



SETTING STANDARDS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Photo by Lisa Murray. Bale Mountains Eco-Region REDD+ project, Ethiopia (Verra Project 1340).

Verra is a mission-driven nonprofit organization that is committed to helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve livelihoods, and protect natural resources by working with the private and public sectors. We support climate action and sustainable development with standards programs and tools that credibly, transparently, and robustly assess environmental and social impacts and enable funding for sustaining and scaling up projects that verifiably deliver these benefits.

OUR PROGRAMS

Verra's standards programs and frameworks are critical and evolving components in the ongoing effort to protect our shared environment. They vet environmental and sustainable development efforts, build their capacity, and drive large-scale investment to them to sustain and scale up their benefits.



VERIFIED CARBON STANDARD

The Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program is the world's leading greenhouse gas (GHG) crediting program. It **allows certified projects to turn their GHG emission reductions and removals into tradable carbon credits**. VCS projects include dozens of technologies and measures that result in GHG emission reductions and removals, including forest and wetland conservation and restoration, agricultural land management, and transport efficiency improvements, among many others. There are currently over **2,100 registered projects in over 95 countries** that have generated **more than 1.2 billion carbon credits**.



JURISDICTIONAL AND NESTED REDD+ FRAMEWORK

The Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework is **the world's first accounting and verification framework for jurisdictional REDD+ programs and nested projects**. It was designed as a market-ready accounting and crediting framework to catalyze high-impact forest conservation activities that produce important co-benefits for the communities that maintain them while also supporting national governments in reaching their long-term climate goals. The JNR Framework serves as a comprehensive carbon accounting and crediting platform for governments to guide the development of their REDD+ programs and help nest REDD+ projects and subnational jurisdictions within these programs.



CLIMATE, COMMUNITY & BIODIVERSITY STANDARDS

The Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) Program is **the leading framework for assessing land management projects that create net-positive benefits for climate change mitigation, local communities, and biodiversity**. The CCBS Program can be used in conjunction with a GHG crediting program, such as the VCS Program, and carbon credits can be labeled with the co-benefits certified under the CCBS Program. In total, CCBS projects cover almost 11 million hectares, the size of Cuba.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT VERIFIED IMPACT STANDARD

The Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta) Program is a flexible framework that sets out **rules and criteria for the design, implementation, and assessment of projects that aim to deliver high-impact sustainable development benefits**. SD VISta enables projects to **link their social and environmental impacts to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through certified claims or tradable assets such as health or water credits. The standard enables donors and investors to identify, support, and help drive finance to activities that generate measurable sustainable development outcomes.



PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION STANDARD

The Plastic Waste Reduction Program (Plastic Program) **enables the robust impact assessment of new or scaled-up waste collection and recycling projects**. It drives investment to projects that increase the collection and/or recycling of plastic waste. Its plastic crediting mechanism provides an efficient and powerful means of financing activities that verifiably reduce plastic in the environment anywhere in the world.