

Protocol for prior analysis of REDD+ projects



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This document aims to clarify the main criteria deemed necessary by Aliança Brazil NBS for the elaboration of a high-integrity and quality REDD+ project to be developed in the Brazilian Amazon. It should serve as a guide for audits and verification institutions as the minimum criteria to be presented by project proponents for Brazilian projects to ensure documentary regularity and quality. It is also expected that audits and verification institutions see these points as the first step of analysis and go beyond the points hereby suggested.

Criteria for Geo Analysis:

- Political Boundaries (Intermunicipal and Interstate)
- Territorial units (settlements, indigenous lands, Conservation Units)
- Official Infrastructure Bases (roads, railways, airfields, towns, other rural settlements, among others)
- Public lands (Federal, State and Municipal).
- State land bases (if any);
- Inra Database: SIGEF and SSCI (updated monthly)
- Historical deforestation dynamics updated for the last 10 years (PRODES or MapBiomass)
- Demonstration of similarity between the Reference Region and the Project Area
- Land use mapping in the Reference Region and Project Area
- Similarity assessment based on assessment of land use in the Reference Region versus land use at the Project Area. It aims to identify the principle of additionality.
- Basic owner and property data and informations + CAR (Rural Environmental Registry)

- Analyze land use and occupation context
- Understand the situation of the Project Area and of the region in which the project is located
- Understand deforestation rates in the region and municipalities and generation potential (use of PRODES, Mapbiomas, TerraClass et al data)
- In-depth analysis of land issues (if the negotiation goes ahead)
- Analysis of the socio-environmental context based on information from public databases (using data already made available by the partner)
- Analysis of the project area overlaid on public areas (Conservation Units, PAE, etc);
- Evaluation of projects in the same region that use the same reference region. Example: cases from the same reference region and different baselines (different methodologies and deforestation rates, in the same territory)
- Aptitude of the property for AUD and/or APD projects (in the case of APD, evidence that the area has adequate access and transport routes, which are consistent with the volumes that would be removed in the event of forest clearing)
- Projection of VCU's based on the suitability of the property by mathematical modeling

Criteria for Land Analysis:

- Definitive title and Property Registration
 - Public Deed of Purchase and Sale of the Property
 - IBAMA Federal Technical Registry
 - Georeferencing certified by INCRA
 - Property Maps and Shapefiles
 - Negative certificate of encumbrances
 - Updated certificates from the registry office: full content; chain of title (vintenary and/or centenary, if any); enforceable.
 - CCIR updated and paid
 - ITR updated and paid
 - Project Area Owner Documents:
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- RG and CPF of the owners
- Proof of residence
- Legal Entity Owner's Documents:
- Corporate Taxpayer ID Card (CNPJ card)
- Social Contract of the company and RG and of each partner or owners
- Proof of address
- Owner's photo document (RG or CNH)
- Proof of owner's address

Criteria for Social and Environmental Analysis

- Environmental infractions
- Lawsuits and prosecutions (civil, labor, tax and criminal)
- Embargoes (IBAMA and/or OEMA)
- Ensure that there is no evidence of slave labor (MTE)
- Pending tax issues (notary public protests, federal revenue situation)
- Proof of consultation process

Criteria for Methodology:

Assessment of congruence for project integration to state accounting and registration, or of significant differences at the methodological level that will make future integrations to jurisdictional programs impossible.

Criteria for Integration with Jurisdictional/National REDD+ Programs

The project needs to demonstrate how its baseline and/or forecast for generating REDD+ credits is compatible with the jurisdictional/national-level baseline or methodology for quantifying emissions reductions (where it exists).