

QUALITY REPORT

Zhangye Improved Grassland Management Project

VCS-2748 · VCS · China

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4.2 Overall Score out of 10	■ Integrity (35%)	4.6
	■ Transparency (25%)	4.1
	■ Claim Safety (25%)	4.3
	■ Documentation (15%)	3.2

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

Assessment Summary

This project has some positive signs, including VVB-verified additionality, a quantified leakage deduction, and documented safeguards such as FPIC and a grievance mechanism. However, the record also shows reversal events, a long crediting period, low extraction confidence, and several key monitoring fields that are not stated, which weakens confidence in the claimed removals.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-2748
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	China
Vintage	2020
Project Methodology	VM0026 1.1
Crediting Period	2017 — 2057
VVB	Tuev Nord Cert GmbH (Tuev Nord)
Monitoring Period	2022 — 2024
Confidence	Medium
Documents Reviewed	30 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-19

Red Flags

- Reversal events are reported, and the record itself says permanence is a real issue.
- The project is on hold in the registry, and the extracted record has low extraction confidence with several missing monitoring details.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 4.6 / 10

+ Additionality was confirmed by the VVB using an investment test under VM0026.

- Reversal events are reported, and the extracted record explicitly notes that permanence is a real issue.

The verification report supports additionality through an investment test, and the project uses a project baseline with a 2016 reassessment date. Leakage is quantified at 10%, and the buffer pool is 15%, which helps, but reversal events are reported and the record says lack of permanence is a real issue. Those permanence concerns materially weaken the integrity score despite the positive additionality evidence.

Transparency — 4.1 / 10

+ The monitoring period is stated as 2022-01-01 to 2024-12-31, and the VVB is identified as Tuev Nord Cert GmbH.

- Total ERR claimed and verified are not found in the extracted record, and the extraction confidence is low.

The project identifies the VVB as Tuev Nord Cert GmbH and gives a clear monitoring period from 2022-01-01 to 2024-12-31. However, total ERR claimed and verified are not found in the extracted record, and the usage monitoring method is also not stated. The low extraction confidence further reduces confidence in the completeness of the public record.

Claim Safety — 4.3 / 10

+ Leakage is treated with a quantified deduction of 10%, which is better than leaving it unaddressed.

- The project is listed as CORSIA-eligible, while CCP status is not mentioned, leaving some dual-claim risk unresolved.

Claim safety is helped by a quantified leakage deduction and by the presence of safeguards such as FPIC, a grievance mechanism, and benefit-sharing documentation. Still, the project is marked CORSIA-eligible, while CCP status is not mentioned, so dual-claim risk is not fully resolved. The project being on hold in the registry also adds caution around relying on the claims.

Documentation — 3.2 / 10

+ The record includes 28 documents used, a named VVB, and a recent monitoring period ending in 2024.

- Extraction confidence is low, and key fields such as usage monitoring method and FNRB inputs are not stated in available documents.

The documentation set is fairly broad, with 28 documents used, a named verifier, and a recent monitoring period. Even so, the extraction confidence is low, and several important fields are missing, including the usage monitoring method, FNRB method, and verified usage rates. The long crediting period through 2057 also means recency and ongoing documentation quality matter more, and the current record does not fully satisfy that standard.

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed investment test
● Permanence	Reversal events reported
● Leakage	10% quantified deduction
● Baseline	Project baseline, reassessment date known
● Safeguards	FPIC and grievance mechanism documented
● Double-claim	CORSIA-eligible; CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

→ Publish the full verification and monitoring evidence for ERR claimed versus verified, usage monitoring, and FNRB inputs.

→ Resolve the permanence issue with a clear reversal response, updated buffer rationale, and registry status clarification.

Documents Reviewed

- 12-Zhangye SGM_VCS Issuance representation.pdf
- 03-Zhangye SGM_VCS+CCB MR_V1.1-clean-20211224.pdf
- 01. CCB VCS MR 2748 DRAFT 01JAN2022-31DEC2024.pdf
- 04-Zhangye SGM_VCS+CCB MR Summary_V01.pdf
- 03-Zhangye IGM_VCS+CCB MR_V04-clean.pdf
- 04-Zhangye IGM_VCS+CCB MR Summary_V03-clean.pdf
- 02. CCB VCS MR 2748 DRAFT summary 01JAN2022-31DEC2024.pdf
- 08-Zhangye SGM_VCS-Risk-Report-Calculation.xls
- 05-Zhangye_SGM_Project area_V02.kml
- RV1_2748_VCS+CCB_03Nov2022.pdf
- 2748_PUB_COM_SUM_CCB_V2_16APR2025_16MAY2025.pdf
- 06-Zhangye IGM_PD ER_V03_20220919.xlsx
- Non-permanence risk report
- 08-Zhangye SGM_VCS-Non-Permanence-Risk-Report-Short-clean.pdf
- 11-Zhangye SGM_VCS Registration representation.pdf
- 06-Zhangye SGM_Communication Agreement.pdf
- 07-Zhangye SGM_Listing Representation.pdf
- Project 2748, New Review Notification Letter, 12DEC2025.pdf
- 05-Zhangye SGM_Project Area.kml
- 05-Zhangye IGM_MR ER_V03_20220919.xlsx
- 02-Zhangye IGM_VCS+CCB PD Summary_V03_clean.pdf
- 02-Zhangye SGM_VCS+CCB PD Summary_V01.pdf
- 01-Zhangye SGM_VCS+CCB PD_V1.1-clean-20211224.pdf
- 01-Zhangye IGM_VCS+CCB PD_V04-clean.pdf
- 2022-09-28 CCB_VCS_FVerR_Zhangye Grass 1st_clean.pdf
- 16-Zhangye SGM_VCS_Verification_Statement_Template_CCBv3.0.pdf
- 15-Zhangye SGM_VCS_Verification_Representation-v4.1.pdf
- 13-Zhangye SGM_VCS_Validation_Representation-v4.1.pdf
- 2022-09-28 CCB_VCS_FValR_Zhangye Grass_clean.pdf
- 14-Zhangye SGM_VCS_Validation_Statement_CCBv3.0.pdf

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