



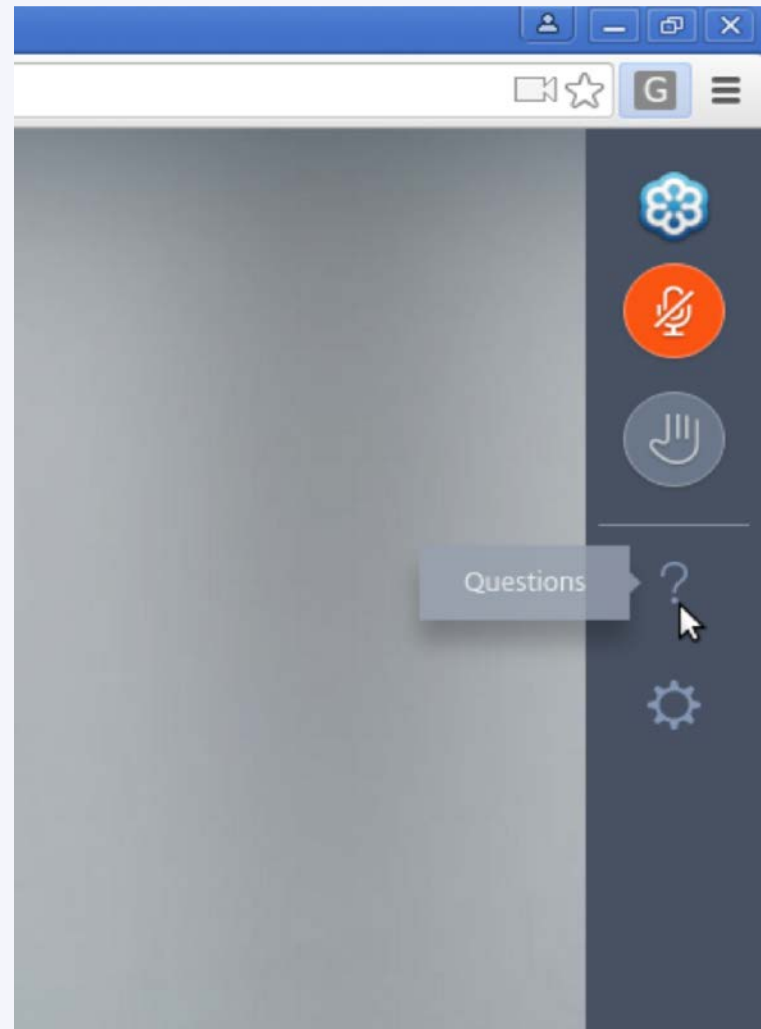
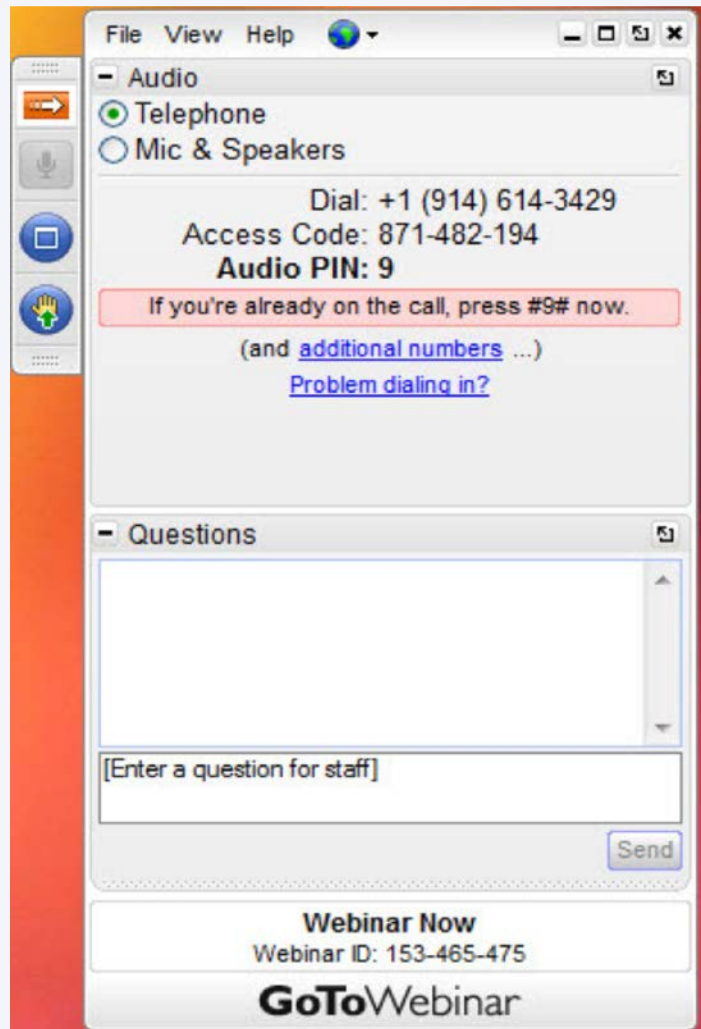
Standards for a
Sustainable Future

Future of REDD+ Projects and Programs

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Submitting Questions



- Slides & information from webinar will be made available.

Agenda

- Verra Post-2020 Vision for REDD+
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 - Overview of VCS Program Submission
 - Proposed AFOLU Project Eligibility
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 - Standalone VCS AFOLU Projects: Robust Leakage Requirements
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Verra Post-2020 Vision for REDD+

- Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) could provide ~30% of potential climate mitigation*
- Verra intends to continue supporting both jurisdictions and projects to help drive critical finance to REDD+/AFOLU mitigation in voluntary and compliance markets



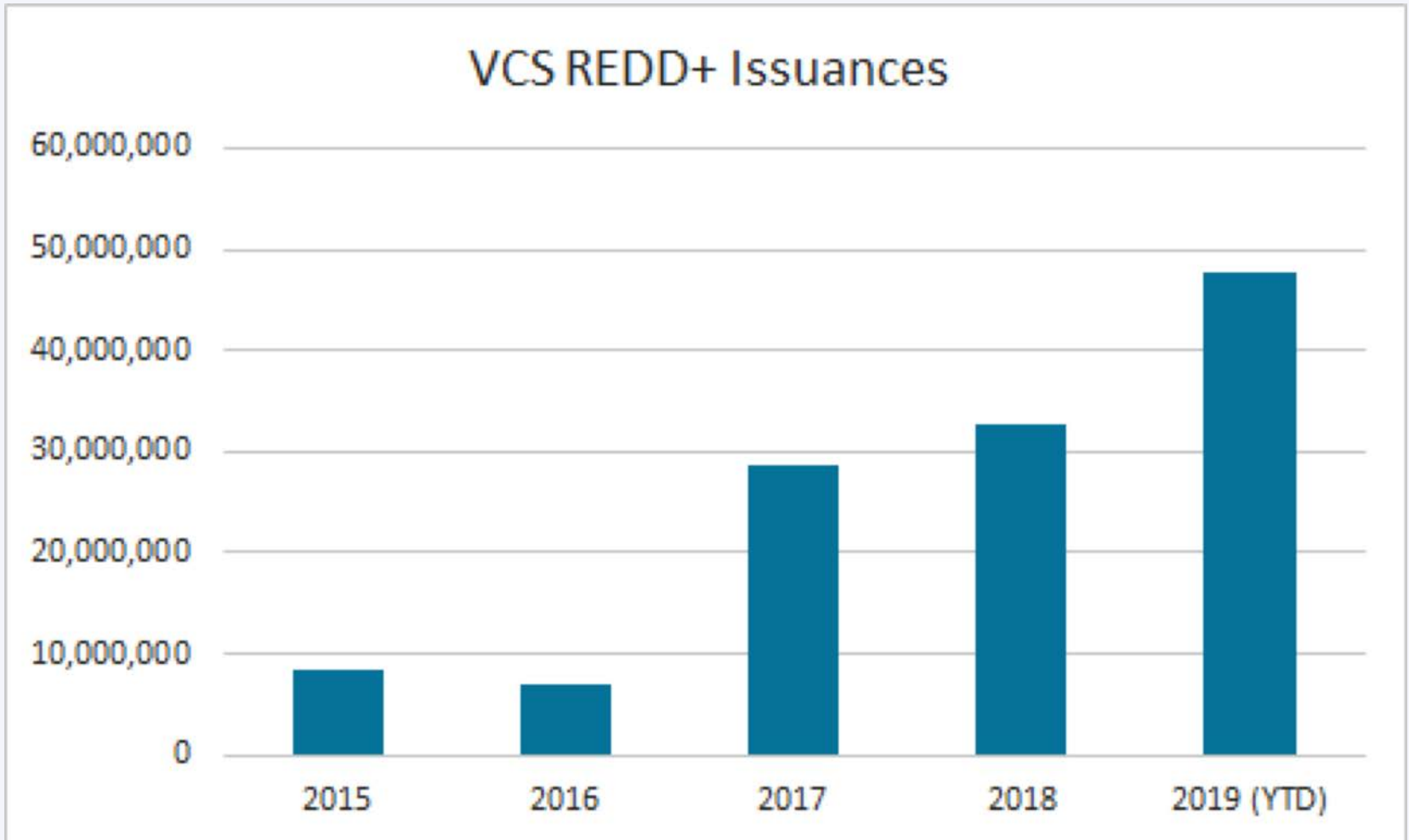
**According to recent reports from TNC*

Post-2020 Context for REDD+

- We're seeing:
 - Increased focus on need for Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)
 - Increasing confidence in REDD+ for compliance:
 - CORSIA
 - ITMOs
 - Domestic markets
 - Increasing demand for purely voluntary units



REDD+ Growth



VCS REDD+ Projects

Project Category	VCS Meths Approved	VCS Projects Registered	Countries	Average Annual Emission Reductions & Removals	Total Emission Reductions & Removals Verified
REDD	15	142	29	194,161,618	237,859,040
REDD+ (incl. IFM and A/R)	35	338	32	269,569,707	318,992,847

CORSIA



VCS Program Submission to CORSIA

- Verra submitted application on 12 July
- Key documents
 - Program application form
 - “Program scope information request” form
 - Supporting materials (IRS filings, etc.)
- Areas of focus
 - Fundamental components of VCS Program
 - Pending revisions to program rules (i.e., Version 4)
 - Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+
- Next steps
 - Applications posted for public comment, due 5 Sept
 - Questions from ICAO, in-person interview

Proposed AFOLU Project Eligibility

Level of Implementation	Activity Type					
	REDD	IFM	ARR	WRC	ALM	ACoGS
Jurisdictional	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Nested REDD+ projects and programs of activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Stand-alone projects and programs of activities	No	No	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*

*These project activities are only included as stand-alone projects where they are able to demonstrate no material leakage risk.

CORSIA Leakage EUC

CORSIA Leakage Requirement:

“A system must have measures...to assess and mitigate incidences of material leakage. Offset credits should be generated from projects that do not cause emissions to materially increase elsewhere...[and Programs] should have a... process for assessing and mitigating leakage of emissions...”



ICAO

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

ICAO document

CORSIA Emissions Unit Eligibility Criteria



March 2019

CORSIA

Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation

CORSIA Leakage EUC

CORSIA Application:

*“Are provisions in place **requiring activities that pose a risk of leakage** when implemented at the project-level **to be implemented at a national level, or on an interim basis on a sub-national level, in order to mitigate the risk of leakage?** (Paragraph 3.6.2)”*

VCS AFOLU Projects: Robust Leakage Requirements

- **Clear VCS project and program rules for mitigating, monitoring and deducting leakage:**
 - Activity-shifting, market and ecological leakage must all be quantified, unless *de minimis*.
 - Leakage emissions may be determined either directly from monitoring, or indirectly where credible estimates.
 - Any leakage is subtracted from the number of GHG ERRs eligible to be issued as VCUs.
- **These requirements fully address (and account for) potential leakage risks**

VCS AFOLU Projects: Robust Leakage Requirements

- **VCS Program stands behind credibility of VCS stand-alone AFOLU projects:**
 - We will continue to allow such projects to access voluntary markets, and any domestic or international compliance markets that choose to include them.
 - In context of CORSIA, necessary to submit application to meet ICAO requirements.

CORSIA Start Date and Vintage Date

- **CORSIA will likely set both a start date restriction and a vintage restriction**
 - Aims to prevent flooding the market with old units (including CDM)
 - Years for both not clear (2016? 2019? 2020?)

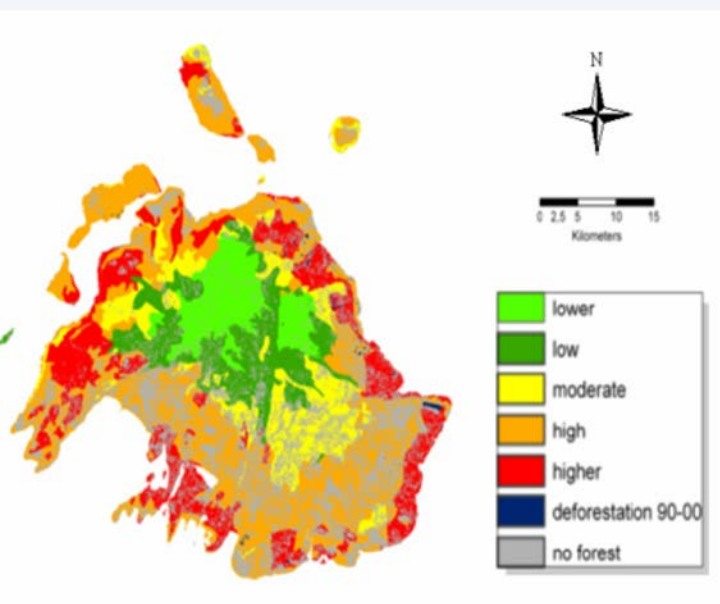


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Forthcoming VCS REDD+ Nesting Requirements and Guidance

Developing additional requirements and guidance on REDD+ nesting for governments and projects:



- Set of options/methodology(ies) for government to align jurisdictional reference levels with project baselines.
- Project rules for using jurisdictional data/allocation:
 - From government
 - How to develop when government-led approach is lacking

Forthcoming VCS REDD+ Nesting Requirements and Guidance

- Relevant aspects of nesting beyond baselines, such as with regard to:
 - Monitoring
 - Leakage
 - Performance
 - Uncertainty
 - Safeguards
 - Government approvals
- **Proposed nesting rules/guidance:**
 - Public consultation later this year
 - Release new requirements and guidance in early 2020

Future-proofing REDD+



Thank You!

Questions?

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