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VM0007 v1.8

REDD+ Methodology Framework

Pre-Validation Evidence Assessment

Illustrative Client Deliverable

An independent methodology and evidence readiness review
for REDD+ project documentation

Assessment scope:

VM0007 v1.8 REDD+ methodology requirements

Assessment type:

Pre-validation evidence readiness assessment

Project:

Example REDD+ Project

(Anonymized Assessment Example)

Date:

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Article6 | Assessment Overview

This document illustrates a pre-validation evidence assessment for a REDD+ project applying VM0007 v1.8 (REDD+ Methodology Framework).

What was reviewed:

All 58 methodology requirements against project documentation.
Applicability conditions, carbon pool selection, baseline determination, additionality demonstration, leakage assessment, monitoring provisions.
Evidence completeness, traceability, and methodological correctness.

Assessment approach:

Each requirement evaluated independently against the methodology text.
Evidence classified as FOUND, UNCLEAR, MISSING, or NOT_APPLICABLE.
Assessment outcomes: CONFORMS, ACTION_REQUIRED, NOT_APPLICABLE.
Evidence traceability maintained with PDD page and section references.
Rejected evidence documented with rejection reason.

Deliverable includes:

Full 58-requirement evidence assessment.
Priority gaps with required corrective actions.
Evidence traceability for each methodology requirement.
Identification of preparation needs before formal validation.

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Article6 | Readiness Dashboard

58 methodology requirements reviewed

FOUND: 6 requirements have complete supporting evidence

UNCLEAR: 21 requirements have partial or incomplete evidence

MISSING: 9 requirements have no project-specific evidence

NOT_APPLICABLE: 22 requirements do not apply to this activity type

Assessment outcomes:

CONFORMS: 6

ACTION_REQUIRED: 30

NOT_APPLICABLE: 22

Pre-validation readiness assessment:

Identifies preparation needs and evidence gaps.

Not validation approval, verification, or certification.

Key observations:

30 requirements need corrective action before validation.

9 requirements have no project-specific evidence (MISSING).

21 requirements have partial evidence (UNCLEAR).

22 requirements are not applicable to this project type.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-1-0001

Rule ID: R-1-0001

Title: Project land must meet forest definition threshold for 10+ years

Evidence status: UNCLEAR

Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED

Finding:

The available project evidence identifies applicable forest definition thresholds but does not preserve numeric values for minimum forest area, tree height, and canopy cover across the complete project area. The requirement is not fully demonstrated.

Required action:

Provide the governing numeric forest-definition thresholds (minimum forest area, tree height, and canopy/crown cover) and project-area evidence demonstrating that all project properties meet them for the required 10-year period.

Evidence reviewed:

PDD, page 12: The project area qualifies as forest and has remained forested for more than 10 years prior to the project start date, meeting the applicable forest definition thresholds.

Rationale:

The PDD references the applicable methodology requirement but does not provide the numeric threshold values needed to confirm compliance.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-2-0008

Rule ID: R-2-0008

Title: AGB always mandatory

Evidence status: UNCLEAR

Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED

Finding:

Aboveground biomass is mandatory, but VM0007 also requires conditional harvested wood products and dead-wood comparison, T-SIG or Appendix 1 significance treatment where triggered, and consistency across baseline, project and leakage accounting. The PDD does not fully document these.

Required action:

Provide the complete baseline/project/leakage carbon-pool comparison, including harvested wood products and dead wood, significance determinations using T-SIG or Appendix 1 where triggered, and consistent inclusion/exclusion justifications.

Evidence reviewed:

PDD, page 63: The inclusion of the above ground tree biomass pool as part of the project boundary is mandatory according to the REDD-MF module.

Rationale:

Aboveground biomass is mandatory, but VM0007 also requires conditional harvested wood products and dead-wood comparison that is not yet documented in the PDD.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-3-0007

Rule ID: R-3-0007

Title: Baseline must be revised at VCS Standard frequency

Evidence status: MISSING

Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED

Finding:

The PDD provides no baseline reassessment frequency, no minimum cycle and no reassessment trigger. Deferring the information does not partially satisfy the requirement.

Required action:

Provide the applicable VCS baseline-reassessment frequency, next scheduled revision date, and the process for updating deforestation-driver assumptions.

Evidence reviewed:

No project-specific evidence available.

Rationale:

The PDD provides no baseline reassessment frequency, no minimum cycle and no reassessment trigger.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-2-0001

Rule ID: R-2-0001

Title: Six required data elements for each discrete land parcel

Evidence status: UNCLEAR

Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED

Finding:

VM0007 Section 5.1.1 requires six elements for every discrete parcel. The rendered parcel table has names, owners, municipality, areas and status fields but does not provide maps or polygon-vertex coordinates/accuracy documentation.

Required action:

Provide the complete parcel-level boundary inventory for all discrete areas, including VCS-format maps, every polygon vertex coordinate with accuracy documentation, total area, and landholder/user rights.

Evidence reviewed:

PDD, page 23: Parcel inventory with name, owner, municipality, contract area, and registry status fields.

Rationale:

The available evidence does not fully demonstrate the requirement. VM0007 Section 5.1.1 requires six elements including maps and vertex coordinates that are not yet provided.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-5-0008

Rule ID: R-5-0008

Title: Five carbon pool modules

Evidence status: UNCLEAR

Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED

Finding:

The VM0007 methodology inventory identifies VMD0004 as the mineral-soil SOC module and VMD0005 as the long-term wood-products module, while the PDD inventory identifies VMD0005 as the SOC module. This is an explicit module-mapping contradiction.

Required action:

Provide a corrected carbon-pool/module inventory and project-specific justification for every included and excluded pool.

Evidence reviewed:

PDD, page 61: Table 30 lists VMD0001, VMD0002, VMD0003, VMD0005 modules.

Rationale:

The PDD module inventory maps VMD0005 as SOC, whereas VM0007 v1.8 lists VMD0004 as the SOC module and VMD0005 as the wood-products module.

Article6 | Evidence Assessment Example | R-1-0005

Rule ID: R-1-0005

Title: Water table lowering is prohibited except for two specific exceptions

Evidence status: N/A

Reviewer outcome: NOT_APPLICABLE

Finding:

The PDD confirms no peat soils or tidal wetlands are present in the project area. This WRC applicability condition is not triggered.

Required action:

Retain the project-area soil and wetland assessment supporting the WRC exclusion for validation review.

Evidence reviewed:

PDD, page 62: No peat soils and tidal wetlands are present in the project area.

Rationale:

The explicit project-area statement supports NOT_APPLICABLE.

Article6 | Evidence Traceability

Each methodology requirement is traced to:
The specific VM0007 v1.8 section establishing the requirement.
The PDD evidence location (page and section).
The evidence status and reviewer outcome.
The rationale supporting the determination.

Example trace:

Requirement: R-1-0001: Forest definition for 10+ years
Methodology source: VM0007 v1.8 Section 4.2.1, condition 1
Evidence in PDD: Page 12 (Section 2.1.4), page 62 (Table 31)
Evidence status: UNCLEAR
Reviewer outcome: ACTION_REQUIRED
Evidence found: MapBiomass/PRODES confirms continuous forest cover
What is missing: Numeric threshold values (min area, height, canopy)
Required action: Provide numeric thresholds and project-area evidence

This traceability applies to all 58 requirements in the full assessment.
Each requirement has its own evidence record, status, and corrective action.

Article6 | Preparing for Validation

Before validation, project teams often face:

- Unclear evidence requirements.
- Missing supporting documentation.
- Inconsistent methodology interpretation.
- Late-stage validation corrections.

This assessment provides:

Requirement-level evidence review.

Evidence traceability.

Prioritized corrective actions.

Validation preparation roadmap.

Clear documentation requirements.

Goal: Help project teams identify readiness gaps before formal validation.

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Article6 | Deliverable Summary

Full Evidence Assessment Deliverable

The complete assessment includes:

- 58 VM0007 v1.8 methodology requirements reviewed.
- Evidence status for each requirement.
- Assessment outcome for each requirement.
- Priority gaps with required corrective actions.
- Full evidence traceability with PDD references.
- Rationale for each determination.
- Rejected evidence documentation.

This assessment enables project developers to:

- Understand readiness before engaging a VVB.
- Prioritize corrective actions by requirement.
- Identify missing evidence early in the process.
- Reduce validation timeline risk.
- Strengthen project documentation for validation.

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Article6 | Disclaimer

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certification, or assurance conclusion.

The findings are based solely on the project documentation provided
for review and the VM0007 v1.8 methodology as published by Verra.

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