encroach uninvited on private property, community property, or government property.* • *appropriate restitution or compensation has been allocated to any parties whose lands have been or will be affected by the project.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Protection of property rights	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements, including, where relocation of habitation or activities is undertaken, that the agreement by which free, prior, and informed consent will be or has been obtained of those whose property rights will be or are affected by the project is appropriate.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Ongoing disputes	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements to not undertake activity that could prejudice the outcome of an unresolved dispute relevant to the project.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.3.5~~4.4.3.5 Benefit Sharing

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections G5.2 and GL2.6

Where the project has implemented a benefit sharing plan, fill out the table below to describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the implementation and outcomes of the project's benefit sharing plan during the monitoring period.

For projects seeking to be verified to Gold Level for exceptional community benefits, this section is required.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Summary of the benefit sharing plan	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS ~~P~~program requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Benefit sharing during the monitoring period	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.* *Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

4.4.3.6 Illegal Activity Identification

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section G5.4

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's conclusion on whether the following measures implemented during the monitoring period are appropriate: • *Measures to reduce illegal activities that could affect the project impacts* • *Measures to prevent project benefits from being derived from illegal activities* • *Measures to prevent the use of victims of human trafficking and use of forced labor or child labor in project activities*

Assessment process

Describe the process and steps taken to verify the project's conformance to the CCBS Program rules on illegal activities, including the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.3.4~~4.4.4 Ecosystem Health

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections B1.1 and B2.3

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks to biodiversity and ecosystems, soil degradation and soil erosion, and water consumption and stress, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measures implemented during the monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment that no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed. Add rows as needed.

Risk category	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks and mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Soil degradation and soil erosion	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Water consumption and stress	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.4.1~~4.4.4.1 Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections B1.1 and B2.3

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's conformance to the relevant VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram requirements.

Item	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Species and~~or~~ habitat	*State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the relevant requirements. Include in the conclusion:* • *whether the list of rare, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats is accurate and complete.* • *whether the project's explanation that it has not adversely impacted such habitats and areas needed for habitat connectivity for rare, threatened, or endangered species during the monitoring period is appropriate.* *Describe the process and steps taken to ~~validate~~ verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

Areas needed for habitat connectivity	*State the VVB's conclusion on whether the project's explanation that it has not adversely impacted areas needed for habitat connectivity during the monitoring period is valid* *Describe the process and steps taken to ~~validate~~ verify the project's conformance to the applicable requirements, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks to habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered species, and for areas for habitat connectivity, including any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s) in place to prevent or mitigate the identified risk during the monitoring period. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment confirming no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed.

Risk category	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered species	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*
Areas for habitat connectivity	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of each of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the project's identified risks and mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.4.2~~4.4.4.2 Introduction of Species

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Sections B2.5 and B2.6

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the following:

- *the project's demonstration that any adverse effects from the introduction of species identified at validation at validation are being mitigated*
- *The project's demonstration that existing invasive species have not thrived during the monitoring period*
- *The project's justification of the usage of non-natives as appropriate.*

For projects with no planting or species introduction, this table may be indicated as not applicable.

Species introduced	Assessment conclusion and assessment process

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on the project's list of existing invasive species in the project area, and the commensurate mitigation measure(s) in place to prevent or mitigate the spread or continued existence of invasive species.

Existing invasive species	Assessment conclusion and assessment process

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks associated with invasive species, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measure(s) in place to prevent or mitigate the risk. Where no risk is identified, provide the assessment method used and overall conclusion in the table. Add rows as needed for each risk.

Invasive species risks and mitigation measures	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the invasive species risk identified by the project	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.*

and associated mitigation measure(s).	*Describe the process and steps taken to assess the risk and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

~~4.3.4.3~~4.4.4.3 Ecosystem Conversion

VCS Standard, v4.7, Section 3.19

In the table below, describe the VVB's conclusion and assessment process on each of the project's identified risks related to ecosystem conversion, including any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and the commensurate preventive or mitigation measures in place to prevent or mitigate the risk. Where no risk has been identified by the project proponent, state a conclusion on the assessment that no risk has been identified. Add rows as needed for each risk.

Ecosystem conversion risks and mitigation measures	Assessment conclusion and assessment process
Include a summary of the ecosystem conversion risk identified by the project and associated mitigation measure(s).	*State the VVB's conclusion on the appropriateness of the project's identified risks, any negative impacts that occurred during the monitoring period, and associated mitigation measures.* *Describe the process and steps taken to assess the risk and associated mitigation measures, including the following:* • *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed*

5 CLIMATE

~~4.4~~5.1 Quantification of Reductions and Removals

~~4.4.1~~5.1.1 Accuracy of Reduction and Removal Calculations

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the reductions and removals provided in the GHG statement have been quantified correctly in accordance with the monitoring plan and applied methodology. Include in the conclusion:

- *whether manual transposition errors between data sets have occurred.*
- *the accuracy of reductions and removals, including accuracy of spreadsheet formulae, conversions and aggregations, and consistent use of data and parameters.*
- *whether the methods and formulae set out in the project description for calculating baseline emissions, project emissions, and leakage emissions have been followed.*
- *the appropriateness of any default values used in the monitoring report and whether they are in conformance to the VCS Program rules and applied methodology(ies).*

Describe the process and steps taken to verify the accuracy of the GHG emission reduction and carbon dioxide removal calculations, including the following:

- *A description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*

~~4.4.2~~5.1.2 Quality of Evidence to Determine Reductions and Removals

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 4.1

State an overall conclusion with respect to the sufficiency of the quantity, and appropriateness of the quality, of the evidence used to determine the reductions and removals.

Include a list of the evidence used to determine the GHG emission reductions and carbon dioxide removals and describe the steps taken to assess the sufficiency of the quantity, and appropriateness of the quality, of the evidence. Include details of any cross-checks performed on the reported data and how the following were assessed:

- *The reliability of the evidence, and the source and nature of the evidence (external or internal, oral or documented) for the determination of reductions or removals*
- *The information flow from data generation and aggregation, to recording, calculation, and final transposition into the monitoring report*
- *Where the project description does not specify calibration frequency of monitoring equipment, the appropriateness of implemented calibration frequency*

~~4.4.3~~5.1.3 Other Relevant Quantification

~~4.4.3.1~~5.1.3.1 Non-Permanence Risk Analysis

VCS Standard, v5.0, Sections 2.4 and 3.2

For projects that are required to assess non-permanence risk, describe the steps taken to assess the non-permanence risk rating.

For each risk rating, state the VVB's conclusion on the following information:

- *The rationale, assumptions and justifications used to support the risk score.*
- *The quality of documentation and data provided to support the risk score.*
- *The appropriateness of the risk score.*

Include a conclusion regarding the determined value of the overall risk rating.

Select the appropriate response to the following:

Has the project been approved to participate in Verra's durability pilot?

☐Yes ☐No

If yes, state the VVB's conclusion on the validity of the evidence provided for the alternative approach.

~~4.4.3.2~~5.1.3.2 Buffer Pool Allocation Calculation

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 2.4, 3.2, and 3.14

State the VVB's conclusion on the project's buffer pool allocation.
Describe the steps taken to assess the project's buffer pool allocation for this monitoring period, including how the allocation was determined separately for reductions and removals, if applicable.

~~4.4.3.3~~5.1.3.3 Long-Term Average

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.2

For ARR and IFM projects with harvesting, state the VVB's conclusion on the long-term average conformance. Include in the conclusion;

- *whether the long-term average has been updated based on monitored data, where applicable*
- *whether the long-term average has been reached*

Describe the steps taken to assess the project's conformance to the VCS Program rules related to the long-term average.

~~4.4.3.4~~5.1.3.4 De Minimis Quantification

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.14

This section only applies where the achieved (ex-post) reductions and removals generated during this monitoring period are less than the estimated (ex-ante) reductions and removals.

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's conclusion on the project's conformance to the de minimis requirements. Include in the conclusion whether the estimated de minimis emissions (i.e., the increases or decreases from GHG sources and carbon pools or sinks deemed de minimis at validation) compared to the reductions and removals generated over the same period are still less than or equal to the applicable de minimis threshold(s).

Assessment process
Describe the process and steps taken to ~~validate~~verify the project's conformance to the de minimis threshold requirements, including the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. *Choose an item.* *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* *Choose an item.* *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~4.5~~5.2 Monitoring

~~4.5.1~~5.2.1 Data and Parameters Used

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.15

Fill out the table below for each data/parameter used, copying and pasting the table as needed.

Data/Parameter	*State the name of the data/parameter used.*
Data unit	*State the unit of measure.*
Assessment process	*Describe the steps taken to assess the appropriateness of the data/parameter.*

Assessment conclusion	*State the VVB's conclusion on the data/parameter, including:* • *whether the values applied are reasonable and in conformance to the VCS Program rules and applied methodology(ies).* • *whether the information provided in Appendix 2 of the monitoring report is complete and accurate.*

~~4.5.2~~5.2.2 Monitoring Plan

VCS Standard, v5.0, Section 3.15; *CCBS Standard, v3.1*, Section CL4.1

Assessment conclusion
VCS and CCBS *State the VVB's overall conclusion regarding the project's monitoring plan. Include in the conclusion:* • *whether the implemented monitoring system is suitable (i.e., process and schedule for obtaining, recording, compiling, and analyzing the monitored data and parameters).* • *whether the description of the implementation status of the monitoring plan is accurate, and whether the monitoring was completed appropriately and in conformance to the monitoring plan.* • *whether any updates made to the monitoring plan in this monitoring period are appropriate.* • *whether there were any material misstatements between the actual monitoring system and the monitoring plan set out in the project description and the applied methodology.*

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify how the project followed the monitoring plan during this monitoring period. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.*

Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3~~2.2~~.*	Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

5.3 Optional Gold Level: Climate Change Adaptation Benefits

This section applies only to projects seeking to be verified to Gold Level for climate change adaptation benefits. For all other projects, state that this section is not applicable, delete the instructions, and move to the next section.

5.3.1 Activities or Processes Implemented for Adaptation

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections GL1.3 and GL1.4

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on the actions taken to assist communities or biodiversity to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change. Include in the conclusion whether the activities implemented, measured through the indicators for adaptation benefits included in the monitoring plan, achieve the results (i.e., delivered the intended impacts) indicated in the project's causal model.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the conformance to the relevant CCBS Program requirements. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item.

Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.	*Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6 COMMUNITY

6.1 Net Positive Community Impacts

6.1.1 Community Impacts

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section CM2.1

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the positive and negative community well-being impacts resulting from project activities in the project zone and over the monitoring period identified and reported are accurate and positive.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the community well-being impacts resulting from project activities. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.1.2 Negative Community Impact Mitigation

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section CM2.2

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether: • *the measures to mitigate negative impacts on community well-being were implemented according to the project description.* • *the measures to maintain or enhance community well-being HCVs were implemented according to the project description.*

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the measures implemented to mitigate the negative impacts on community well-being and to maintain or enhance community well-being HCVs. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.1.3 Net Positive Community Well-Being

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections CM2.3 and GL1.4

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the well-being impacts of the project are positive for all identified community groups compared with their well-being conditions under the without-project land use scenario.

For projects seeking Gold Level for climate change adaptation benefits, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project activities assisted communities to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change.

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify that the net impacts for community well-being were positive. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.1.4 High Conservation Values Protected

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section CM2.4

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether any of the HCVs related to community well-being identified were negatively affected by the project.

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify the project impacts on community well-being HCVs. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.2 Net Impacts on Other Stakeholders

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section CM3.3

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project activities resulted in net positive impacts on the well-being of other stakeholders, considering the positive impacts delivered and the negative impacts described in Sections 4.4.2.2 and 4.4.3 of this template.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the net impacts for other stakeholders' well-being. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item.

Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.	*Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.3 Community Monitoring Plan

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections CM4.1, CM4.2, GL1.4, GL2.2, GL2.3, and GL2.5

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the community monitoring plan has been carried out in accordance with the project's validated design.

For projects validated and seeking to be verified to the Gold Level for exceptional community benefits, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the monitoring results include the identified indicators of well-being impacts and risks for stakeholders or community members, and impacts on women.

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify the community monitoring plan. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.4 Optional Gold Level: Exceptional Community Benefits

This section applies only to projects seeking to be verified to Gold Level for exceptional community benefits. For all other projects, state that this section is not applicable, delete the instructions, and move to the next section.

6.4.1 Short-Term and Long-Term Community Benefits

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section GL2.2

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project is on track to generate or has generated short-term and long-term net positive well-being benefits for smallholders or community members in conformance to Gold Level requirements.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the short-term and long-term net positive well-being benefits for smallholders or community members. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.4.2 Marginalized or Vulnerable Community Groups

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section GL2.4

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether each marginalized or vulnerable community group engaged by the project has gained or is on track to gain net positive benefits.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the net positive benefits for marginalized or vulnerable community groups. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.4.3 Net Impacts on Women

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section GL2.5

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project generated net positive impacts on the well-being of women and the measures implemented to enable women to participate in or influence decision-making.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the net positive impacts on women. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process

Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.4.4 Governance and Implementation Structures

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section GL2.8

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project's governance and implementation structures enabled the full and effective participation of those groups in project decision-making and implementation.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify that the project's governance and implementation structures enable effective participation of smallholders or community members. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

6.4.5 Smallholders or Community Members Capacity Development

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section GL2.9

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the measures implemented to develop the capacity of smallholders or community members enabled their effective and active participation in project implementation and management.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the development of capacity of smallholders or community members, and relevant local organizations or institutions. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7 BIODIVERSITY

7.1 Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts

7.1.1 Biodiversity Changes

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections B2.1

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether:

- *the reported changes in biodiversity in the project zone due to project activities are appropriate and accurate.*
- *the justification and methods used to attribute biodiversity changes to the project activities are appropriate.*

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify the biodiversity changes resulting from project activities. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.1.2 Negative Biodiversity Impact Mitigation

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section B2.3

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether:

- *the implemented measures to mitigate negative impacts on biodiversity were implemented according to the project description and are appropriate.*
- *the implemented measures to maintain or enhance biodiversity-related HCVs were implemented according to the project description and are appropriate.*

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify the measures implemented to mitigate the negative impacts on biodiversity and to maintain or enhance biodiversity-related HCVs. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.1.3 Net Positive Impacts

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections B2.2 and GL1.4

Assessment conclusion

State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the net biodiversity impacts of the project are positive compared with the conditions under the without-project land use scenario.

For projects seeking Gold Level for climate change adaptation benefits, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project activities assisted biodiversity to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change.

Assessment process

Describe the steps taken to verify that the net biodiversity impacts of the project were positive. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process

Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.1.4 High Conservation Values Protected

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section B2.4

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether any of the biodiversity-related HCVs identified were negatively affected by the project.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the project impacts on biodiversity-related HCVs. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.1.5 GMO Exclusion

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section B2.7

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on the project's conformance to the CCBS Program requirement that no GMOs were used in generating reductions or removals during the monitoring period.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify that the project conforms to the GMO exclusion requirement. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.1.6 Inputs Used in the Project

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Section B2.8

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the use of inputs and their effects is justified, in accordance with the project description.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the justification of inputs. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.2 Offsite Biodiversity Impacts

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections B3.1–B3.3

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on the project's conformance to the CCBS Program requirements on offsite biodiversity impacts. Include in the conclusion whether: • *any actual negative offsite biodiversity impacts resulting from project activities during the monitoring period were appropriately identified;* • *the measures implemented to mitigate negative offsite biodiversity impacts were appropriate and effective; and* • *the project's demonstration that the net effect of the project on biodiversity is positive, taking into account any unmitigated negative offsite biodiversity impacts, is appropriate.*

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the offsite biodiversity impacts. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process

Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.3 Biodiversity Monitoring Plan

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections B4.1, B4.2, GL1.4, and GL3.4

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the biodiversity monitoring plan has been carried out in accordance with the project's validated design. Include in the conclusion the effectiveness of measures taken to maintain or enhance all identified HCVs for biodiversity. *For projects validated and seeking to be verified to the Gold Level for exceptional biodiversity benefits, state the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the monitoring results include the identified indicators of population trends of each trigger species and threats to trigger species.* *State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the monitoring results include indicators of population trends on each trigger species, and threats to trigger species.*

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the biodiversity monitoring plan. Include the following: • *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities* • *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB* • *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item.	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item.

Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.	*Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

7.4 Optional Gold Level: Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits

This section applies only to projects seeking to be verified to Gold Level for exceptional community benefits. For all other projects, state that this section is not applicable, delete the instructions, and move to the next section.

7.4.1 Trigger Species Population Trends

CCBS Standard, v3.1, Sections GL3.2 and GL3.3

Assessment conclusion
State the VVB's overall conclusion on whether the project maintained or enhanced the population status of each trigger species in the project zone, and reduced threats to them.

Assessment process
Describe the steps taken to verify the population trends of trigger species, and the measures to maintain or enhance their status in the project zone. Include the following:

- *An overall description of the VVB's evidence-gathering activities*
- *The reference numbers of any CARs, CLs, and FARs raised by the VVB*
- *A list of any evidence gathered and assessed, using the table format below:*

Evidence description and type	Assessment process
Select the type of evidence from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed. Choose an item. *Describe the evidence and include any relevant document reference numbers set out in Section 2.3.*	*Select the type of evidence-gathering technique from the dropdown list below, copying and pasting the list as needed.* Choose an item. *Describe the techniques employed and process used to assess the evidence.*
Add rows as needed.	

~~5~~8 VERIFICATION OPINION

~~5.1~~8.1 Verification Conclusion Summary

Fill out the table below:

Date of the opinion	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Project name	*State the name of the project.*
GHG statement	*State the GHG statement subject to verification, including the date and period covered.* *Clearly state that the GHG statement is the responsibility of the project proponent.*
Objectives, scope, and criteria	*Include a summary of the objectives, scope, and criteria that were used to compile and assess the GHG statement.*
Non-permanence risk assessment	*For projects subject to non-permanence risk analysis~~AFOLU and GCS projects~~, state the version number of the non-permanence risk tool or market leakage evaluation documentation upon which the opinion is based.* *State the non-permanence risk rating(s) applied.*
Data and information supporting the GHG statement	*Describe whether the data and information supporting the GHG statement assertion were hypothetical, projected, or historical in nature.*

State the VVB's conclusion on the GHG statement and whether the project conforms to the verification criteria for projects and their reductions and removals set out in VCS Version 5, CCBS Version 3.1, ~~and~~ the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules. Include in the conclusion:

- *a description of any qualifications or modifications. Adverse, disclaimed, modified, or qualified opinions must include a description of the reason(s) for the opinion, placed before the VVB's conclusion.*

- *a confirmation that the project has been implemented in accordance with the project description and subsequently validated deviations. Where the audit has included validation activities, clearly state whether the project conforms to the validation criteria for projects set out in VCS Version 5, CCBS Version 3.1, ~~and~~ the VCS and CCBS p~~P~~rogram rules, including any qualifications or modifications.*
- *the level of assurance on the quantity of GHG emission reductions and carbon dioxide removals in tCO_2 equivalent achieved by the project during the verification period as provided in the project's GHG statement.*

International Accreditation Forum accreditation body-approved VVB opinions must include a declaration that the verification of the GHG statement was conducted in accordance with ISO 14064-3. The applicable ISO version must be included (e.g., ISO 14064-3; 2019).

~~5.~~28.2 Conclusion on Achieved Reductions and Removals

Fill out the tables below to state the reductions and removals verified during this verification period by calendar year, adding or removing rows as needed.

- *If the project spans more than one country, include a separate row for each vintage period for each country. If the project only spans one country, the "Country" column may be deleted.*
- *If more than one methodology is applied, include a separate row for each vintage period for each methodology. If the project only applies one methodology, the "Methodology" column may be deleted.*
- *Include separate confirmations for reductions versus removals where the applied methodology provides procedures and equations to do so.*
  - *If the methodology mitigation outcome type is reductions only, state "0" in the total net removals column and vice versa. Do not delete the column.*
  - *If the methodology results in both reduction and removal outcomes but does not provide procedures or equations to quantify them separately, state "N/A" in the total net reductions and total net removals columns. Fill out only the total net reductions and removals column.*

Verification period start	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Verification period end	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Verified GHG emission reductions and carbon dioxide removals for the verification period (tCO2e)	

For projects that are not required to assess non-permanence risk, fill out the following table for this verification period:

Country	Methodology	Vintage period start	Vintage period end	Net baseline emissions (tCO_2e)	Net project emissions (tCO_2e)	Leakage emissions (tCO_2e)	Total net reductions (tCO_2e)	Total net removals (tCO_2e)	Total net reductions and

									removals (tCO_2e)
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0044*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 15-MAR-2025*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2025*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 25 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 24 500*	*Example: 24 500*
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0044*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2026*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2026*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 30 000*	*Example: 400*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 29 600*	*Example: 29 600*
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0044*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2027*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2027*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 32 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 31 500*	*Example: 31 500*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0050*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 15-MAR-2025*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2025*	*Example: 12 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 1500*	*Example: 10 000*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 10 000*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0050*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2026*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2026*	*Example: 15 000*	*Example: 200*	*Example: 2800*	*Example: 12 000*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 12 000*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0050*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2027*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2027*	*Example: 15 000*	*Example: 200*	*Example: 2800*	*Example: 12 000*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 12 000*
		Total		*Example: 42 000*	*Example: 87 900*	*Example: 8500*	*Example: 34 000*	*Example: 85 600*	*Example: 119 600*

For projects required to assess non-permanence risk, fill out the following table for this verification period. If the project is participating in the Verra durability pilot, project proponents are not required to fill the buffer pool allocation column for years in which the project uses an alternative approach (i.e., insurance or a fund-based approach).

Country	Methodology	Vintage period start	Vintage period end	Net baseline emissions (tCO_2e)	Net project emissions (tCO_2e)	Leakage emissions (tCO_2e)	Total buffer pool allocation (tCO_2e)	Total net reductions minus buffer pool allocation (tCO_2e)	Total net removals minus buffer pool allocation (tCO_2e)	Total net reductions and removals minus buffer pool allocation (tCO_2e)
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0047*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 15-MAR-2025*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2025*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 25 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 3750*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 20 750*	*Example: 20 750*
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0047*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2026*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2026*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 30 000*	*Example: 400*	*Example: 4500*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 25 100*	*Example: 25 100*
Example: Brazil	*Example: VM0047*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2027*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2027*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 32 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 4800*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 26 700*	*Example: 26 700*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0048*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 15-MAR-2025*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2025*	*Example: 12 000*	*Example: 500*	*Example: 1500*	*Example: 3000*	*Example: 7000*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 7000*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0048*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 01-JAN-2026*	DD-MMM-YYYY *Example: 31-DEC-2026*	*Example: 15 000*	*Example: 200*	*Example: 2800*	*Example: 3600*	*Example: 8400*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 8400*
Example: Peru	*Example: VM0048*	DD-MMM-YYYY	DD-MMM-YYYY	*Example: 15 000*	*Example: 200*	*Example: 2800*	*Example: 3600*	*Example: 8400*	*Example: 0*	*Example: 8400*

		Example: 01-JAN-2027	*Example: 31-DEC-2027*							
		Total		*Example: 42 000*	*Example: 87 900*	*Example: 8500*	*Example: 23 250*	*Example: 23 800*	*Example: 72 550*	*Example: 96 350*

For all projects, fill out the following table for the entire verification period, combining the total reductions and removals available from all countries and methodologies into a single row for each vintage period:

Vintage period start	Vintage period end	Total net reductions (minus buffer pool allocation) (tCO_2e)	Total net removals (minus buffer pool allocation) (tCO_2e)	Total net reductions and removals (minus buffer pool allocation) (tCO_2e)
DD-MMM-YYYY	*DD-MMM-YYYY*			

~~5.3~~8.3 Ex-Ante vs Ex-Post Comparison

State the estimated (ex-ante) GHG emission reductions and carbon dioxide removals and the achieved (ex-post) reductions and removals for this monitoring period. Report the percentage difference and justify the difference.[5] The quantities of reductions and removals used in this calculation are the total quantities before any deductions for buffer pool allocation.

Vintage period start	Vintage period end	Ex-ante estimated reductions/ removals	Achieved reductions/ removals	Percent difference	Explanation for the difference

[5] The percentage difference is calculated as the difference between the ex-ante estimated reductions or removals and the achieved reductions or removals, divided by the ex-ante estimate, expressed as a percentage: Percentage difference (%) = (Achieved − Ex-ante) ÷ Ex-ante × 100

DD-MMM-YYYY	*DD-MMM-YYYY*	*Example: 10,000*	*Example: 8,000*	*Example: 20%*	
DD-MMM-YYYY	*DD-MMM-YYYY*				
…					
Total					

APPENDIX 1: SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Fill out the table below to assess any commercially sensitive and program sensitive information to be excluded in the public version of the monitoring report. Ensure this appendix is removed from the public version of the verification report. Add rows as needed.

Section number	Information to be excluded	Assessment process and conclusion
		State the VVB's conclusion on the commercially sensitive or program sensitive information. Include in the conclusion whether the information meets the VCS Program definitions of commercially sensitive information or program sensitive information and is not otherwise publicly available. *Describe the steps taken to assess the information provided in Appendix 1 of the monitoring report.*

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF CARS, CLS, AND FARS RAISED DURING AUDIT

Fill out one table below for each CAR, CL, and FAR raised during the audit prior to issuance of the statement of opinion. Use one table for each CAR, CL, or FAR, copying and pasting additional tables as needed. Do not include findings issued in project review reports by Verra.

Finding ID	*State the reference number of the finding.*
Date raised	*DD-MMM-YYYY*
Raised by	*Name of auditor and role*
Type of finding	*Select the type of finding.* *Choose an item.*
Document reference	*State the VCS Program document and specific section of the VCS Program document that the CAR, CL, or FAR is raised against.*
Summary of finding	*Describe the issue raised, including an explanation of how it was determined and why it was raised.*
Assessment and conclusion	*Describe each round of response by the project proponent and assessment by the VVB, including the following information:* • *Date of project proponent response* • *Response provided by the project proponent* • *Documentation provided by the project proponent, including name, version, and date of the documents* • *VVB assessment conclusion and assessment process* • *Finding status (e.g., open/closed)* • *Finding status date*

APPENDIX 3: COMPETENCE OF TEAM MEMBERS AND TECHNICAL REVIEWERS

Fill out the table below to include details of qualifications and competencies of each team member and technical reviewer. Copy and paste additional tables as needed. Refer to the competency requirements in ISO 14066 for further guidance.

Name of team member or technical reviewer	*State the name of the team member or technical reviewer.*
Role of team member or technical reviewer	*State the role of the team member or technical reviewer.*
Summary of qualifications and technical competencies	*Describe the qualifications and technical competencies of the team member or technical reviewer.*

APPENDIX X: <TITLE OF APPENDIX>

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