SOCIALCARBON® STANDARD

Bringing sustainable development to carbon market

SOCIALCARBON Standard is an add-on certification to evaluate social, environmental and economic benefits of carbon reduction projects.

The Standard fills the gap left by most of the carbon accounting standards available as they do not measure co-benefits associated with GHG projects. It is especially efficient to complement VCS - Verified Carbon Standard and ACR - American Carbon Registry projects, as well as the Clean Development Mechanism - CDM.

The SOCIALCARBON Standard framework allows for a quantitative assessment of the sustainability of waste management, agriculture, renewable energy and REDD initiatives. That is why the SOCIALCARBON certification is a powerful tool to add value to projects and carbon credits.

HOW IT WORKS

Demonstrating the continuous improvement of the project

The SOCIALCARBON Indicators are guides for the evaluation of the sustainability levels monitored in standardized reports focused on six key aspects: social, human, financial, natural, biodiversity/technology and carbon.

The procedure for applying the Standard to new or ongoing GHG projects can be summarized in the following steps:

• Select one of the sets of SOCIALCARBON Indicators available at socialcarbon.org, such as the “Indicators for an Amazon REDD Project” and adapt it to the context of the relevant project;
• Download the SOCIALCARBON report templates available online, which facilitates both reporting and interpretation as you monitor the project’s improvements;
• Have the reports be independently audited and verified, and;
• Upon verification, list the offset units on an independent registry system accredited by the SOCIALCARBON Standard and transact/retire the credits as needed.

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SOCIALCARBON IN THE MARKET

8 million tCO₂ Reductions

SOCIALCARBON Standard is recognized by the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance (ICROA). Virtually all of its members transact SOCIALCARBON offsets and/or support projects that apply the Standard.

There are currently 55 projects validated by the SOCIALCARBON Standard in South America, Europe and Asia. These projects have resulted in over 8 million emissions reduction units certified under VCS and SOCIALCARBON Standard.

In response to the excellent results of this synergy between the VCS and the SOCIALCARBON standards, the VCS Association and the Ecologica Institute formalized a partnership to create a unified procedure for dual-certification. As of May 2014, VCS + SOCIALCARBON standard documents are available for streamlined reporting and verification, in an effort to facilitate the work of developers and auditors, while enhancing cost benefit of sustainable GHG projects.

BENEFITS

Good for the project, for the community and for the buyer:

• Adaptable to local realities.
• Enables micro-scale community-based projects to tap into the carbon markets.
• Quantifies the impact of investments that further the project’s sustainable development. Reduces project risk and improves long-term stability.
• Provides traceability and transparency for buyers through independent certification and registration.
• Enhances buyers’ reputations due to high profile social and environmental benefits.
• Adds value to the project and to the emissions reduction units.