

CCB & VCS PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	985
Project Name	Cordillera Azul National Park REDD Project
Project Proponent	Centro de Conservación, Investigación y Manejo de Áreas Naturales- Cordillera Azul
Methodology	VM0007 REDD Methodology Module, REDD Methodology Framework (REDD-MF), version 1.3
Sectoral Scope(s)	14
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	AENOR
Registry	Markit

Assessment Criteria	VM0007 v1.3, VCS Standard v3.7, CCB Standards, v2.0, CCB Program Rules v3.1
Date of First Issue	13 JUL 2018
Date of Final Issue	28 AUG 2018

Summary:

An accuracy review of the Cordillera Azul National Park REDD Project issuance request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process* and Section 4.3.28 - 4.3.30 of the *CCB Program Rules*.

The accuracy review has raised 8 assessment findings and 1 minor finding, detailed below. The VVB, in coordination with the project proponent, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment findings presented in Section 1. The 8 assessment findings must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra. The VVB need not address the minor findings during this review. Please note, however, that where Verra finds consistent minor findings by the VVB in future reviews, minor findings shall be escalated to assessment findings.

This findings report may be made publically available. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.

1 ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1

The monitoring report and the registration representation use the project name, Cordillera Azul National Park REDD+ Project, while the verification report and verification representation use the project name Cordillera Azul National Park REDD Project.

The VVB is requested to please update the verification report and verification representation to use the project's full name, Cordillera Azul National Park REDD+ Project.

VVB Response:

AENOR updated both documents to be consistent with monitoring report.

Verra Response:

The verification report and verification representation have been updated to use the project title, Cordillera Azul National Park REDD+ Project. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 2

Section 1.2 of the monitoring report states the net estimated emission reductions in the project area for the monitoring period is both 4,075,362.8 and 4,074,606 tCO₂e. Elsewhere in the monitoring report and the verification report it is stated that the project net emission reductions in the project area for the monitoring period is 4,074,606 tCO₂ and the baseline emissions are 4,075,362.8.

The project proponent is requested to please update Section 1.2 of the monitoring report to remove the baseline emissions and only include the net emission reductions.

VVB Response:

The monitoring report has been updated as requested by VERRA.

Verra Response:

Section 1.2 of the monitoring report has been updated to remove the baseline emissions and only include the net emission reductions. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 3

Section 5.3.7 of the *VCS Standard* states the VVB shall use the *VCS & CCB Verification Report Template*, as appropriate, and adhere to all instructional text within the template. Section 2.6 of the *CCB & VCS Verification Report Template* requests the VVB state the total number of corrective action requests, clarification requests, forward action requests and other findings raised during the verification.

Section 1.10 of the verification report states all findings have been closed, but does not state the number of findings or provide a summary of the findings. Section 1.10 states that detail on all findings raised can be found in Appendix 3 of the report; however, no Appendix 3 has been included. It is assumed that the reference should be to Appendix 2.

The VVB is requested to please update Section 1.10 of the verification report to provide a brief summary of the findings raised and if they were resolved, list the number of corrective actions issued and update the reference to Appendix 2.

VVB Response:

Section 1.10 of the verification report has been updated. A brief description of the one CAR and one CL raised during the auditing process and comments on how they were resolved and correction to appendix 2 are provided in the verification report.

Verra Response:

Section 1.10 of the verification report has been updated to provide a brief summary of the findings raised, list the number of corrective actions issued and provide a reference to the appropriate Appendix. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 4

Section 1.4 of the verification report, and various other places in the verification report, refer to CIMA-Cordillera Azul but do not identify the organization as the project proponent.

The VVB is requested to please update Section 1.4 of the verification report to identify the project proponent and other entities involved with the project.

VVB Response:

The PP (CIMA) and the other entity involved were included in this section 1.4 of the verification report.

Verra Response:

Section 1.4 of the verification report has been updated to identify the project proponent and other entities involved with the project. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 5

Section G5 of the *CCB Standards Second Edition* requires the project to explain how the project will not be violating any property rights of stakeholders or if property rights were violated, how restitution has been provided.

Section 2.5 of the monitoring report provides information to demonstrate how the project meets the requirements of Section G5 of the *CCB Standards* for stakeholders within the park, but does not mention the communities or stakeholders in the buffer zone.

The project proponent is requested to please update Section 2.5 of the monitoring report to include the project's impacts on the communities and stakeholders outside the park boundaries.

VVB Response:

Section 2.5 of the monitoring report was appropriately updated to include the project's impacts on the communities and stakeholders outside the park boundaries. Further information along with further evidence detailed in this section were provided to AENOR and also reported in the monitoring report.

Verra Response:

Section 2.5 of the monitoring report has been updated to include the project's impacts on the communities and stakeholders outside the park boundaries. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 6

Section CL3.2 of the *CCB Standards Second Edition* requires that the results of the climate monitoring be disseminated and communicated to the communities and other stakeholders.

Section 3.1.4 of the monitoring report states the results of monitoring are distributed to park and government officials, but there is no mention of how the results are distributed to community members.

The project proponent is requested to please update Section 3.1.4 of the monitoring report to include information on how the climate monitoring was shared with the community members.

VVB Response:

The PP has updated sections 2.3 and 3.1.4 of the monitoring report to include information on how the climate monitoring was shared with the community members. Further information more specific and clear was provided in the M.R as well as evidence that confirm conclusions described.

Verra Response:

Sections 2.3 and 3.1.4 of the monitoring report have been updated to include information on how the climate monitoring, as well as other information related to the project, was shared with the community members. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 7

Section 3.5.12 (2) of the *CCB Program Rules* requires that the local language summary include information about the summary of project benefits sections of the monitoring report.

The project proponent is requested to include the information included in section 1 of the monitoring report into the local language summary.

VVB Response:

The local language summary has been updated with information of section 1 of the monitoring report.

Verra Response:

The local language summary has been updated to include in section 1 of the monitoring report. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

Finding 8

Section G3.9 of the *CCB Standards Second Edition* requires that projects publicize the CCB public comment period to all stakeholders.

Section 2.3.2 of the monitoring report states that notification of the public comment period was publicized on the CIMA web page; however, it is unclear if community members have internet access. Further Section 2.3.3 of the monitoring report states that letters were sent to authorities and communal assemblies to publicize the public comment period, however Section 1.19.5 of the verification report states that no letters could be provided as evidence.

The VVB is requested to please update Section 1.19.5 of the verification report to provide an assessment, including what evidence used, as to whether community members were able to receive the notice of the public comment period via the CIMA website or letter.

VVB Response:

Section 1.19.5 was updated and clarified. Communal assemblies and meetings of these assemblies were the main evidence to check this matter along with testimonial from stakeholders and advertisements in bulletin boards in some communities facilities.

Verra Response:

Section 1.19.5 of the verification report has been updated to provide an assessment, including what evidence used, as to whether community members were able to receive the notice of the public

comment period via the CIMA website or letter. This is sufficient to close this finding and no further response is required.

2 MINOR FINDINGS

Finding 1

The verification report sections headings have been altered from the template, making navigation difficult. For future verifications, please ensure the section headings are consistent with the template.

3 ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 13 July 2018, Verra issued the initial round of findings to the VVB AENOR. The findings related to missing or incorrect information in the monitoring report, lack of unity on the project title across documents, as well as a lack of clarity as to how the VVB reached their conclusions.

On 27 August 2018, the VVB provided a response to Verra along with updated monitoring report, local language summary, verification report and verification representation. The updated monitoring report clarified the net emission reductions generated, the impacts on communities outside the park, and how the results of monitoring were distributed to community members. The updated local language summary included the summary of project benefits. The updated verification report provides an assessment of the notification of the public comment period, clarifies whom the project participants are, and (as well as the verification representation) were corrected to use the correct project title.

On 28 August 2018 Verra closed all findings and the accuracy review.