



**Validation Report**

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| **Project location and area** |  |
| **Client** |  |
| **Project ID** |  |
| **Biodiversity protocol version** |  |
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Acronyms and abbreviations

Insert in alphabetical order acronyms and abbreviations used in the report.

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| **BCP** | Biodiversity Crediting Project |
| **CBCP** | Cercarbono's Biodiversity Certification Programme |
| **IEP** | Independent Experts Panel |
| **PMP** | Project Management Plan |

Scope, spatial and temporal limits of the validation report

Level of assurance and materiality

State the degree of confidence or certainty in the accuracy and reliability of the information and data associated with the project. It involves assessing the robustness of the methods used to collect, measure, and verify biodiversity-related information:

**Reasonable Assurance**: This level of assurance implies a high degree of confidence in the accuracy and reliability of the information. Rigorous methods of data collection and verification are employed.

**Limited Assurance**: Limited assurance suggests a moderate level of confidence. While efforts are made to verify the data, the information may have limitations or uncertainties.

**Basic Assurance**: Basic assurance indicates a lower level of confidence. The data may be collected and reported, but the level of scrutiny and verification is minimal. This level of assurance implies that the project cannot be validated.

Basic project data

Project holder and other institutional participants' information

Project location and limits, spatial and temporary limits of the project

Total project area or processes

For non-area based projects, please adjust the titles to refer to the definition of the target species/ecosystem, the identification of key biodiversity components, and the assessment of biodiversity stakeholders and their interests.

Holdership or right of use of the area or facility

Validation procedures

IEP validation team

Assessment criteria

Evidence collection

IEP requests for the project

Resolution of findings

Validation results

Compliance with applicable policies and laws

Compliance with CBCP core principles

Nature-oriented

Additional

Local to global alignment

Analyse how the alignment of the project is planned with local, regional, national, and international biodiversity policies and priorities, including the link with NBSAP of the host country, GBF Targets contributions, and SDGs contributions.

Long-term

Prioritise on-the-ground actions

Community-based approach and benefits distribution

Transparency

Landscape approach

Non-double-counting compliance

Methodological elements

Selected methodology (or PMP methodological issues)

Baseline scenario

Eligibility of proposed actions

Expected biodiversity gains

Expected project category

(Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum, according to Section 13.4.3 of the CBCP Protocol and how the IEP has defined the differentiation factors to determine project category).

Proposed credit calculation indicators and monitoring tools

Evaluation of the proposed monitoring plan

Risk assessment and management

Proposed methodological deviations

Target biodiversity gains and biodiversity metrics

Social and environmental safeguarding provisions

Grouped projects

Conclusion of the validation

Facts discovered after validation

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