

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

Project ID	981
Project Name	ADPML Portel-Para REDD Project
Program(s)	VCS Program
Verification Period	2 January 2012 to 31 December 2017
Project Proponent	Avoided Deforestation Project (Manaus) Limited ("ADPML")
Methodology	VM0015, Version 1.1
Sectoral Scope(s)	14. Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
Validation/Verification Body (VVB)	EPIC Sustainability

Assessment Criteria	VCS Standard, v4.0
Date of First Issue	13 July 2020
Date of Second Issue	10 August 2020
Date of Final Issue	13 August 2020

Summary:

An accuracy review of the ADPML Portel-Para REDD Project verification approval request has been conducted by Verra in accordance with Section 4.3 of the *Registration and Issuance Process*.

The accuracy review has raised three 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 findings presented in Section 1. The three assessment findings must be addressed to the satisfaction of Verra.

This project review report will be made publicly available. Confidential information may be provided as separate attachments.

1. ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Finding 1

Section 3.4.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “the project proponent shall use the *VCS Monitoring Report Template*...and adhere to all instructional text within the template”.

Section 2.4.1 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to summarize any potential negative environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the project. Section 2.4.2 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* requires the project proponent to describe the process for and outcomes from the local stakeholder engagement.

The monitoring report includes references to Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 in the table of contents. However, these sections do not appear in the monitoring report.

The project proponent is requested to update Section 2.4 of the monitoring report to discuss safeguards, including no net harm and the local stakeholder consultation. The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update the verification report, as needed.

PP Response: The Updated monitoring report Version 1.3, including the filled in sections related to Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 is submitted to VVB. Relevant supporting documents are also provided.

VVB Response: The documents such as stakeholder meeting photographs and survey meeting reports have been reviewed and added to the list of documents reviewed in section 7 of the report. The Opinion of the audit team is summarised in the updated sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the revised verification report version 1.2.

Verra Response:

The monitoring report has been updated to include Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2, regarding no net harm and the local stakeholder consultation. Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the verification report indicate that the VVB has assessed the relevant sections of the monitoring report. This finding is closed and no further action is required.

Finding 2

Section 3.4.3 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* states that “the project proponent shall use the *VCS Monitoring Report Template*...and adhere to all instructional text within the template”.

Section 4 of the *VCS Monitoring Report Template* instructs the project proponent to quantify the GHG emission reductions and/or removals generated by the project during the monitoring period.

Section 4 of the monitoring report states that “the project avoided the emission of 3,522,843 that after buffer reductions are equivalent to 3,170,559 tradable VCUs during 02/Jan/2012 to 31/Dec/2017”.

Section 4.4 of the monitoring report states that “the project has generated a total of 9,515,666 tradable VCUs for the period of 02-Jan-2012 to 31-Dec-2017”.

The project proponent is requested to clarify the discrepancy between the numbers in Sections 4 and 4.4 of the monitoring report. Additionally, the project proponent is requested to use the table provided in Section 4.4 in the monitoring report template, adding an extra column for the buffer calculation, as needed.

The VVB is requested to assess the updates and update the verification report, as appropriate.

PP Response: The corrections have been done in the relevant sections of the updated monitoring report Version 1.3 addressing the inconsistency. The Excel sheet calculations are revised to address the inconsistency. The table 4 is now provided in section 4.4 for better clarity.

VVB Response: The revised verification report version 1.2 has assessed that the net tradable VCUs generated for the verification period after application of the buffer is in line with the excel calculation sheet submitted and is consistently indicated in the revised monitoring report.

Verra Response:

Although Section 4.4 of the monitoring report includes a clear table indicating the ERR calculations, Section 4 of the report states that “based on the ex-post analysis, the project avoided the emission of **14,37,092** [emphasis added] that after buffer reductions are equivalent to 95,82,742 tradable VCUs”. The 14,37,092 number is inconsistent with the table in Section 4.4 and the information provided in the verification report. The project proponent and VVB are requested to clarify this inconsistency.

PP Response: The inconsistency is addressed in the corrected monitoring report submitted – Please refer to section 4.

VVB Response: The corrections made in the Monitoring report has been checked and verified to address the issue.

Verra Response:

Section 4 of the monitoring report has been updated to include the correct net GHG emission reductions generated by the project during the monitoring period. This finding is closed and no further action is required.

Finding 3

Section 2.4 of the *VCS Standard, v4.0* requires AFOLU projects to assess non-permanence risk using the *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool*.

Row (f) of Section 2 of the non-permanence risk report states a land tenure mitigation score of -2, which yields a total land tenure risk score of -2. The total row lists a score of 0.

Additionally, Appendix II of the verification report lists a score of 0 in row (f) of the Land Tenure and Resource Access/Impacts table, with a total land tenure risk score of 0.

The VVB is requested to clarify the discrepancy between the non-permanence risk report and the verification report, and provide an updated verification report, as needed.

VVB Response: The revised verification report version 1.2 has corrected the relevant information in section Land Tenure of the risk assessment section for consistency in information as mentioned in the monitoring report.

Verra Response:

Appendix I of the verification report has been revised to include the correct land tenure risk score. This finding is closed and no further action is required.

2. MINOR FINDINGS

No minor findings were raised.

3. ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

On 13 July 2020, Verra sent the project review report to EPIC Sustainability with three assessment findings and no minor findings. The three assessment findings were raised concerning 1) a missing section in the monitoring report, 2) an inconsistency in the total ERRs for the monitoring period in the monitoring report and 3) a discrepancy between the non-permanence risk report and the verification report.

On 4 August 2020, EPIC Sustainability returned the project review report with responses to the findings, in addition to an updated monitoring report and an updated verification report. The edits and updates were sufficient to close Assessment Findings 1 and 3. However, inconsistencies remain in the net GHG ERR calculations in Section 4 of the monitoring report and, as such, the responses were insufficient to close Assessment Finding 2.

On 13 August 2020, EPIC Sustainability returned the project review report with a response to Assessment Finding 2 and an updated monitoring report. The updates were sufficient to close Assessment Finding 2.

On 13 August 2020, Verra closed the review and no further action was required.