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**Verification Report**

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| **Project location and area** |  |
| **Client** |  |
| **Project ID** |  |
| **Verification number** |  |
| **Biodiversity protocol version** |  |
| **Methodology** |  |
| **Project duration** |  |
| **Verified area** |  |
| **Period of verification** |  |
| **Main eligible activity** |  |
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Acronyms and abbreviations

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

Scope, limits, and schedule of the verification

Verification procedures

Verification team

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.

Assessment criteria

Evidence collection

Project general information

Project holder and other institutional participants' information

Project location, spatial and temporary limits of the project

Reported monitoring period

Holdership or right of use of the area or facility

Grouped project

Verification procedures

IEP verification team

Assessment criteria

Evidence collection

IEP requests for the project

Resolution of findings

Verification 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

Implementation of validation conditions

Assessment of monitored parameters

Quantitative assessment of achieved gains – biodiversity credit calculation

Biodiversity credits categorization

Cause-effect analysis

Community impacts

Environmental impacts

Management of risk and uncertainty

Deviations of the project implementation from the methodology or the PMP

Clarification, corrective, and forward actions

Conclusion of the verification

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