

Application of the Oeko-Institut/WWF-US/ EDF methodology for assessing the quality of carbon credits

This document presents results from the application of version 3.0 of a methodology, developed by Oeko-Institut, World Wildlife Fund (WWF-US) and Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), for assessing the quality of carbon credits. The methodology is applied by Oeko-Institut with support by Carbon Limits, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI), INFRAS, Stockholm Environment Institute, and individual carbon market experts. This document evaluates one specific criterion or sub-criterion with respect to a specific carbon crediting program, project type, quantification methodology and/or host country, as specified in the below table. Please note that the CCQI website [Site terms and Privacy Policy](#) apply with respect to any use of the information provided in this document. Further information on the project and the methodology can be found here: www.carboncreditquality.org

Criterion:	4.1 Enhancing adoption of low, zero or negative emissions technologies and practices
Project type:	Establishment of natural forest
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Score:	5

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Assessment

Relevant scoring methodology provisions

The scoring approach assesses the degree to which the technologies or practices applied under the project type facilitate the transition towards net zero emissions. The main consideration is whether the project type employs negative, zero or low emissions technologies or practices. Moreover, it is considered whether the project type poses risks for locking-in technologies or practices that may result in an increase in GHG emissions in the long-term, thereby undermining the achievement of net zero emissions, or whether the project type employs innovative technologies or practices which may accelerate the transition to net zero emissions. See further details on the scoring in the methodology.

Assessment outcome

The project type is assigned a score of 5.

Justification of assessment

According to the scoring approach for enhancing adoption of low, zero or negative emission technologies and practices as described in the methodology, the establishment of natural forest (or afforestation) counts among negative emissions technologies and practices, which to a high degree facilitate the transition towards net zero emissions and therefore receives a score of 5.