

# VALIDATION STATEMENT

for

## RESERVA ECOLOGICA DE GUAPIACU (REGUA)

*Fazenda Serra do Mar, s/nº, terceiro distrito - Guapiaçu*

*Cachoeiras de Macacu, Rio de Janeiro 28680-000*

### VALIDATION SCOPE

Rainforest Alliance has validated that the Guapiaçu Grande Vida project is in conformance with the *Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards, Third Edition*. The project is located in Cachoeiras do Macacu, RJ, Brasil. This independent third-party validation covers a afforestation project of 100 hectares of privately owned land. The objective of this validation audit is to assess the likelihood that the implementation of the planned GHG project will result in the GHG emission reductions and/or removals stated in the project GHG assertion. The information supporting the GHG assertion is projected in nature. The project estimates it will lead to a reduction of 49,679 t CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions over the course of the 30 year project lifetime. The project was evaluated to a reasonable level of assurance.

**Validation Registration Code:** RA-VAL-CCB-020403

**Effective Date:** 21 March 2016

**Expiration Date:** 20 March 2021

The validity of this statement is contingent upon the project's continued implementation of the *Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards, Third Edition* and as further defined in the Rainforest Alliance Validation Audit Report dated 21 March 2016.



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This validation was conducted in collaboration with Imaflora.

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**Summary of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity benefits the project is expected to deliver from the cover page of the Validated Project Design Document:**

The project's forest restoration activities that will transition 100 hectares of grazing lands back to forest cover, is an important component for the recovery of essential environmental services for historical agricultural activities in the region, due to the cycling of nutrients and regulation of water resources. More than 67% of the population of the region sustains their income generation through agricultural production activities. In addition to the ecosystem issues, an extensive schedule of environmental education activities will be promoted and linked toward the conservation of water resources in the region and existing forested areas outside the boundaries of protected areas in the region, which are extremely important for local biodiversity and for the maintenance of current ways of life of communities in the region. The project also involves opening work alternatives, income generation and technical training for the local communities so that they can offer future services oriented to the production chain of forest restoration. Remunerative activity and labor rights, which is not the reality of rural labor will also be facilitated by the project. Without the project these actions and the objectives of the project could not happen and would not exist in the region of the sub-basin of the river Guapiaçu.

The Project has not pursued validation against the CCB Gold Level optional criteria for exceptional climate, community and biodiversity benefits.

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