QUALITY REPORT

Westphalen Forest Carbon Project

VCS-3363 · VCS · Germany

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5.2 Overall Score out of 10	**Integrity (35%)**	5.8
	Transparency (25%)	5.1
	Claim Safety (25%)	5.0
	Documentation (15%)	4.2

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

Assessment Summary

The project has some strengths: the VVB confirmed additionality, a buffer pool was applied, and no loss events were reported during the monitoring period. However, the file set shows several corrective actions, missing spreadsheet elements, and low extraction confidence, which reduce trust in the documentation and claims. The project is registered and has verified issuance matching claimed issuance, but the use of a project-specific baseline and unresolved documentation issues keep the risk profile moderate.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-3363
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	Germany
Vintage	Recent
Project Methodology	VM0012 1.0
Crediting Period	2018 — 2057
VVB	EPIC Sustainability Services Private Limited
Verified ERs	17,897 tCO2e
Monitoring Period	2022 — 2024
Confidence	Medium
Documents Reviewed	22 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-19

Red Flags

- ■ Multiple corrective actions were raised in the current monitoring period, including missing eligible-area consistency and incomplete ERR spreadsheet elements.
- ■ The extracted record shows contradictions on leakage treatment, reversal reporting, and benefit-sharing disclosure, which weakens reliability.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 5.8 / 10

+ Additionality was confirmed by the VVB using an investment test, which supports the project's core eligibility case.

- The project-specific baseline and 20% leakage deduction are less robust than a recently reassessed standardized baseline, and the record also shows unresolved reversal-treatment ambiguity.

The verification report confirms additionality through an investment test and says the VVB accepted the project's accounting, which is a meaningful positive. Permanence is partly supported by a 19% non-permanence risk buffer deduction and no loss events during the monitoring period, but the record also says reversal events are not addressed in the extracted facts, so permanence is not fully clean. Leakage is quantified at 20%, which is better than an unquantified treatment, but the project-specific baseline and the lack of a recent reassessment limit robustness.

Transparency — 5.1 / 10

+ The monitoring period and verified issuance are clearly stated, and claimed and verified ER totals match at 17,897 tCO2e.

- The verification report lists several CARs and a CL, while key monitoring details such as usage monitoring method are not stated in available documents.

The monitoring period is clearly stated as 2022-01-01 to 2024-12-31, and the claimed and verified issuance totals both equal 17,897 tCO2e, which supports basic registry transparency. At the same time, the verification report lists several CARs and a CL, and the extracted record does not state the usage monitoring method. Low extraction confidence also means at least one key source was difficult to read, which weakens transparency.

Claim Safety — 5.0 / 10

+ The VVB verified the issuance amount, and the project applied a 19% non-permanence buffer deduction with no loss events reported.

- The project is marked CORSIA-eligible, which increases dual-claim exposure, and the contradiction on leakage treatment creates some over-crediting uncertainty.

Claim safety is moderate because the VVB verified the issuance amount and the project has a quantified leakage deduction plus a buffer pool for non-permanence. However, the project is marked CORSIA-eligible, which raises dual-claim exposure, and the contradiction on leakage justification suggests the treatment may not have been consistently documented across reports. The project-specific baseline also leaves more room for over-crediting risk than a recently reassessed standardized baseline would.

Documentation — 4.2 / 10

+ A substantial set of documents was used, including a recent verification report dated 2025-11-03 and a long monitoring period through 2024-12-31.

- Extraction confidence is low, and the report itself notes missing elements in the ERR spreadsheet plus multiple corrective actions, indicating incomplete documentation quality.

Documentation quality is mixed: the record shows 21 documents used, a recent verification report, and a long crediting period extending to 2057. But low extraction confidence, missing spreadsheet elements, and multiple corrective actions indicate that the documentation package is not fully clean. The absence of several key details, including baseline reassessment timing and usage monitoring method, further reduces confidence.

Risk Indicators

Additionality	VVB-confirmed investment test
Permanence	buffer present, no loss events, reversal handling unclear
Leakage	quantified 20% deduction
Baseline	project-specific baseline
Safeguards	FPIC and grievance present, benefit-sharing unclear
Double-claim	CORSIA-eligible

What Would Improve This Score

→ Provide a clean, fully legible monitoring and verification package that resolves the CARs, CL, and missing ERR spreadsheet elements.

→ Publish a clearer baseline and leakage rationale, including any reassessment history and a consistent explanation of reversal and benefit-sharing treatment.

Documents Reviewed

- Issuance-Representation-Westphalen v4.3 (Jul '25).pdf
- Issuance Representation_3363_2025-09-23.pdf
- VCS_Issuance_Rep_Westphalen_v4.2_signed.pdf
- VCS_RV_PRR_3363_29FEB2024.pdf
- VCS MR Project 3363 01Jan2022-31Dec2024.pdf
- VCS-Joint-PDMR-Westphalen v4.4 (Feb-24).pdf
- Westphalen MR-1 GHG Estimate (Feb '25).xls
- ERR Calculation Spreadsheet
- VCS_NPR_REP_3363_1_1_2022_12_31_2024.pdf
- VCS Project ID 3363 Public Comment.pdf
- 3363_PRR_V_01JAN2022-31DEC2024_ Approved16FEB2026.pdf
- VCS-Registration-Representation-Westphalen-v4.2 (Apr'23)-signed.pdf
- ERR Calculation Spreadsheet-Westphalen (Feb '24).xlsx
- VCS Listing Representation v4.1 Westphalen+Zimmfor (June '22).pdf
- WestphalenProjectLocation_06292022.kml
- Verra-Registry-Communications-Agrmt v0.1-Westphalen+Zimmfor (June '22).pdf
- VCS-Project-Listing-Westphalen v1.0 (Jun'22).pdf
- VCS-Verification-Representation-v4.1_3363_signed.pdf
- VCS_Westphalen_VVR_Dec 2023 Zimmfor_VCS_3363.pdf
- Verification Representation_3363_2025-07-19.pdf
- VCS-Validation-Representation-v4.1_3363_signed.pdf
- VCS VerR 3363 01JAN2022-31DEC2024.pdf

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