QUALITY REPORT

Agroforestry and forest restoration for ecological connectivity, poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation in Cerro San Gil, Caribbean Guatemala

VCS-1558 · VCS · Guatemala

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5.3 Overall Score out of 10	Integrity (35%)	5.8
	Transparency (25%)	5.2
	Claim Safety (25%)	5.0
	Documentation (15%)	4.6

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

Assessment Summary

The project has some strong elements, including VVB-confirmed additionality, a documented buffer pool, and no reported leakage deduction. However, the verification record also shows a material reversal event, a sizable gap between claimed and verified ERs, and several documentation issues that reduce confidence in the claims. Overall, this looks like a moderately credible AFOLU project with meaningful reliability and permanence concerns.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-1558
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	Guatemala
Vintage	Stale
Project Methodology	AR ACM0003 02.0
Crediting Period	2013 — 2043
VVB	Aenor Internacional S.A.U.
Verified ERs	226,665 tCO2e
Monitoring Period	2016 — 2021
Confidence	Medium
Documents Reviewed	16 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-19

Red Flags

- ■ A reversal event was reported, with an estimated loss of 3,693 t CO_2e from the previous verification period due to loss of project area.
- ■ Verified ERs were materially lower than claimed ERs, and the verification report required multiple corrections to the monitoring report.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 5.8 / 10

+ Additionality was confirmed by the VVB, and the project used a combined additionality test in the verification report.

- A reversal event was reported, and the verification report notes an estimated loss of 3,693 t CO2e from the previous period.

The verification report confirms additionality through a combined test and states that the VVB accepted it, which is a positive sign for project integrity. The project also has a 12% buffer pool and a leakage deduction of 0%, but the report explicitly says a reversal event occurred, with an estimated loss of 3,693 t CO2e from the previous verification period due to loss of project area. The baseline is project-specific rather than a recently reassessed jurisdictional baseline, which is weaker than ideal.

Transparency — 5.2 / 10

+ The verification report provides a quantified comparison between claimed ERs and verified ERs for the 2016-07-20 to 2021-07-08 monitoring period.

- The monitoring method for usage was not stated, and the record shows several report-format and safeguard-section errors requiring correction.

The monitoring period is clearly stated, and the verification report provides both claimed and verified ER totals, allowing some cross-checking of issuance claims. However, the usage monitoring method is not stated in the extracted record, and the report required corrections to the monitoring report structure and content. The presence of multiple documentation errors lowers confidence in the completeness of public MRV disclosure.

Claim Safety — 5.0 / 10

+ Leakage was treated as negligible with a 0% deduction, which supports lower over-crediting risk on leakage.

- The verified ER total of 226,665 is well below the 253,880 claimed, indicating a meaningful downward adjustment in the verification process.

Claim safety is supported by the VVB-verified additionality and the explicit leakage treatment of 0%, which reduces one source of over-crediting risk. At the same time, verified ERs of 226,665 are materially below the 253,880 claimed, showing that the verifier found a meaningful reduction. The project's CORSIA and CCP status are not stated, so dual-market claim risk cannot be ruled out from the extracted record.

Documentation — 4.6 / 10

+ Fifteen documents were used and the VVB is identified as Aenor Internacional S.A.U., which supports traceability.

- Extraction confidence was only medium, and the verification report required multiple corrective actions, including updates to the monitoring report and safeguard section.

The record draws on 15 documents, and the VVB is named, which helps with traceability and independence. Still, the minimum extraction confidence is only medium, meaning at least one key document was not fully readable, and the verification report lists several corrective actions. The need to fix dates, template issues, and safeguard reporting suggests the documentation package is incomplete or inconsistently prepared.

Risk Indicators

Additionality	VVB-confirmed combined test
Permanence	reversal event reported
Leakage	0% deduction with negligible justification
Baseline	project baseline, reassessment not stated
Safeguards	FPIC and grievance present, but reporting issues
Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

→ Publish a clean, fully corrected monitoring report with consistent dates, complete safeguard subsections, and a clear usage monitoring method.

→ Provide explicit current status on CORSIA eligibility, CCP status, and any post-verification handling of the reported reversal event and lost project area.

Documents Reviewed

- 2016-11-10 VCS Issuance Representation.pdf
- Issuance Representation 2021.pdf
- 2022_06_10_MR_Livelihoods_Fundaeco_Guatemala_ID1558.pdf
- VCS PD & MR_FUNDAECO_161115_VVB_v7_clean.pdf
- Grouped_project_area.kml
- 2022_25_04_VCS_NPRR_Livelihoods_Fundaeco_Guatemala_ID1558.pdf
- VCS_Non-Permanence_Risk_Report_VCS PD & MR_FUNDAECO_161115_VVB_v4_clean.pdf
- 2016-11-10 Registration Deed of Representation.pdf
- VCS-Loss-Event-Report-Livelihoods_Fundaeco_Guatemala_ID1558.pdf
- Communications agreement - header of MoU.pdf
- V2_PRR_1558_17June2022.pdf
- VCS_LF_CerroSanGil_Final Validation & Verification Report.pdf
- VCS_Cerro San Gil_Verification_Report_v5_clean version.pdf
- VCS_Livelihoods_CSG_VerRepresentation_111716.pdf
- VCS_Livelihoods_CSG_ValRepresentation_111716.pdf
- Verification representation Cerro San Gil.pdf

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