PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

This project review report includes findings raised during Verra's review of the project specified below. The VVB must address the findings before the project request can be considered for approval by Verra. The project review report will be made publicly available on the Verra Registry. Confidential information may be provided in separate attachments.

Project ID	562
Project Name	The Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project Phase I – Rukinga Sanctuary
Review Type	Verification Approval
Program(s)	CCB Program & VCS Program
Verification Period	01 January 2021 – 31 December 2021
Project Proponent	Wildlife Works Carbon, LLC
Methodology	VM0009, Methodology for Avoided Mosaic Deforestation of Tropical Forests, v1.1
VVB	S&A Carbon
Assessment Criteria	*VCS Standard, v4.2, Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards, v2.0*
Date of First Issue	01 Dec 2022
Review Conclusion	Approved
Date of Final Issue	23 Dec 2022

FINDINGS

#	Finding Description	VVB Response	Status
1	No distinctions included in the Verification Statement		
	Issue The Verification Statement states that the project achieves no distinctions, however the project has been verified with Climate and Biodiversity Gold-level benefits for this verification period. Action Required 1. The VVB must revise the Verification Statement to include these distinctions. Program Rule(s) *CCB Program Rules, v3.1,* Section 4.3.19	**Round 1** VVB Response Verification statement is now updated. Verification statement describes that "the project also achieved Gold-Level for Climate Change Adaptation Benefits and Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits for this verification period." Verra Response The VVB has provided an updated verification statement. This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required. **Round 2** VVB Response Verra Response	Closed
2	Verification conclusion		
	Issue Section 5 of the Verification report does not state whether the project has achieved, or is on track to achieve, its stated climate, community, and biodiversity objectives. Action Required 1. The VVB must update Section 5 of the Verification Report to include a conclusion on the project's climate, community, and biodiversity objectives. Program Rule(s)	**Round 1** VVB Response Section 5 of the verification report is now updated. The Verification report now reads on page 52, "S&A Carbon can also verify with a reasonable level of assurance that the Kasigau corridor REDD+ (project phase I – Rukinga sanctuary) has created overall net positive Climate, Community, and Biodiversity benefits during the monitoring period." Verra Response Section 5 of the verification report has been updated. This is	Closed

	CCB Program Rules, v3.1, Section 4.3.15	sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	

3	Information on grievance received		
	Issue It is unclear whether the VVB had access to the original grievances and questions received via the project's grievance redress procedure, or if they only relied on the information reported by the PP in the Monitoring Report. Action Required 1. The VVB must assess the original versions of all comments, questions and grievances received by the project. 2. The VVB must update section 4.3.6 of the Verification Report to clarify that they had access to and assessed the original version of all comments received Program Rule(s) *Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards, v2.0,* Section G3.10	**Round 1** VVB Response During the site visit, verifiers were given access to all comments received during the reporting period and as part of the project's stakeholder grievance and redress procedure. Verifiers were able to access these in their entirety and to review a sample of these and detail to reach a reasonable level of assurance that the mechanisms for the reporting, assessment, and response to stakeholder comments received is working appropriately. Section 4.3.6 of the report has also been adjusted accordingly. Verra Response Section 4.3.6 of the verification report has been updated to clarify that the auditors had access to all comments submitted to the project. This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	Closed

4	Assessment of Biodiversity Impacts and Benefits		
	Issue Sections 4.6.6 and 4.6.7 of the Verification Report do not contain the steps taken to assess the given criteria. Action Required 1. The VVB must revise these sections to explain how they confirmed that the project is meeting the relevant rules and requirements.	**Round 1** VVB Response Section 4.6.6 and 4.6.7 of the verification report are now updated. The Verification report now describes how the verification team confirmed the project is meeting all relevant rules and requirements. For instance, verifiers interviewed local communities, consulted with stakeholders, and reviewed data from monitoring activities. Verifiers reviewed the entire process, from how data is obtained to its subsequent compilation and	Closed

	Program Rule(s) *CCB Program Rules, v3.1,* Section 4.3.15	analysis. Furthermore, verifiers reviewed and discussed several data and analysis procedures with the biodiversity team, as well as also received and reviewed scientific papers published from the project area. Verra Response Sections 4.6.6 and 4.6.7 of the verification report have been updated to include the steps taken to assess biodiversity benefits and impacts. This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	

5	**Unclear description of project strata**		
	Issue Section 3.1.3 of the MR describes 7 landcover strata and an 8th stratum for developed areas but then summarizes that there are 9 strata. Further, Figure 5 presents 9 land cover strata but does not include a stratum for developed areas. Action Required 1. The VVB must clarify the strata for Phase I and ensure the PD Section 3.1.3 and Figure 5 accurately represents the biomass strata used by the project. Program Rule(s) *VM0009, v1.1,* Section 13.1	**Round 1** VVB Response Verifiers can now confirm section 3.1.3 of the MR has been adjusted to clearly state there are 9 strata in the project area and figure 5 has also been updated with a new map that displays the correct number of strata. Verra Response The VVB confirms there are 9 strata and the MR was updated accordingly. This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	Closed

6	**MR does not present baseline quantification for all included carbon pools**		
	Issue Section 3.2.1 of the MR does not include calculating baseline emissions from standing dead wood or wood products both of which are included in the project boundary according to Table 2 Action Required	**Round 1** VVB Response Section 3.2.1 of the MR has been revised to include standing dead wood (SDW) and long-lived wood product's respective formulas. Previously SDW was included in the calculations for the above ground living trees (AGLT) and belowground living trees	Closed

	1. The VVB must ensure that all baseline emissions for all carbon pools included in the project are described in Section 3.2.1 of the MR Program Rule(s) *VM0009, v1.1,* Section 8	(BGLT) carbon pools. To list emissions from SDW separately, AGLT and BGLT emissions were adjusted in section 3.2.1 to exclude SDW, and the parameters were updated in the appropriate tables in section 3.1.2. This change had no impact on any downstream calculations or the calculation of NERs. However, as the calculation of SDW needed to be separate from live trees, the NER workbook required revision. The NER tab was updated so below ground SDW was added to BGLT and above ground SDW was added to AGLT. An updated version of the NER workbook (v2.0) reflecting the change was provided. Verra Response The calculations of SDW and wood products were added to Section 3.2.1 of the MR, and the NER workbook was updated accordingly. This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	

7	**Raise a FAR related to Issue ID 22-3 in Appendix B of the VR**		
	Issue During the previous audit, a PD deviation was suggested by the verifiers to clarify the language in the Disturbance monitoring Plan, but the PP did not enact the PD deviation. Action Required 1. Unless the PP includes a PD deviation, the VVB is requested to raise a FAR to be checked at the next verification that ensures the suggested PD deviation is enacted. Program Rule(s) *VCS Standard, v4.0,* Section 3.15.3	**Round 1** VVB Response The project proponent did in fact revise the disturbance monitoring plan in accordance with previous audits as documented in Section 2.2.4 Project Description Deviations. However, in error the PP previously provided the prior version to the auditor for this audit. The PP has now provided the revised disturbance monitoring plan to the verifier team, and we can confirm it contains the clarifying language and that it was utilized accordingly by the PP during this monitoring period.	Closed

		Verra Response The VVB clarified that the Disturbance Monitoring Plan was updated as requested in the previous verification (M7). This is sufficient to close the finding, no further changes are required.	