

## QUALITY REPORT

# Kijani Forestry smallholder farmer forestry project

VCS-4475 · VCS · Uganda

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**4.4**Overall Score  
out of 10

■ Integrity (35%)	<b>4.3</b>
■ Transparency (25%)	<b>4.5</b>
■ Claim Safety (25%)	<b>3.8</b>
■ Documentation (15%)	<b>5.2</b>

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

## Assessment Summary

The project shows some positive elements — additionality confirmed by an independent VVB and recent verification/issuance documents — but several core integrity risks remain: project-specific baseline not reassessed, leakage and reversals are not credibly addressed, and key emission parameters are missing. Contradictions between the 2024 monitoring report and 2025 verification/issuance documents reduce confidence.

## Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-4475
Sector	soil_carbon
Country	Uganda
Vintage	Aging
Project Methodology	AR-ACM0003 v2.0
Crediting Period	2022 — 2062
VVB	Earthood Services Private Limited
Monitoring Period	2022 — 2023
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	14 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-23

## Red Flags

- Leakage treatment not addressed or inconsistent across documents
- Contradictory statements on safeguards, FPIC and grievance mechanism between monitoring and verification reports

## Score Breakdown

### Integrity — 4.3 / 10

- + additionality confirmed by the VVB (verification report, 2025-09-18) and barrier test applied
- leakage not credibly addressed (verification report states 'not addressed' and earlier doc inconsistently labels leakage 'deemed negligible')

Additionality was confirmed by the independent VVB in the verification report (2025-09-18) using a barrier test, which supports basic additionality. However the project uses a project-level baseline under AR-ACM0003 (methodology v2.0) with no evidence that the baseline was recently reassessed (baseline reassessment not found in available documents). Leakage treatment is either not addressed or inconsistently documented (verification report states 'not\_addressed'; an earlier verification entry dated 2025-08-06 notes 'deemed negligible'), and buffer pool percentage and reversal handling are not provided. These gaps and inconsistencies reduce confidence in permanence and leakage controls.

### Transparency — 4.5 / 10

- + VVB named (Earthood Services Private Limited) and monitoring period provided (monitoring report 2022-08-22 — 2023-08-28)
- many core MRV parameters missing or not found in extracted records (no verified or claimed ERR, grid emission factor, buffer pool percentage)

The verification and issuance documents are available and name the VVB (Earthood Services Private Limited) and provide a monitoring period (2022-08-22 — 2023-08-28), which supports traceability. Nevertheless many key MRV numbers are missing from the extracted record (no total ERR claimed/verified, no grid emission factor, no buffer percentage, usage monitoring not stated). The minimum extraction confidence is medium, further lowering transparency.

### Claim Safety — 3.8 / 10

- baseline is project-specific (AR-ACM0003/project methodology) with no evidence of recent reassessment
- ~ contradiction on leakage justification and missing info on CORSIA/CCP status increases over-crediting risk

Claim risk is elevated because the baseline is project-specific and not shown to have been reassessed, increasing over-crediting risk. Leakage justification is unclear or contradictory across documents, and usage or emission factors are not provided, preventing independent checks on claimed reductions. CORSIA and CCP status are not stated, so double-claim risk cannot be ruled out.

### Documentation — 5.2 / 10

- + recent verification and issuance documents exist (verification report and issuance doc dated 2025-09-18)
- extraction confidence is only medium and several fields are null or not stated; monitoring report (2024-10-28) contradicts verification on several safeguards-related items

There are multiple evidence documents (verification report, monitoring report, issuance, stakeholder consultation) and a recent issuance date (2025-09-18), which is positive. However extraction confidence is medium and the monitoring report (2024-10-28) contradicts the later verification/issuance report on safeguards, FPIC, benefit sharing and grievance mechanism; those contradictions reduce documentation reliability. No corrective actions or material findings are recorded in the extracted data.

## Risk Indicators

● <b>Additionality</b>	VVB-confirmed
● <b>Permanence</b>	reversal not addressed
● <b>Leakage</b>	not credibly addressed
● <b>Baseline</b>	project-specific baseline
● <b>Safeguards</b>	inconsistently documented
● <b>Double-claim</b>	CORSIA/CCP status unknown

## What Would Improve This Score

→ Provide explicit, documented leakage assessment and any leakage deductions or justification in monitoring/verification documents.

→ Resolve contradictions by publishing consistent safeguards documentation (FPIC, benefit sharing, grievance mechanism) in the monitoring report and include baseline reassessment evidence or justification.

## Documents Reviewed

- VCS\_RV\_PRR\_4475\_APR 2025.pdf
- Issuance-Representation-Multiple-PPs-v4.2-1 - Signed.pdf
- expost-ERR\_kijani\_18062025.xlsx
- VCS PDMR 4475\_04082025\_clean.pdf
- Ex-Ante ERR - PRR4 - 22072025.xlsx
- kijani\_farmers.kml
- final\_2022-kijani.kml
- Public\_Comments\_Summary\_4475.pdf
- VCS\_NPR\_REP\_4475\_22\_8\_2022\_28\_8\_2023.pdf
- Registration-Representation-Multiple-PPs-v4.2 - Signed.pdf
- VCS-Listing-Representation-Multiple-Representors-v4.1.pdf
- VCS\_PROJ\_DESC\_PCP\_4475\_25SEP2023.pdf
- VCS\_PROJ\_DESC\_DRAFT\_4475\_05JUN2023.pdf
- VCS.VAL.23.45\_FVR\_Uganda\_20250806\_Clean.pdf

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