SOCIALCARBON®

Grouped projects – monitoring Co-Benefits.

The SOCIALCARBON Standard permits the creation of Grouped Projects. These projects consist of a bundle of project activities, often in different geographical sites. Grouped Projects under the SOCIALCARBON Standard must quantify the broader sustainability benefits (co-benefits) differently from stand-alone projects.

Grouped projects must calculate SOCIALCARBON Resource scores for each individual project (instance) and then calculate an average for each SOCIALCARBON Resource for the total grouped project.

$$AverageScore_{Resource,y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Score_{Resource,i,y}}{n}$$

Where:

$AverageScore_{Resource,y}$ = Group Project's average score for the Resource in the monitoring period y

$Score_{Resource,i,y}$ = Resource score for the instance in the monitoring period y

n = Number of instances in the Grouped Project in the monitoring period y

i = Instance in the Grouped Project in the monitoring period y

The following table outlines an example how this would work in practice for an Afforestation-based Grouped project, looking exclusively at the biodiversity SOCIALCARBON Resource at point zero.

#	Biodiversity Resource Indicator	Score	Biodiversity Resource Score
Instance 1	B001 - Biodiversity conservation	2	3.66
	B003 - Biodiversity monitoring	4	
	B012 - Species of conservation interest	5	

Instance 2	B001 – Biodiversity conservation	3	3.00
	B003 – Biodiversity monitoring	3	
	B012 – Species of conservation interest	3	
Instance 3	B001 – Biodiversity conservation	2	3.00
	B003 – Biodiversity monitoring	4	
	B012 – Species of conservation interest	3	
Grouped Project's Biodiversity Resource score at Point Zero:			**3.22** Calculation = ((3.66 + 3 + 3)/3)

Addition of instances after validation (Point Zero).

When new instances are added to a Project after validation (point zero), each new instance's point zero score for each resource must be documented in the Grouped Project's next monitoring report. The point zero score of each new instance should not be included in the Grouped Project's average score for the related resource.

After the new instances' point zero, project proponent(s) must include the subsequent resource scores of each instance in the Grouped Project's resource average score.

In all scenarios, records must be kept evidencing each instance's resource scores over time.