

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

for

ORÉADES NÚCLEO DE GEOPROCESSAMENTO

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VERIFICATION SCOPE

Rainforest Alliance has verified that Emas-Taquari Biodiversity Corridor Carbon Project, Goiás and Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil is in conformance with the *Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards, Second Edition (2008)*. The project is located in Mineiros, GO, Brazil. This independent third-party verification covers a reforestation project of 520 hectares of privately owned land. The objective of this verification audit is to verify the implementation of the validated GHG project. The information supporting the GHG assertion is historic in nature. The verification assessment covered the monitoring period from 06 December 2016 to 10 July 2015, and verified a total of 13,611 tCO₂e of GHG emission reductions and/or removals achieved during the monitoring period with a reasonable level of assurance. The Project attained a gold level of approval for exceptional Biodiversity benefits over the course of the monitoring period.

Verification Registration Code: RA-VER-CCB-021547

Effective Date: 14 June 2016

The validity of this statement is contingent upon the project's continued implementation of the *Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards, Second Edition (2008)* and as further defined in the Rainforest Alliance Verification Audit Report dated 14 June 2016.

This verification was conducted in collaboration with Imaflora.



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Summary of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity benefits the project has delivered from the cover page of the Verified Project Implementation Report:

In the first 5 years the project removed from the atmosphere 13,611.39 tCO₂e through the plantation of 520 hectares (more than six hundred thousand seedlings of native tree species). In terms of biodiversity benefits, the project was implemented in strategic sites along the landscape, aiming to increase the connection between remaining fragments, creating a mosaic of native forest amid monocultures and crop fields, reducing inbreeding, and promoting gene flow among native species through the creation of biodiversity corridors. The monitoring of fauna have shown the return to the project areas of some endangered mammals such as tapirs and jaguars (*Panthera onca*). In addition, the project has benefited 51 (directly) and 19 (indirectly) rural settled families, 9 *quilombola* families, and a group of 34 temporary employees hired up to work with planting activities. The net positive impacts on the communities assisted by the project is due to the work opportunities, social inclusion, environmental education and income alternatives offered by the project activities.

Exceptional biodiversity benefits are sustained by the spread use of native tree species of Cerrado (one of the 35 global biodiversity hotspots) and the forest fragments connectivity, supporting the fauna and flora genetic flux in an area surrounded by the agribusiness and monoculture activity.