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SYSTEMS IN COLOMBIA

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1 Summary

ICONTEC was contracted by Corporación Carbono & Bosques to conduct the project validation. This report includes the assessment of the project conformance with the CCBS rules. The validation audit was performed through a combination of document review, interviews with relevant personnel and on-site inspections.

This report includes the findings in the validation of the project, which have been issued in accordance with the Standard for the design of Climate, Community and Biodiversity Project - Third Edition, December 2013. Validation was developed also considering project operations, monitoring and reporting by reviewing the criteria that conforms the CCB Standard assessment.

According the project document, the project proposes the recovery of degraded areas in Colombia by implementing agroforestry, silvopastoral and assisted natural regeneration systems, mixed-species plantations or any kind of land use multipurpose systems, in order to support initiatives that contribute to sustainable development, taking into account the region's needs.

The validation purpose is to ensure the opinion of a third party, independent of the proposed project, carrying out a full assessment of the evidence to ensure compliance with the criteria defined by the Alliance for Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCBA) for the project design.

The validation process results in a conclusion of ICONTEC International, reporting if the project meets the criteria and requirements of the CCB Standard and subject to registration by the CCBA. The final decision on registration of the proposed project lies with the CCBA.

2 Scope and Criteria

The scope of the validation is to confirm that the project design is adequate and reasonable and complies with the requirements, criteria and indicators established by the Standard. The validation is considered necessary to give guaranties to the interested about the quality project. The validation included the review of all project documentation provided by the project developer and the appropriate level of fact finding by the validator. ICONTEC used evidence such as, but not limited to, interviews with stakeholders and project proponents, review of supporting records and reports.

The validation is not intended to provide any consulting to project participants, however, it point out the requirements of corrective actions and/or clarifications can provide useful information to improve the quality of the project design.

In this sense, the validation scope involves a review independent and objective of the project design to determine that it meets the criteria CCB Standard. ICONTEC performs

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the validation audit according to the ethics code and internal procedures developed for validation, verification and certification projects.

The Table 1 includes a summary of the CCB Criteria and the fulfillment of the project with respect to the requirements of the CCB standard.

Table 1: CCB Standards Criteria Checklist

Standard Section	Required/Optional	Conformance
General Section		
G1. Project goals, desing & londg-term viability	Required	YES
G2. Without-project Land Use Scenario & Additionality	Required	YES
G3. Stakeholder Engagement	Required	YES
G4. Management capacity	Required	YES
G5. Legal Status and Property Rights	Required	YES
Climate Section		
CL1. Without-project climate Scenario	Required	Confirmed through VCS validation
CL2. Net Positive Climate Impacts	Required	Confirmed through VCS validation
CL3. Offsite Climate Impacts (“Leakage”)	Required	Confirmed through VCS validation
CL4. Climate Impact Monitoring	Required	Confirmed through VCS validation
GL1. Climate Change Adaptation Benefits	Optional	N/A
Community Section		
CM1. Without-project Scenario for communities	Required	YES
CM2. Net Positive Community Impacts	Required	YES
CM3. Offsite Stakeholders Impacts	Required	YES
CM4. Community Impacts Monitoring	Required	YES
GL2. Exceptional Community Benefits	Optional	N/A
Biodiversity Section		
B1. Without-project Biodiversity Scenario	Required	YES
B2. Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts	Required	YES
B3. Offsite Biodiversity Impacts	Required	YES
B4. Biodiversity Impacts Monitoring	Required	YES
GL3. Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits	Optional	N/A

3 Project Description

3.1 Summary description of the project

This initiative was structured as a grouped project with two pilot instances: El Silencio and Guacamayas. Subsequently the growth of the grouped project will depend on the addition of new areas that meet the eligibility and additionality criteria previously defined. The grouped project proposes the recovery of degraded areas by implementing agroforestry, silvopastoral and assisted natural regeneration systems, mixed-species plantations or any kind of land use multipurpose systems, in order to support initiatives that contribute to sustainable development, taking into account the region's needs.

The project climate benefits are achieved through the capture and storage of CO₂ resulting from the establishment and management of forests that contemplate conservation and productive purposes. The positive impacts on communities are the strengthening of the social component through the creation of direct and indirect jobs, training schemes and contribution in the areas of decision making process, to enable broad participation of different community groups, such as women, youths, people displaced by violence and demobilized (people who participated in illegal armed groups during the historic political conflict into the country). The impacts on biodiversity are those in relation with Sustainable use of goods and ecosystem services derived from the recovering, conservation and connection of the forest relicts of the reserve El Silencio and Guacamayas.

3.2 Project Proponents

Fundación Natura is the project proponent in the instance El Silencio. Fundación Natura is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources. Since its creation, in 1984, researchers and scientists working for this NGO have been interested in generating spaces for environmental research, sustainable land use planning and mitigation of carbon emissions. They have also promoted tools and incentives for land conservation, policymaking, the creation of protected areas and the integrated management of watersheds.

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3.3 Project Location

This instance El Silencio is located in the rural areas known as Puente Peláez and La Hondita, Municipality of El Retiro, department of Antioquia, Colombia. The instance Guacamayas is located in the veredas Guacamayas and Botijuelas, municipality of Necoclí, department of Antioquia.

The instance Guacamayas is located inside the farm Guacamayas between the coordinates 8°30`05" N y 76°42`50" W. The farm consists of six properties that together make up the Guacamayas farm.

The project proponent provided KML files depicting the property boundaries, in conformance with the CCB Standard. Comparison of GPS waypoints and tracks taken during the on-site visit with the boundaries represented by the Shape files found no discrepancies.

4 Validation Process

4.1 Method and Criteria

The validation consisted of the following four phases: i) a desk review and investigation on secondary sources of information, ii) on-site assessment iii) the resolution of findings and iv) issuance of the final validation report with the conclusion, as follows:

15/11/2014 to Desk Review
21/11/2014 Developing the Planning of the validation activities
24/11/2014 to On-site assessment
28/11/2014 Project Description
Description of the project activity
Proof of land tenure/ownership
Project location and project boundary (GIS and Project sites)
Description and explanations about environmental / social impacts and stakeholder's consultation.

	Issues related with CCB Standard
	Project's presentation
	Design and goals of project, project participants and project description: land use scenarios, communities, biodiversity, among others
	Interview with the team responsible for the project's communities section
	Interview with the person responsible for biodiversity monitoring
	Interview with team who carry out activities linked to the project
	On-site visit
	Project location and project boundary - Confirmation of Project sites and project boundaries
	Management activities and baseline scenario biodiversity and communities)
	Impacts and monitoring plan
	Partial Closing meeting with PP
29/11/2014	Submission of findings to client
05/11/2015	Reception of the action plan of the findings
05/04/2016 to	Reviewing of the responses provided by the project regarding the findings raised
06/04/2016	by the audit team
07/04/2016 to	Writing the draft of validation report
08/04/2016	
11/04/2016 to	Internal QA/QC
12/04/2016	
13/04/2016	Adjustments to the final validation report and relative documents to submission, according to the findings spotted by the technical reviewer team

The criteria allow the validation/verification guidance provided by CCB Standard. In consequence, the following documents were used to assess this project:

- Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards Third Edition (December 2013).
- Rules for the Use of the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (December 2013).
- CCB Standards Checklist. Third Edition

Documentation review, interviews and on-site visit allowed ICONTEC to collect enough evidences to completely assess the validation criteria and determinate that the PD (Version November 3, 2015) is in conformance with the rules and CCB criteria. The Requirements Checklist (Summary of conformance to CCBA Standards - Third Edition) resulting from the assessment of the project is enclosed in **Appendix A** of this report.

4.2 Validation team

The validation team consists of the personnel described in Table 2.

Table 2: Validation Team

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Role/Qualification	Last Name	First Name	Country	Type of involvement		
				Desk review	Site visit/Interviews	Reporting
Lead Auditor / Sectoral Expert	Duque	Angela	Colombia	X	X	X

The Validation Team is qualified in accordance with ICONTEC qualification scheme for CCB validation and verification.

4.3 Document review

The documentary review was performed in November 15-21, 2014, based on the information provided by the Project Proponent before the on-site visit. This documentation was compared with the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards Third Edition. This information crosschecking allowed identifying several findings that were declared in Appendix A. In addition, the following documents, among others were checked:

The Project Description CCB – v1-08/2014 (Grouped Project CCB_V1), v2-24/04/2015 (152404_Grouped Project CCB_IICA_V2) and v3-03/11/2015 (151103_Grouped Project CCB_IICA_V3).

Land Owner Information and contract with landowners (Land Ownership)

Project Boundary - SIG. (140526_GIS_data_AR_esp, supporting maps and shapes)

Fauna and flora inventory of the Reserve El Silencio

The whole documentation was reviewed and a validation audit plan was completely carried out during the validation activities.

4.4 Interviews

Between 24/11/2014 to 28/11/2014 a site visit to the project was undertaken. Interviews were conducted with Roberto Gomez (Fundacion Natura - Project Instance El Silencio), Clara Solano (Fundacion Natura - Project Instance El Silencio), Victor Giraldo and Catalina Becerra (Swiss Carbon Value Ltd.).

Interviews were carried out to assess understanding of program requirements and to determine if the Project Description is in accordance with the CCB Standard. In consequence, on the interviews with the project developer (Swiss Carbon Value) and the Project Proponent, ICONTEC audited in particular the procedures to determinate the relevant issues related with the compliance about impacts considered on climate, community and biodiversity. During the on-site visit the following people were interviewed:

Table 3: Interviews

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Name	Entity	Position
Roberto L. Gomez	Fundación Natura	Project Instance – Owner Represent
Clara Solano	Fundación Natura	Project Instance – Owner Represent
Catalina Becerra	Swiss Carbon Value Ltd.	Carbon Project Developer
Victor Giraldo	Swiss Carbon Value Ltd.	Carbon Project Developer
Mario Giraldo Mejia	AGROFUTURO	Technical Management
Henry Villarreal Gutierrez	AGROFUTURO	Project Management
Juan Felipe Aristizabal	AGROFUTURO	Operational Management
Renato Satta	AGROFUTURO	Agricola Operation
Yoana Luna	AGROFUTURO	Agricola Operation
Andres Felipe Cordero	AGROFUTURO	Operational Direction
Luis Carlos Hoyos	AGROFUTURO	Technical assistant on field

The Desk Review and the On-site visit resulted in the findings included in Appendix A. The use of this checklist ensures a complete validation process and allows obtaining the information needed to confirm the consistence of the PD whit the standard requirements.

4.5 Site Inspections

The objectives of the on-site inspections performed were to:

- Ensure that the geographic area of the project, as reported in the PD and the accompanying Shape file, is in conformance with the standard requirements;
- Perform a risk-based review of the project area to ensure that the project conforms to all other requirements of the CCB rules;
- In fulfillment of the above objectives, the audit team performed an on-site inspection of the project area on the dates November 24 – 28, 2014.
- During field reconnaissance, GPS waypoints and tracks were collected at boundaries and other significant features including locations where photos were taken.

4.6 Identification and assesment of non-conformities

During the validation process, a finding can be established when: (a) failure to meet the criteria of the Protocol is evident, or (b) a risk about the compliance of the project CCB objectives.

This report includes all non-conformities raised in this validation. The findings of the validation are stated in the Appendix A, including the validation criteria (Requirements Checklist), the means of validation and the results from verifying the identified non-conformity.

As a result of this assessment there were found sixteen (16) non-conformities. Those were closed based upon adequate responses from the project proponent which meet the applicable requirements. Non-conformities were reassessed before their formal acceptance and closure. All non-conformities, included the issues raised, the responses provided by the project proponent and the final conclusions are contained in the Appendix A. All required changes are observable on PD Version 3.0 (03/11/2015).

4.7 CCB Public Comment Period

The project PDD was posted to the CCBA website for the formal 30-day public comment period 30 April – 30 May 2015. No comments were received.

5 Validation Conclusion

ICONTEC performed the validation process of the project: “Recovery of degraded areas with agroforestry systems in Colombia”. The validation was performed on the basis of the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards Third Edition (December 2013) and Rules for the Use of the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (December 2013).

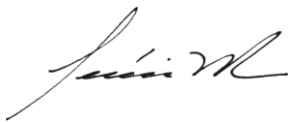
The review of the Project Description and the subsequent follow up interviews has provided ICONTEC with sufficient evidence to determine the fulfillment of the stated criteria.

Project grouped activities proposes the recovery of degraded areas in Colombia by implementing agroforestry, silvopastoral and assisted natural regeneration systems, mixed-species plantations or any kind of land use multipurpose systems, in order to support initiatives that contribute to sustainable development, taking into account the region’s needs.

ICONTEC confirms all project activities, including goals, scope and criteria, level of assurance and the PD compliance to the CCB Project Design Standards, Third Edition, as documented in this report are complete.

In summary, it is ICONTEC’s opinion that the project “Recovery of degraded areas with agroforestry systems in Colombia”, as described in the PD version 3.0, meets all relevant CCB requirements.

Bogotá D.C., 22/04/2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Vivas'.

Monica Vivas
Director of conformity assessment
ICONTEC

Appendix A

Requirements Checklist
(Summary of conformance to CCBA Standards - Third Edition)

GENERAL SECTION

G1. Project Goals, Design and Long-term Viability

The project has clear objectives to generate climate, community and biodiversity benefits and is designed to meet these objectives. Risks are identified and managed to generate and maintain project benefits within and beyond the life of the project.

Indicators

Project overview	
1. Identify the primary Project Proponent which is responsible for the project's design and implementation and provide contact details.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Define the project's climate, community and biodiversity objectives.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	On text, the PP signals that in the Reserve El Silencio, the objectives do not include logging activities; however, comprise experimental plots with native species (harvesting with timber and non-timber products).
Evidence to close CAR	The text was corrected. Those activities will be developed in experimental plots with native timber species, in order to assess the long-term growth of the species. If harvesting is carried out, it would be done for experimental purposes.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Provide the location (country, sub-national jurisdictions(s)) and a brief overview of the basic physical and social parameters of the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Project Design and Boundaries	

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4. Define the boundaries of the Project Area where project activities aim to generate net climate benefits and the Project Zone where project activities are implemented.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Explain the process of stakeholder identification and analysis used to identify Communities, Community Groups and Other Stakeholders.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6. List all Communities, Community Groups and Other Stakeholders identified using the process explained in G 1.5.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Provide a map identifying the location of Communities and the boundaries of the Project Area(s), of the Project Zone, including any High Conservation Value areas (identified in CM1 and B1), and of additional areas that are predicted to be impacted by project activities identified in CL3, CM3 and B3.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8. Briefly describe each project activity and the expected outputs, outcomes and impacts of the activities identifying the causal relationships that explain how the activities will achieve the project's predicted climate, community and biodiversity benefits.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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9. Define the project start date and lifetime, and GHG accounting period and biodiversity and community benefits assessment period if relevant, and explain and justify any differences between them. Define an implementation schedule, indicating key dates and milestones in the project's development.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>Risk Management and Long-term Viability</i>	
10. Identify likely natural and human-induced risks to the expected climate, community and biodiversity benefits during the project lifetime and outline measures needed and taken to mitigate these risks.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	On text about Reserve El Silencio, there is a reference about “El Niño”, related to the contingency plan. There is not clear.
Evidence to close CAR	This text was corrected.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
11. Describe the measures needed and taken to maintain and enhance the climate, community and biodiversity benefits beyond the project lifetime.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
12. Demonstrate that financial mechanisms adopted, including actual and projected revenues from GHG emissions reductions or removals and other sources, provide an adequate actual and projected flow of funds for project implementation and to achieve the project's climate, community and biodiversity benefits.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	For the instance Guacamayas, there is not an explanation about this issue. The PP signals “See supporting document in Spanish Guacamayas_Prject_Cash_flow.
Evidence to close CAR	The explanation was added in the PD
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>Programmatic approach</i>	
13. Specify the Project Area(s) and Communities that may be included under the programmatic approach, and identify any new Project Area(s) and Communities that have been included in the project since the last validation or verification against the CCB Standards.	

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Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
14. Specify the eligibility criteria and process for project expansion under the programmatic approach and demonstrate that these have been met for any new Project Areas and Communities that have been included in the project since the last validation or verification against the CCB Standards.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
15. Establish scalability limits, if applicable, and describe measures needed and taken to address any risks to climate, community and biodiversity benefits if the project expands beyond those limits.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

G2. Without-project Land Use Scenario and Additionality

The without-project land use scenario describes expected land use or land-use changes in the Project Zone in the absence of project activities. The project impacts for climate, communities and biodiversity are measured against the expected conditions for total GHG emissions, for Communities and for biodiversity associated with this without-project land use scenario (described in CL1, CM1, and B1). Project benefits must be ‘additional’, such that they would not have occurred without the project.

Indicators

1. Describe the most likely land-use scenario within the Project Zone in the absence of the project, describing the range of potential land-use scenarios and the associated drivers of land use changes and justifying why the land-use scenario selected is most likely. It is allowable for different locations within the Project Zone to have different without-project	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

2. Document that project benefits including climate, community and biodiversity benefits would not have occurred in the absence of the project, explaining how existing laws, regulations and governance arrangements, or lack of laws and regulations and their enforcement, would likely affect land use and justifying that the benefits being claimed by the project are truly 'additional' and would not have occurred without the project. Identify any distinct climate, community and biodiversity benefits intended for use as offsets and	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	The PP presents the baseline and additionality analysis related to Carbon Project. There is not an assessment about benefits about climate, community and biodiversity benefits would not occurred in the absence of the project.
Evidence to close CAR	The assessment about benefits about climate, community and biodiversity benefits would not occurred in the absence of the project, was added
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

G3. Stakeholder Engagement

Communities and Other Stakeholders are involved in the project through full and effective participation, including access to information, consultation, participation in decision-making and implementation, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (requirements for Free, Prior and Informed Consent are included in G5.2). Timely and adequate information is accessible in a language and manner understood by the Communities and Other Stakeholders. Effective and timely consultations are conducted with all relevant stakeholders and participation is ensured, as appropriate, of those that want to be involved.

Feedback and Grievance Redress Procedures are established and functional. Best practices are adopted for worker relations and safety.

Indicators

Access to information	
1. Describe how full project documentation has been made accessible to Communities and Other Stakeholders, how summary project documentation (including how to access full documentation) has been actively disseminated to Communities in relevant local or regional languages, and how widely publicized information meetings have been held with Communities and Other Stakeholders.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Explain how relevant and adequate information about potential costs, risks and benefits to Communities has been provided to them in a form they understand and in a timely manner prior to any decision they may be asked to make with respect to participation in the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.

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Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Describe the measures taken, and communications methods used, to explain to Communities and other Stakeholders the process for validation and/or verification against the CCB Standards by an independent Auditor, providing them with timely information about the Auditor's site visit before the site visit occurs and facilitating direct and independent communication between them or their representatives and the Auditor.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Consultation	
4. Describe how Communities including all the Community Groups and Other Stakeholders have influenced project design and implementation through Effective Consultation, particularly with a view to optimizing Community and Other Stakeholder benefits, respecting local customs, values and institutions and maintaining high conservation values. Project proponents must document consultations and indicate if and how the project design and implementation has been revised based on such input. A plan must be developed and implemented to continue communication and consultation between the project proponents and Communities, including all the Community Groups, and Other Stakeholders about the project and its impacts to facilitate adaptive management throughout the life of the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Demonstrate that all consultations and participatory processes have been undertaken directly with Communities and Other Stakeholders or through their legitimate representatives, ensuring adequate levels of information sharing with the members of the groups.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Participation in decision-making and implementation	
6. Describe the measures needed and taken to enable effective participation, as appropriate, of all Communities, including all the Community Groups, that want and need to be involved in project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation throughout the project lifetime, and describe how they have been implemented in a culturally appropriate and gender sensitive manner.	

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Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Anti-Discrimination	
7. Describe the measures needed and taken to ensure that the project proponent and all other entities involved in project design and implementation are not involved in or complicit in any form of discrimination or sexual harassment with respect to the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Feedback and Grievance Redress Procedure	
8. Demonstrate that a clear grievance redress procedure has been formalized to address disputes with Communities and Other Stakeholders that may arise during project planning, implementation and evaluation with respect but not limited to, Free, Prior and Informed Consent, rights to lands, territories and resources, benefit sharing, and participation. The project shall include a process for receiving, hearing, responding to and attempting to resolve Grievances within a reasonable time period. The Feedback and Grievance Redress Procedure shall take into account traditional methods that Communities and Other Stakeholders use to resolve conflicts. The Feedback and Grievance Redress Procedure shall have three stages with reasonable time limits for each of the following stages. First, the Project Proponent shall attempt to amicably resolve all Grievances, and provide a written response to the Grievances in a manner that is culturally appropriate. Second, any Grievances that are not resolved by amicable negotiations shall be referred to mediation by a neutral third party. Third, any Grievances that are not resolved through mediation shall be referred either to a) arbitration, to the extent allowed by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or b) competent courts in the relevant jurisdiction, without prejudice to a party's ability to submit the Grievance to a competent supranational adjudicatory body, if any. The Feedback and Grievance Redress Procedure must be publicized and accessible to Communities and Other Stakeholders. Grievances and project responses, including any	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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Worker Relations	
9. Describe measures needed and taken to provide orientation and training for the project's workers and relevant people from the Communities with an objective of building locally useful skills and knowledge to increase local participation in project implementation. These capacity building efforts should target a wide range of people in the Communities, with special attention to women and vulnerable and/or marginalized people. Identify how training is passed on to new workers when there is staff turnover, so that local capacity will not be lost.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
10. Demonstrate that people from the Communities are given an equal opportunity to fill all work positions (including management) if the job requirements are met. Explain how workers are selected for positions and where relevant, describe the measures needed and taken to ensure Community members, including women and vulnerable and/or marginalized people, are given a fair chance to fill positions for which they can be trained.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
11. Submit a list of all relevant laws and regulations covering worker's rights in the host country. Describe measures needed and taken to inform workers about their rights. Provide assurance that the project meets or exceeds all applicable laws and/or regulations covering worker rights and, where relevant, demonstrate how compliance is achieved.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
12. Comprehensively assess situations and occupations that might arise through the implementation of the project and pose a substantial risk to worker safety. Describe measures needed and taken to inform workers of risks and to explain how to minimize such risks. Where worker safety cannot be guaranteed, project proponents must show how the risks are minimized using best work practices in line with the culture and customary practices	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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G4. Management Capacity

The project has adequate human and financial resources for effective implementation.

Indicators

1. Describe the project’s governance structures, and roles and responsibilities of all the entities involved in project design and implementation. For projects using a programmatic approach, identify any new entities included in the project since the last validation or verification against the CCB Standards.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Document key technical skills required to implement the project successfully, including community engagement, biodiversity assessment and carbon measurement and monitoring skills. Document the management team’s expertise and prior experience implementing land management and carbon projects at the scale of this project. If relevant experience is lacking, the proponents must either demonstrate how other organizations are partnered with to support the project or have a recruitment strategy to fill the gaps.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	No CAR or OBS raised.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Document the financial health of the implementing organization(s). Provide assurance that the Project Proponent and any of the other entities involved in project design and implementation are not involved in or are not complicit in any form of corruption such as bribery, embezzlement, fraud, favoritism, cronyism, nepotism, extortion, and collusion, and describe any measures needed and taken to be able to provide this assurance.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

G5. Legal Status and Property Rights

The project is based on an internationally accepted legal framework, complies with relevant statutory and customary requirements and has necessary approvals from the appropriate state, local and indigenous authorities.

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The project recognizes respects and supports rights to lands, territories and resources, including the statutory and customary rights of Indigenous Peoples and others within Communities and Other Stakeholders. The Free, Prior and Informed Consent (as described in G5.2) of relevant Property Rights Holders has been obtained at every stage of the project.

Project activities do not lead to involuntary removal or relocation of Property Rights Holders from their lands or territories, and does not force them to relocate activities important to their culture or livelihood. Any proposed removal or relocation occurs only after obtaining Free, Prior and Informed Consent from the relevant Property Rights Holders.

Indicators

Respect for rights to lands, territories and resources, and Free, Prior and Informed	
<p>1. Describe and map statutory and customary tenure/use/access/management rights to lands, territories and resources in the Project Zone including individual and collective rights and including overlapping or conflicting rights. If applicable, describe measures needed and taken by the project to help to secure statutory rights. Demonstrate that all Property Rights are recognized, respected, and supported.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>2. Demonstrate with documented consultations and agreements that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the project will not encroach uninvited on private property, community property, or government property, b. the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent <i>has been obtained</i> of those whose property rights are affected by the project through a transparent, agreed process. c. appropriate restitution or compensation has been allocated to any parties whose lands have been or will be affected by the project. 	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>3. Demonstrate that project activities do not lead to involuntary removal or relocation of Property Rights Holders from their lands or territories, and does not force them to relocate activities important to their culture or livelihood. If any relocation of habitation or activities is undertaken within the terms of an agreement, the project proponents must demonstrate that the agreement was made with the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of those concerned and includes provisions for just and fair compensation.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	

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Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Identify any illegal activities that could affect the project's climate, community or biodiversity impacts (e.g. illegal logging) taking place in the Project Zone and describe measures needed and taken to reduce these activities so that project benefits are not derived from			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.		
Evidence to close CAR			
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Identify any ongoing or unresolved conflicts or disputes over rights to lands, territories and resources and also any disputes that were resolved during the last twenty years where such records exist, or at least during the last ten years. If applicable, describe measures needed and taken to resolve conflicts or disputes. Demonstrate that no activity is undertaken by the project that could prejudice the outcome of an unresolved dispute relevant to the project over lands, territories and resources in the Project Zone.			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.		
Evidence to close CAR			
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Legal status			
6. Submit a list of all national and local laws and regulations in the host country that are relevant to the project activities. Provide assurance that the project is complying with these and, where relevant, demonstrate how compliance is achieved.			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.		
Evidence to close CAR			
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Document that the project has approval from the appropriate authorities, including the established formal and/or traditional authorities customarily required by the Communities.			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.		
Evidence to close CAR			
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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8. Demonstrate that the Project Proponent(s) has the unconditional, undisputed and unencumbered ability to claim that the project will or did generate or cause the project's climate, community and biodiversity benefits.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9. Identify the tradable climate, community and biodiversity benefits of the project and specify how double counting is avoided, particularly for offsets sold on the voluntary market and generated in a country participating in a compliance mechanism.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	On this section, the PP does not explain how double counting is avoided for offsets.
Evidence to close CAR	Explanation about how double counting is avoided for offsets, was added
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

CLIMATE SECTION

This section is used to demonstrate a project's net positive climate benefits and not for claiming greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions and removals units that may be used as offsets. This section is not required for projects that have met the requirements of a recognized GHG Program.

The project has been validated under the VCS.

CL1. Without-Project Climate Scenario

Estimates of total GHG emissions in the Project Area under the without-project land use scenario are described.

Indicators

1. Estimate the total GHG emissions inside the Project Area under the without-project land use scenario (described in G2) using an Approved or Defensible methodological approach. The timeframe for this analysis is the project GHG accounting period or the project lifetime. In the without-project scenario, it is allowable for the analysis to exclude GHG emissions from sources such as biomass burning, fossil fuel combustion, synthetic fertilizers, and to exclude non-CO2 GHG emissions such as CH4 and N2O gases, in cases where this can be justified as conservative. The analysis of GHG emissions or removals must include	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	

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Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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CL2. Net Positive Climate Impacts

The project reduces GHG emissions over the project lifetime from project activities within the project area.

Indicators

	<p>1. Estimate the total GHG emissions expected from land use activities inside the project area under the with-project land use scenario using an Approved or Defensible methodological approach. This estimate must be based on clearly defined and defensible assumptions about changes in GHG emissions under the with-project scenario over the project lifetime or the project GHG accounting period. The GHG emissions estimate must include non CO2 emissions such as CH4 and N2O (in terms of CO2-equivalent) and GHG emissions from sources such as biomass burning, fossil fuel combustion, use of synthetic fertilizers and the decomposition of N-fixing species, etc., if those GHG emissions sources are cumulatively likely to account for more than 20% of the project's expected total GHG emissions in the with-project scenario.</p>
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<p>2. Demonstrate that the net climate impact of the project is positive. The net climate impact of the project is the difference between the total GHG emissions or removals in the without-project scenario (including CO2 and non-CO2 GHG emissions) and total GHG emissions or removals resulting from project activities, minus any project-related negative offsite climate impacts ('Leakage' see CL3).</p>
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

CL3. Offsite Climate Impacts ('Leakage')

Increased GHG emissions that occur beyond the project area caused by project activities ('Leakage') are assessed and mitigated and accounted for in the demonstration of net climate impacts.

Indicators

	<p>1. Determine the types of Leakage that are expected and estimate offsite increases in GHG emissions due to project activities using an Approved or Defensible methodological approach. Where relevant, define and justify where Leakage is most likely to take place.</p>
Findings	

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CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Describe the measures taken to mitigate Leakage.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Non-CO2 emissions must be included if they are likely to account for more than 20% of the total Leakage emissions (in terms of CO2-equivalent) following the procedures for including or excluding non-CO2 emissions described in CL 2.1.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

CL4. Climate Impact Monitoring

Climate impact monitoring assesses changes (within and outside the Project Area) in project-related carbon pools, project emissions, and non-CO2 GHG emissions if relevant, resulting from project activities.

Indicators

1. Develop and implement a plan for monitoring changes in relevant carbon pools, non-CO2 GHGs and emissions sources and leakage (as identified in CL1, CL2 and CL3) using an Approved or Defensible methodological approach and following the defined frequency of monitoring of defined parameters. Emissions sources to monitor must include any sources expected to cumulatively contribute more than 20% of total GHG emissions in the with-project scenario (See footnote to CL2.1). Where the methodological approach used to estimate leakage under CL3 requires monitoring, this leakage must be monitored.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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2. Disseminate the monitoring plan and any results of monitoring undertaken in accordance with the monitoring plan, ensuring that they are made publicly available on the internet and summaries are communicated to the Communities and Other Stakeholders through appropriate means.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Optional Criterion

GL1. Climate Change Adaptation Benefits

The project provides significant support to assist Communities and/or biodiversity in adapting to the impacts of climate change. Strategies to help Communities and biodiversity adapt to climate change are identified and implemented.

Indicators

1. Identify likely regional or sub-national climate change and climate variability scenarios and impacts, using available studies, and identify potential changes in the local land use scenario due to these climate change scenarios in the absence of the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Demonstrate that current or anticipated climate changes are having or are likely to have an impact on the well-being of Communities and/or the conservation status of biodiversity in the Project Zone and surrounding regions.	
Findings	N/A
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Describe measures needed and taken to assist Communities and/or biodiversity to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change based on the causal model that explains how the project activities will achieve the project's predicted adaptation benefits.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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4. Include indicators for adaptation benefits for Communities and/or biodiversity in the monitoring plan. Demonstrate that the project activities assist Communities and/or biodiversity to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change. Assessment of impacts of project activities on Communities must include an evaluation of the impacts by the affected Communities.	
Findings	N/A
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

COMMUNITY SECTION

CM1. Without-Project Community Scenario

Original well-being conditions for Communities and expected changes under the without-project land use scenario are described.

Indicators

1. Describe the Communities at the start of the project and significant community changes in the past, including well-being information, and any community characteristics. Describe the social, economic and cultural diversity within the Communities and the differences and interactions between the Community Groups.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Evaluate whether the Project Zone includes any of the following High Conservation Values (HCVs) related to community well-being and describe the qualifying attributes for any identified HCVs:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Areas that provide critical ecosystem services; b. Areas that are fundamental for the livelihoods of Communities; and c. Areas that are critical for the traditional cultural identity of Communities. 	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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3. Describe the expected changes in the well-being conditions and other characteristics of Communities under the without-project land use scenario, including the impact of likely changes on all ecosystem services in the Project Zone identified as important to	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

CM2. Net Positive Community Impacts

The project generates net positive impacts on the well-being of Communities and the Community Groups within them over the project lifetime. The project maintains or enhances the High Conservation Values in the Project Zone that are of importance to the well-being of Communities.

Indicators

1. Use appropriate methodologies to assess the impacts, including predicted and actual, direct and indirect benefits, costs and risks, on each of the identified Community Groups (identified in G1.5) resulting from project activities under the with-project scenario. The assessment of impacts must include changes in well-being due to project activities and an evaluation of the impacts by the affected Community Groups. This assessment must be based on clearly defined and defensible assumptions about changes in well-being of the Community Groups under the with-project scenario, including potential impacts of changes in all ecosystem services identified as important for the Communities (including water and soil resources), over the project lifetime.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed adequately in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Describe measures needed and taken to mitigate any negative well-being impacts on Community Groups and for maintenance or enhancement of the High Conservation Value attributes (identified in CM1.2) consistent with the precautionary principle.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed adequately in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Demonstrate that the net well-being impacts of the project are positive for all identified Community Groups compared with their anticipated well-being conditions under the without- project land use scenario (described in CM1).	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.

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Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Demonstrate that no High Conservation Values (identified in CM1.2) are negatively affected by the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

CM3. Other Stakeholder Impacts

Project activities at least 'do no harm' to the well-being of Other Stakeholders.

Indicators

1. Identify any potential positive and negative impacts that the project activities are likely to cause on the well-being of Other Stakeholders.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Describe the measures needed and taken to mitigate the negative well-being impacts on Other Stakeholders.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Demonstrate that the project activities do not result in net negative impacts on the well-being of Other Stakeholders.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

CM 4. Community Impact Monitoring

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Community impact monitoring assesses changes in well-being resulting from the project activities for Community Groups and Other Stakeholders.

Indicators

<p>1. Develop and implement a monitoring plan that identifies community variables to be monitored, Communities, Community Groups and Other Stakeholders to be monitored, the types of measurements, the sampling methods, and the frequency of monitoring and reporting. Monitoring variables must be directly linked to the project's objectives for Communities and Community Groups and to predicted outputs, outcomes and impacts identified in the project's causal model related to the well-being of Communities (described in G1.8). Monitoring must assess differentiated impacts, including and benefits, costs and risks, for each of the Community Groups and must include an evaluation by the affected Community Groups.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	<p>The information contained in the section CM 4. 1 presents the indicators related to Direct impacts (Generate knowledge and economic profit, restoration of biodiversity and institutional alliances) on the Reserve El Silencio. This information not corresponds <u>with the monitoring plan that identifies community variables to be monitored.</u> This section is about community impact monitoring. And Guacamayas information was not include</p>
Evidence to close CAR	<p>This section was adjusted, using the appropriate information. The information related to Guacamayas was added.</p>
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>2. Develop and implement a monitoring plan to assess the effectiveness of measures taken to maintain or enhance all identified High Conservation Values related to community well-being.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	<p>There is not an explanation about the monitoring plan. The PP signals that the project is expecting to implement such monitoring by using the resources obtained from the carbon sequestration. Is necessary to include a monitoring plan with adequate indicators.</p>
Evidence to close CAR	<p>This information was corrected, and was clarified that the monitoring plan includes the assessment of the High Conservation Values related to community in El Silencio.</p>
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>3. Disseminate the monitoring plan, and any results of monitoring undertaken in accordance with the monitoring plan, ensuring that they are made publicly available on the internet and summaries are communicated to the Communities and Other Stakeholders through</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	<p>There is not a monitoring plan developed. The text in the section explains how the project information is disseminated.</p>
Evidence to close CAR	<p>The monitoring plan was developed and this section was adjusted.</p>

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Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Optional Criterion

GL2. Exceptional Community Benefits

The project is a Smallholder/Community-led and implemented on land that they own or manage, and/or is explicitly pro-poor in terms of targeting benefits to globally poorer communities.

The project delivers equitable well-being benefits to Smallholders/Community Members, including short-term and long-term benefits and enhancement of security and empowerment of Smallholders/Community Members. Appropriate institutional and governance arrangements have been used to enable full and effective participation of Smallholders/Community Members in decision making, implementation and management of the project and in doing so has managed risks related to aggregating Smallholders/Community Members at scale.

Well-being benefits are shared equitably not only with the Smallholders/Community Members but also among the Smallholders/Community Members, ensuring that equitable benefits also flow to more marginalized and/or vulnerable households and individuals within them.

Indicators

1.	<p>a. Demonstrate that Smallholders/Community Members or Communities either own or have management rights, statutory or customary, individually or collectively, to land in the Project Area. The Smallholders/Community Members or Communities have rights to claim that their activities will or did generate or cause the project's climate, community and biodiversity benefits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. Demonstrate that the Project Zone is in a low human development country OR in an administrative area of a medium or high human development country in which at least 50% of the households within the Communities are below the national poverty line.</p>
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2.	<p>Demonstrate that the project generates short-term and long-term net positive well-being benefits for Smallholders/ Community Members. Include indicators of well-being impacts on Smallholder/Community Members in the monitoring plan. The assessment of impacts must include changes in well-being due to project activities and an evaluation of the impacts by the affected Smallholders/Community Members.</p>
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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<p>3. Identify, through a participatory process, risks for the Smallholders/Community Members to participate in the project, including those related to tradeoffs with food security, land loss, loss of yields and short-term and long-term climate change adaptation. Explain how the project is designed to avoid such tradeoffs and the measures taken to manage the identified risks. Include indicators of risks for Smallholders/Community Members in the</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>4. Identify Community Groups that are marginalized and/or vulnerable. Demonstrate that the project generates net positive impacts on the well-being of all identified marginalized and/or vulnerable Community Groups. Demonstrate that any barriers or risks that might prevent benefits going to marginalized and/or vulnerable Smallholder/Community Members have been identified and addressed. Demonstrate that measures are taken to identify any marginalized and/or vulnerable Smallholders/Community Members, whose well-being may be negatively affected by the project, and that measures are taken to avoid, or when unavoidable to mitigate, any such impacts.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>5. Demonstrate that the project generates net positive impacts on the well-being of women and that women participate in or influence decision making and include indicators of impacts on women in the monitoring plan.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>6. Describe the design and implementation of a benefit sharing mechanism, demonstrating that Smallholders/Community Members have fully and effectively participated in defining the decision-making process and the distribution mechanism for benefit sharing; and demonstrating transparency, including on project funding and costs as well as on benefit distribution.</p>	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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7. Explain how relevant and adequate information about predicted and actual benefits, costs and risks has been communicated to Smallholders/Community Members and provide evidence that the information is understood.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
8. Describe the project's governance and implementation structures, and any relevant self-governance or other structures used for aggregation of Smallholders/Community members, and demonstrate that they enable full and effective participation of Smallholders/Community Members in project decision-making and implementation.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
9. Demonstrate how the project is developing the capacity of Smallholders/Community Members, and relevant local organizations or institutions, to participate effectively and actively in project design, implementation and management.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

BIODIVERSITY SECTION

B1. Biodiversity Without-project Scenario

Original biodiversity conditions in the Project Zone and expected changes under the without-project land use scenario are described.

Indicators

1. Describe biodiversity within the Project Zone at the start of the project and threats to that biodiversity, using appropriate methodologies.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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2. Evaluate whether the Project Zone includes any of the following High Conservation Values (HCVs) related to biodiversity and describe the qualifying attributes for any identified HCVs:
- a. Globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values;
 - i. protected areas
 - ii. threatened species
 - iii. endemic species
 - iv. areas that support significant concentrations of a species during any time in their lifecycle.
 - b. Globally, regionally or nationally significant large landscape-level areas where viable populations of most if not all naturally occurring species exist in natural patterns of

Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was developed, and now contains the adequate information.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Describe how the without-project land use scenario would affect biodiversity conditions in the Project Zone.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed adequately in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was developed, and now contains the adequate information.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

B2. Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts

The project generates net positive impacts on biodiversity within the Project Zone over the project lifetime. The project maintains or enhances any High Conservation Values present in the Project Zone that are of importance in conserving biodiversity. Native species are used unless otherwise justified and invasive species and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are not used.

Indicators

1. Use appropriate methodologies to estimate changes in biodiversity, including assessment of predicted and actual, positive and negative, direct and indirect impacts, resulting from project activities under the with-project scenario in the Project Zone and over the project lifetime. This estimate must be based on clearly defined and defensible assumptions.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed appropriately in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected, and the appropriate information was added.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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2. Demonstrate that the project's net impacts on biodiversity in the Project Zone are positive, compared with the biodiversity conditions under the without-project land use scenario (described in B1).	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed appropriately in the document.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected, and the appropriate information was added.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Describe measures needed and taken to mitigate negative impacts on biodiversity and any measures needed and taken for maintenance or enhancement of the High Conservation Value attributes (identified in B1.2) consistent with the precautionary principle.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Demonstrate that no High Conservation Values (identified in B1.2) are negatively affected by the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Identify all species used by the project and show that no known invasive species are introduced into any area affected by the project and that the population of any invasive species does not increase as a result of the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6. Describe possible adverse effects of non-native species used by the project on the region's environment, including impacts on native species and disease introduction or facilitation. Justify any use of non-native species over native species.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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7. Guarantee that no GMOs are used to generate GHG emissions reductions or removals.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8. Describe the possible adverse effects of, and justify the use of, fertilizers, chemical pesticides, biological control agents and other inputs used for the project.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9. Describe the process for identifying, classifying and managing all waste products resulting from project activities.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

B3. Offsite Biodiversity Impacts

Negative impacts on biodiversity outside the Project Zone resulting from project activities are evaluated and mitigated.

Indicators

1. Identify potential negative impacts on biodiversity that the project activities are likely to cause outside the Project Zone.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Describe the measures needed and taken to mitigate these negative impacts on biodiversity outside the Project Zone.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.
Evidence to close CAR	

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Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Evaluate unmitigated negative impacts on biodiversity outside the Project Zone and compare them with the project's biodiversity benefits within the Project Zone. Justify and demonstrate that the net effect of the project on biodiversity is positive.			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	No CAR or OBS raised.		
Evidence to close CAR			
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

B4. Biodiversity Impact Monitoring

Biodiversity impact monitoring assesses the changes in biodiversity resulting from project activities within and outside the Project Zone.

Indicators

1. Develop and implement a monitoring plan that identifies biodiversity variables to be monitored, the areas to be monitored, the sampling methods, and the frequency of monitoring and reporting. Monitoring variables must be directly linked to the project's biodiversity objectives and to predicted activities, outcomes and impacts identified in the project's causal model related to biodiversity (described in G1.8).			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	This section has been not developed adequately in the document. There is not a preliminary monitoring plan for biodiversity variables.		
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected, and the appropriate information about biodiversity monitoring plan was added.		
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Develop and implement a monitoring plan to assess the effectiveness of measures taken to maintain or enhance all identified High Conservation Values related to globally, regionally or nationally significant Biodiversity (identified in B1.2) present in the Project Zone.			
Findings			
CAR/OBS	According the document " <i>the benefits will be measured according to the plan for hydrological monitoring developed by the foundation, which is currently in the process of rapprochement with experts from the National University of Colombia</i> ". The Monitoring plan will be developed..... There is not a monitoring plan preliminary defined.		
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected, and the appropriate information about biodiversity monitoring plan was added.		
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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3. Disseminate the monitoring plan and the results of monitoring, ensuring that they are made publicly available on the internet and summaries are communicated to the Communities and Other Stakeholders through appropriate means.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	There is not a monitoring plan preliminary defined.
Evidence to close CAR	This section was corrected, and the appropriate information about biodiversity monitoring plan was added.
Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Optional Criterion

GL3. Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits

Projects conserve biodiversity at sites of global significance for biodiversity conservation selected on the basis of the Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) framework of vulnerability and irreplaceability.

Conserving biodiversity at these sites may contribute to meeting country commitments to the Aichi Targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity and with the priorities identified in a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

Indicators

<p>1. Demonstrate that the Project Zone includes a site of high biodiversity conservation priority by meeting either the vulnerability <i>or</i> irreplaceability criteria defined below, identifying the ‘Trigger’ species that cause(s) the site to meet any of the following qualifying conditions and providing evidence that the qualifying conditions are met:</p> <p>1.1 Vulnerability</p> <p>Regular occurrence of a globally threatened species (according to the IUCN Red List) at the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Critically Endangered (CR) and Endangered (EN) species - presence of at least a single individual; or b. Vulnerable species (VU) - presence of at least 30 individuals or 10 pairs. <p>OR</p> <p>1.2 Irreplaceability</p> <p>A minimum proportion of a species’ global population present at the site at any stage of the species’ lifecycle according to the following thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restricted-range species - species with a global range less than 50,000 km² and 5% of global population at the site; or b. Species with large but clumped distributions - 5% of the global population at the site; or c. Globally significant congregations - 1% of the global population seasonally at the
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Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Describe recent population trends of each of the Trigger species in the Project Zone at the start of the project and describe the most likely changes under the without-project land use scenario.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Describe measures needed and taken to maintain or enhance the population status of each Trigger species in the Project Zone, and to reduce the threats to them based on the causal model that identifies threats to Trigger species and activities to address them.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Include indicators of the population trend of each Trigger species and/or the threats to them in the monitoring plan and demonstrate the effectiveness of measures needed and taken to maintain or enhance the population status of Trigger species.	
Findings	
CAR/OBS	
Evidence to close CAR	
Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> N/A