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Project under public consultation: Buritirana Grouped REDD+ Project (ID 3306)

Public consultation response

Buritirana Grouped REDD+ Project

The Nature-based Solutions Brazil Alliance aims to promote and stimulate an agenda to discourage deforestation and forest degradation through the creation of guidelines and good practices, generating a safe and reliable business environment. The NBS Brazil Alliance appreciates this opportunity to share input on the Arca REDD+ Project. The open consultation process and the possibility to participate actively is an opportunity to improve the integrity of the carbon credits.

As a non-profit association of project developers whose members are: Agrocortex, Bioassets, Biofilica, BR Carbon, BVRio, Carbonext, Ecosecurities, ERA Brazil, FAS, IDESAM, Instituto Ekos Brasil, Mirova Natural Capital – Althelia Funds, Permian Brasil, Radicle, South Pole, Sustainable Carbon and Volkswagen Climate-Partner, it is great to see new carbon projects being developed.

The following aspects contained within the Project Description were seen as concerns:

Ownership and Project Proponents

The proponent does not inform that the area has settlements or communities, nor if they were or will be called for the presentation of the project and questionnaires about needs and aspects of improvements in their territories, through public consultations. The governance structure was not described in detail, it is highlighted that FUTURE Forest will be responsible for all necessary activities to develop the project according to the standards and methodology compatible with the project; calculation of the generation of carbon credits and; assistance for the validation and verification of the project under VCS/SOCIALCARBON and registration process.

Local Stakeholder Consultation and AFOLU-Specific Safeguards

The proponent does not inform whether there was a consultation process with the beneficiaries, indicating that consultation with local stakeholders is not necessary for the draft PD. and that more information will be inserted in the PDD.

Other Comments

The polygon of the Project Area presented in the KML file is different from the polygon presented in the draft (map in figure 1, page 13). The polygon presented in the KML appears to be incomplete and presents forms that look like Permanent Preservation Areas - PPAs, instead of the Project Area polygon (according to the attached images). It should be noted whether this is due to the project listing process, and whether the final project area will be presented in the final version of the PD.

The NBS Brazil Alliance appreciates this important opportunity to record our comments. We welcome the project proponents to reach-out directly with any questions or follow-up requests related to the comments shared above by contacting **NBS Brazil Alliance Coordinator, Victor Ferraz**, at nbs@nbsbrazilalliance.com.
