QUALITY REPORT

Painted Forest Carbon Project

VCS-3812 · VCS · Canada

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5.7 Overall Score out of 10	
Integrity (35%)	6.2
Transparency (25%)	5.5
Claim Safety (25%)	5.0
Documentation (15%)	5.8

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

Assessment Summary

Moderate integrity: additionality was confirmed by the VVB and leakage is quantified with a substantial deduction, but project-specific baseline and contradictions about reversals and FPIC reduce confidence. Documentation exists (multiple reports, VVB named) but key metrics like reported vs verified emissions and some monitoring details are missing or contradictory. Claim risk is moderate due to project baseline, unknown CORSIA/CCP status, and extraction uncertainties.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-3812
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	Canada
Vintage	Aging
Project Methodology	VM0012 v1.2
Crediting Period	2021 — 2121
VVB	Aster Global Environmental Services, Inc.
Monitoring Period	2021 — 2022
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	15 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-23

Red Flags

- Contradictory evidence on whether reversals were reported (monitoring report vs verification report).
- Contradictory/unclear stakeholder safeguards (FPIC and grievance mechanism): monitoring report indicates they exist, verification report denies them.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 6.2 / 10

+ Additionality confirmed by the VVB (verification report, 2025-08-06).

- Project uses a project-specific baseline (methodology VM0012 v1.2) and baseline reassessment date not stated, increasing baseline risk.

Additionality was explicitly confirmed by the VVB in the verification report (Aster Global, 2025-08-06), and the project applies VM0012 v1.2 with a 12% buffer pool and a 17.2% leakage deduction — all positive for permanence and leakage treatment. However, the baseline is project-specific (methodology noted as project) and the baseline reassessment date is not stated in available documents, which weakens baseline validity. Contradictory records about reversals (monitoring report indicates reported reversals; verification report later indicates none) reduce confidence in the project's reversal history and monitoring reliability.

Transparency — 5.5 / 10

+ VVB named (Aster Global Environmental Services, verification report) and monitoring period stated (2021-09-02 — 2022-12-31).

- Key MRV figures are not present in the extracted record (verified and claimed ERR not stated), and extraction confidence is only medium.

The verification report names the VVB and the monitoring period is provided, and evidence documents are listed (verification, monitoring, validation, stakeholder consultation). However, many quantitative MRV outputs are missing from the extracted record: claimed and verified emissions reductions are not stated, the net extraction/err figures are absent, and some monitoring methods are not described. Extraction confidence is medium, which further lowers transparency.

Claim Safety — 5.0 / 10

+ Leakage quantified with a 17.2% deduction and described as quantified in the monitoring/verification documents.

- CORSIA/CCP eligibility not stated and baseline is project-specific, leaving material over-crediting risk uncertain.

Leakage is treated and justified (17.2% deduction, stated as quantified), which reduces immediate over-crediting risk. Nonetheless the project relies on a project-specific baseline rather than a jurisdictional standard, and eligibility for CORSIA/CCP is not stated; both increase the risk of contestable claims. Contradictions in reported reversals and stakeholder safeguards also raise greenwashing risk.

Documentation — 5.8 / 10

+ Multiple supporting documents listed (verification report, monitoring report, validation report, stakeholder consultation) and 14 documents used.

~ Extraction confidence is medium and there are contradictions between monitoring and verification reports (FPIC, grievance, reversals), reducing documentary reliability.

There are multiple documents (n=14) including a verification report dated 2025-08-06 and a monitoring report; the project record lists stakeholder consultation and validation. Min extraction confidence is medium, and there are unresolved contradictions between monitoring and verification documents (FPIC, grievance mechanism, reversals). No material findings or corrective actions were extracted, which is positive, but the contradictions and some missing MRV numbers lower the documentation score.

Risk Indicators

Additionality	VVB-confirmed
Permanence	buffered but reversal uncertainty
Leakage	quantified deduction
Baseline	project-specific baseline
Safeguards	partially documented / contradictory
Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status unknown

What Would Improve This Score

→ Resolve contradictions between monitoring and verification reports (explicitly document FPIC, grievance mechanism, and any reversal events) and republish reconciled reports.

→ Publish complete MRV figures including claimed vs verified emission reductions, baseline reassessment date, and clear statement on CORSIA/CCP eligibility.

Documents Reviewed

- VCS_R_V_PRR_3812_10OCT2025.pdf
- VM0012_Workbook_ERR Calc.xlsx
- VCS PDMR_3812 02SEP2021-31DEC2022.pdf
- PaintedForest.kml
- Painted_v01_08_01_netdown_final.kml
- Public_Comments_Summary_3812.pdf
- VCS_RV_EXEMPTION-APPROVED_3812_07JUNE2024.pdf
- VCS_RV_SECOND_EXEMPTION-APPROVED_3812_11NOV2024.pdf
- NPRT_PaintedForest.pdf
- VCS_PROJ_DESC_PCP_3812_28OCT2022.pdf
- VCS-Listing-Representation-Single-Representor-v4.1_Signed copy.pdf
- Validation Representation_3812_2025-09-17.pdf
- Verification Representation_3812_2025-09-17.pdf
- VCS ValVerR 3812 02092021-31122022_V3.pdf
- Letter to Verra re Extension of Exemption v4.6 Stakeholder_3.18.6_17 October 2024.pdf

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