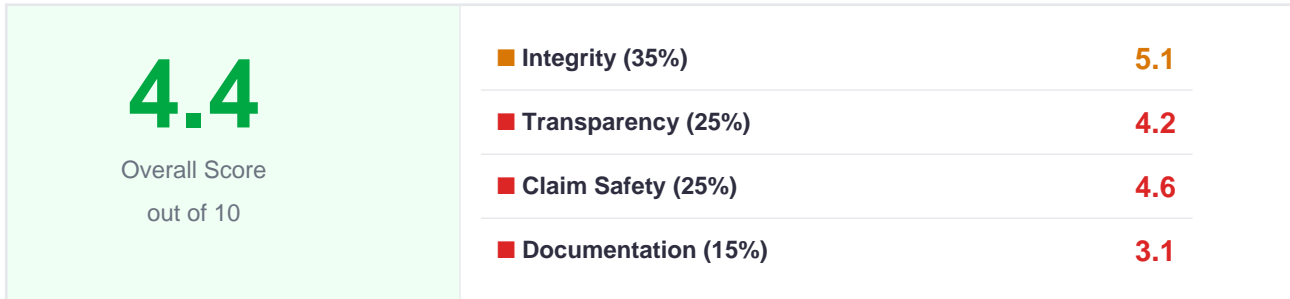


QUALITY REPORT

Eastern Cape Restoration Project, South Africa - Somerset East

VCS-3628 · VCS · South Africa

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

Assessment Summary

The project has some positive signs, including VVB-confirmed additionality, a recent validation report, and documented safeguards such as FPIC and a grievance mechanism. However, key baseline, leakage, and crediting details are incomplete or inconsistent, and the low extraction confidence reduces trust in the record.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-3628
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	South Africa
Vintage	Recent
Project Methodology	AR-ACM0003 02.0
Crediting Period	2023 — 2063
VVB	TÜV NORD CERT GmbH
Monitoring Period	2023 — 2063
Confidence	Medium
Documents Reviewed	6 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-19

Red Flags

- The baseline method is not stated in the extracted record, which weakens confidence in the emissions claim.
- There is a contradiction on leakage treatment and the crediting period between the 2022 and 2024 documents, indicating reliability issues.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 5.1 / 10

+ Additionality was confirmed by the VVB, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH, in the 2024 validation report.

- The baseline method is not found in the extracted record, and reversal risk is marked as not addressed.

The validation report from 2024-12-12 confirms additionality through the VVB, which supports the project's core integrity case. But the baseline method is not found in the extracted record, reversal events are marked as not addressed, and there is no buffer pool information, so permanence and baseline robustness remain only partially supported. The leakage treatment is described as deemed negligible in the 2024 validation report, but the lack of quantified leakage deduction still limits confidence.

Transparency — 4.2 / 10

+ The project has a recent validation report dated 2024-12-12 and a clearly stated monitoring period running from 2023-10-01 to 2063-09-30.

- Verified and claimed ERR totals are not stated, and the extraction confidence is low, limiting confidence in the public record.

Transparency is mixed because the project has a named verifier, TÜV NORD CERT GmbH, and a clearly stated monitoring period and crediting period. However, the extracted record does not state verified or claimed ERR totals, usage monitoring method, or baseline reassessment timing, which limits MRV traceability. The low extraction confidence further reduces confidence that the available documentation is complete.

Claim Safety — 4.6 / 10

+ The 2024 validation report says leakage is deemed negligible, which is better than an unaddressed leakage claim.

- The baseline method, verified usage data, and CORSIA/CCP status are not stated, leaving over-crediting and double-claim risk unresolved.

Claim safety is weakened by missing baseline detail and the absence of verified usage-rate information, both of which matter for over-crediting risk in a soil carbon project. The 2024 validation report's statement that leakage is deemed negligible is helpful, but it is not backed here by a quantified deduction. CORSIA eligibility and CCP status are not stated, so dual-claim risk cannot be ruled out from the extracted record.

Documentation — 3.1 / 10

+ The record includes a named VVB, a recent validation date, and evidence of safeguards such as FPIC, benefit sharing, and a grievance mechanism.

- The extracted evidence list is sparse, the extraction confidence is low, and there are unresolved contradictions across documents.

Documentation quality is only moderate because the record includes a recent validation report, a named VVB, and safeguards such as FPIC, benefit sharing, and a grievance mechanism. At the same time, the evidence list is sparse, the extraction confidence is low, and key fields such as baseline method and ERR totals are missing. The contradiction between the 2022 and 2024 documents on leakage treatment and the crediting period also lowers confidence in the documentation set.

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed additionality
● Permanence	No reversal evidence, but risk not addressed
● Leakage	Negligible claim without quantified deduction
● Baseline	Baseline method not stated
● Safeguards	FPIC and grievance mechanism documented
● Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

- Publish the baseline method, leakage calculation, and verified ERR totals in a complete monitoring package.
- Resolve the document contradictions by issuing a reconciled statement on the crediting period and leakage treatment, with clear version control.

Documents Reviewed

- 1st Project Instance - Project Area (1).kml
- VCS-Listing-Representation-Eastern Cape Restoration Project, South Africa - Somerset East.pdf
- 04a_3628 Eastern Cape Full Scale GHG Calculations 25.07.24.xlsx
- VCS_NPR_REP_3628.pdf
- DRAFT Eastern Cape Restoration, Somerset East Project PD.pdf
- 20241212_FVR_4.3_Somerset East_3628_MS_12.12.2024_clean.pdf

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