

DEMONSTRATING REAL-WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

Verra's Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISTA) is the premier standard for certifying the real-world benefits of social and environmental projects, from gender equity and economic development to affordable clean energy and restoration of wildlife.

SD VISTA uses independent third-party auditors to verify that a project contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its verified impact data, transparent documentation, and human and natural capital safeguards are critical for tracking these contributions.

WHY SD VISTA

Certification with SD VISTA is valuable to project developers and to buyers, donors, and investors.

For Project Developers, SD VISTA ...	For Buyers, Donors, and Investors, SD VISTA ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Is a flexible standard that can certify a range of sustainable development benefits → Increases stakeholder trust → Enables large-scale investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Provides labeled credits or assets that verifiably measure, track, and make claims about sustainable development benefits. → Safeguards against accusations of greenwashing.

SD VISTA AT A GLANCE



29M+
SD VISTA-labeled
VCUs Issued



25
Countries with
SD VISTA Projects

SD VISTA OUTPUT OPTIONS

Projects certified with SD VISTA can demonstrate their benefits in several ways:

- **Claims:** A claim is a verified statement of a project's measured benefits. All SD VISTA projects may generate claims about their contributions to sustainable development. Verified claims enable credibility, facilitate investment, and safeguard against accusations of greenwashing.
- **Labels:** A label is a marker affixed to a social or environmental credit. It demonstrates that the project that generated the credit is also verified to SD VISTA, thus increasing the unit's market value.
- **Assets:** An asset is a tradeable credit that represents a unique sustainable development benefit that has been quantified through an SD VISTA methodology. Asset buyers can make verifiable claims for impact or SDG reporting.

SAMPLE SD VISTA PROJECTS

The SD VISTA Program certifies a broad range of projects. Examples include:

Tuik Ruch Lew Improved Cookstove Project For Lake Atitlán



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The Tuik Ruch Lew Improved Cookstove Project for Lake Atitlán in Guatemala (project ID 2077) enables community access to sustainable energy technology by providing, installing, and maintaining energy-efficient cookstoves at a subsidized rate, reducing demand for wood fuel and slowing local deforestation.

Human Forest Mobility Project



Sustainable Development Goals



The Human Forest Mobility Project in London, United Kingdom (project ID 2488) enables users to hire free electric bikes for short journeys, thereby reducing carbon-intensive car travel.

Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project



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The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project in Indonesia (project ID 674) aims to preserve some 64,000 hectares of tropical peat swamp forest. In addition to its climate impact, the project will increase local communities' access to healthcare and education, improve access to clean drinking water, and enhance women's economic opportunities.

GETTING STARTED



ASSESS PROJECT ELIGIBILITY by reviewing the SD VISTA documents and templates



DETERMINE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY and correlated SD VISTA outputs available: claims, labels, and assets



ESTIMATE PROJECT CERTIFICATION COSTS by reviewing the SD VISTA Fee Schedule



UNDERSTAND THE PROJECT LIFECYCLE AND REGISTRATION PROCESS



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