

VCS PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	1935
Project Name	Hubei Hongshan IFM (Conversion of Logged to Protected Forest) Project
Project Proponent	Zhejiang Zhongzheng Forestry Development Co.,Ltd
Methodology	VM0010 Methodology for Improved Forest Management: Conversion of Logged to Protected Forest, v1.4
Sectoral Scope(s)	14 AFOLU
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	China Quality Certification Center

Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.0
Date of First Issue	30 April 2020
Date of Final Issue	15 May 2020

Summary:

An accuracy review of the Hubei Hongshan IFM (Conversion of Logged to Protected Forest) Project registration request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised two assessment findings and no minor findings, detailed below. The VVB, in coordination with the project proponent, is hereby required to provide a response to the assessment finding presented in Section 1. The two assessment findings must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra.

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1 ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1:

Section 3.16.3 of the VCS Standard, v4.0 requires project proponents to establish mechanisms for ongoing communication with local stakeholders to allow stakeholders to raise concerns about potential negative impacts during project implementation.

Section 5.3 discusses the initial stakeholder consultation that was conducted. However, there is no discussion of how ongoing mechanisms for stakeholder communication.

The project proponent is requested to update the project description to discuss this information. The VVB is also requested to assess this information and update the validation report as needed.

VVB Response:

PP updated the PD to further describe the mechanisms for ongoing communication with local stakeholders. CQC validation team confirms such description is in line with the fact and the validation report was updated accordingly.

Verra Response:

The updated project description provides sufficient information on the ongoing communications with the local stakeholders and thus this finding is closed.

Finding 2:

Section 3.13.5 of the VCS Standard, v4.0 requires project to undergo a 30-day public comment period.

Section 5.4 of the project description lists “N/A” for the public comments. Although it is understood that no comments were received during the public comment period, the project proponent is requested to update this section to include the dates of the public comment period and an explicit statement that no comments were received.

VVB Response:

PP updated the public comments in section 5.4. The dates of public comment period and the result of public comment are stated explicitly in the updated PD.

Verra Response:

The updated project description provides information on the public comment period and is sufficient to close this finding.

2 MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3 ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 30 April 2020, Verra raised two findings related to more detailed information related to safeguards of the project.

On 2 May 2020, the VVB replied with an updated project description and validation providing the more detailed information on safeguards, as requested.

On 15 May 2020, Verra closed both findings and the review.