

QUALITY REPORT

Biochar from agro-residue

CM-219401 · Carbon Standards International · India

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4.6

Overall Score
out of 10

■ Integrity (35%)	4.2
■ Transparency (25%)	5.0
■ Claim Safety (25%)	4.3
■ Documentation (15%)	5.6

Weights: Integrity 35% · Transparency 25% · Claim Safety 25% · Documentation 15%

Assessment Summary

The project has some credibility signals (VVB involvement and no reported material findings), but key integrity elements are missing or inconsistent in the extracted record. In particular, baseline details and leakage treatment are not clearly evidenced, which increases over-crediting risk for a biochar removal project.

Project Details

Registry	Carbon Standards International
Registry ID	CM-219401
Sector	biochar
Country	India
Vintage	2025
Project Methodology	Global Artisan C-Sink 2.1A 2.1
VVB	CERES-CERT AG
Monitoring Period	2025 — 2025
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	3 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-02

Red Flags

- Leakage treatment is inconsistent across documents (PDD says negligible, validation report says not addressed).
- Baseline approach and any reassessment timing are not found in the extracted record, limiting confidence in additionality and credit quantification.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 4.2 / 10

- + The validation/verification process indicates additionality was confirmed by the VVB (CERES-CERT AG).
- Baseline approach and leakage deduction are not clearly evidenced in the extracted record, and leakage is inconsistently treated across documents.

The extracted record indicates additionality was confirmed by the VVB (CERES-CERT AG), which supports integrity. However, the baseline method and any baseline reassessment timing are not found in the extracted record, making it hard to judge whether the counterfactual and crediting approach are robust. Leakage is a key weakness: the validation report indicates leakage was not addressed, and no leakage deduction percentage is provided, which is conservative-negative for a biochar/agro-residue supply chain context.

Transparency — 5.0 / 10

- + A VVB is named (CERES-CERT AG) and a monitoring period is specified (2025-04-02 to 2025-05-20).
- Key quantification outputs (claimed vs verified removals) are not found in the extracted record, limiting MRV transparency.

Transparency is moderate because the VVB is identified and the monitoring period is clearly stated in the monitoring report (2025-04-02—2025-05-20). At the same time, the extracted record does not include total removals claimed or verified, preventing an external reader from reconciling issuance quantities to monitoring results. Several MRV-relevant elements (such as usage monitoring method) are also not found in the extracted record.

Claim Safety — 4.3 / 10

- + No material findings or corrective actions are reported in the extracted record.
- CORSIA/CCP status is not stated in available documents and leakage handling is unclear, increasing greenwashing/over-crediting risk.

Claim safety is constrained by missing eligibility/status signals: CORSIA eligibility and CCP status are not stated in available documents, so buyers cannot easily assess market-claim constraints. Over-crediting risk is elevated because baseline details are not found in the extracted record and leakage handling is unclear. While the extracted record shows no material findings or corrective actions, that alone does not resolve the quantification and boundary uncertainties.

Documentation — 5.6 / 10

- + Multiple core documents are present (PDD, validation report, monitoring report).
- ~ Extraction confidence is only medium and several critical fields (baseline, leakage deduction, safeguards details) are missing or not specific.

Documentation coverage is fair: the extracted record includes a PDD, validation report, and monitoring report (three documents total), and the VVB is named. However, extraction confidence is only medium, and several critical items (baseline method, leakage deduction, grievance mechanism, FPIC) are not found or not specified in the extracted record. This reduces confidence that the available documentation fully supports the credit quantification and safeguards narrative.

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed additionality (test type not specified)
● Permanence	Reversal/buffer provisions not evidenced in extracted record
● Leakage	Leakage not consistently addressed; no deduction evidenced
● Baseline	Baseline method not evidenced in extracted record
● Safeguards	Safeguards mentioned but FPIC/grievance details not evidenced
● Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status not stated in available documents

What Would Improve This Score

→ Disclose the baseline approach (including key parameters and when it was last reassessed) and publish claimed vs verified removal totals for the monitoring period.

→ Provide a clear leakage assessment with justification and any quantified deduction (or evidence supporting negligible leakage), aligned across the PDD and validation report, and document safeguards implementation (FPIC and grievance mechanism).

Documents Reviewed

- Monitoring Report
- Project Design Document (PDD)
- Validation / Verification Report

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