



Verification Report

First Modified Verification Statement

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ER Program Name and Country	Emission Reduction Program of Costa Rica
Reporting Period Covered In this Report	01-01-2018 to 31-12-2019
Number of FCPF ERs	3,555,295 tCO ₂ e
Number of ERs allocated to the Uncertainty Buffer	538,681 tCO ₂ e
Number of ERs allocated to the Reversal Buffer	197,516 tCO ₂ e
Number of ERs allocated to the Pooled Reversal Buffer	197,516 tCO ₂ e
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1. VERIFICATION STATEMENT (FIRST ADJUSTED VERSION)

The review and cross-check of explanations and justifications included in the updated ER Monitoring Report 1 (v4.0, 14-05-2024) and supporting documents have provided AENOR CONFÍA S.A. with sufficient evidence to determine with a reasonable level of assurance the compliance of the reported information with the FCPF Methodological Framework (v3, April 2020), the Validation and Verification Guidelines (v2.5, September 2023) and other applicable normative documents.

The scope covered by the verification includes the ER Program’s crediting period (01-01-2018 to 31-12-2024), the first monitoring period (01-01-2018 to 31-12-2019), the accounting area (5,133,939.5 ha), the REDD Country Participant’s Forest Monitoring System, the national REDD+ Programs and Projects Data Management System and the following GHG sources, sinks, REDD+ activities and carbon pools:

GHG sources and sinks (REDD+ activities)
Emissions from deforestation – Included
Emissions from forest degradation – Included
Enhancement of forest carbon stocks – Included
Conservation of forest carbon stocks– Excluded
Sustainable management of forests– Excluded
Carbon Pools
Above Ground Biomass (AGB) – Included
Below Ground Biomass (BGB) – Included
Dead Wood – Included
Litter– Included
Soil Organic Carbon (SOC), including peat – Excluded
GHGs
CO ₂ – Included
CH ₄ – Excluded
N ₂ O– Excluded

A total of 24 MCAR, 2 mCAR and 6 Observations were raised as part of the first verification process. A total of 24 MCAR and 2 mCAR were successfully addressed by the ER Program and closed by the VVB and no Observations remain open. These findings are described in the original Verification Statement (v1.1 14-06-2022).

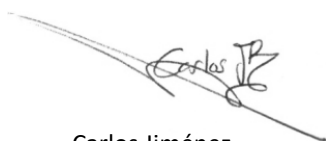
AENOR CONFÍA S.A. is able to confirm that 10,486,289 tonnes CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e) of verified ERs from the Reporting Period 1 have been reported in the first verification report (v1.1, 14-06-2022), with no changes regarding the revision of the first Monitoring Report (v4.0, 14-05-2024).

Through a first adjusted verification for the reporting period 1 (01-01-2018 to 31-12-2019), as a result of the improvement in the ER title transferability calculation (see section 1.2 below for further details), AENOR CONFÍA S.A. is able to verify with a reasonable level of assurance that the additional FCPF ERs Units generated by ER Program of Costa Rica, quantified in accordance with the verification criteria, amount to 272,272 tCO₂e. Thus, the amount of FCPF ERs Units to be issued would be 3,555,295 tCO₂e.

AENOR CONFÍA S.A. verified that the uncertainty buffer ERs amount to 538,681 tCO₂e (41,254 tCO₂e additional to previous version of the MR1), that the ERs to allocated to the Reversal Buffer amount 197,516 tCO₂e (15,126 tCO₂e additional to previous version of the MR1), and that the ERs to be allocated to the Pooled Reversal Buffer amount to 197,516 tCO₂e (15,126 tCO₂e additional to previous version of the MR1) as well. There are no uncertainties associated with the verification conclusion.

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Intended User: World Bank Group, FCPF Carbon Fund Participants



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1.1 Transfer of Title to ERs

1.1.1 Ability to transfer title

According to the information reported in the updated ER Monitoring Report 1 (v4.0, 14-05-2024) and the evidence provided during the second verification audit, the ER Program has identified the existence of unclear or contested title to ERs during the Reporting Period. The ER Program has developed the procedures to avoid multiple claims of ER Titles and solve disputes over titularity of ER.

The ER Program has been able to increase its ability to transfer the title over ERs covered in the MR1, which was updated retroactively during the second verification to reflect the latest geospatial and legal overlay analysis as of December 31, 2023 for the calculation of transferrable ERs.

According to FCPF Program announcement of May 25 2022, the assessment of the ability of ER Programs to transfer title to ERs, or the percentage of ERs for which title is clear or uncontested is covered by the FMT's review. Thus, WB FMT team confirmed the % proposed, as per request of AENOR CONFÍA S.A.

At the moment of the second verification, the percentage of ERs for which the ability to transfer Title to ERs is clear or uncontested is 42.81% for the first monitoring period (01-01-2018 to 31-12-2019), which is an additional 3.28% of ER title transferability reported in the previous version of the MR1.

1.2 Calculation of emission reductions

AENOR confirms that the ER Program of Costa Rica has quantified ERs in compliance with the FCPF Methodological Framework (v3, April 2020), the ER Monitoring Report template (v2.1, November 2020, applicable at the time of the first emission of the MR1), and the rest of applicable criteria, including FCPF Guidelines.

AENOR confirms that the evidence provided allow to assess the GHG assertion made in the updated ER Monitoring Report 1 (v4.0, 14-05-2024) as sufficient, without material discrepancy, and with a reasonable level of assurance, with respect to material misstatements, errors, or omissions.

The Country Program to reports additional ERs for the first monitoring period (01-01-2018 to 31-12-2019) as a result of and increased ability to transfer ER title. Thus, the table below only presents the FCPF units corresponding to the additional number of ERs for which the ability to transfer Title to ERs is clear and uncontested. The results are as follows:

		Total (initially reported and verified)	Total Additional ERs verified in this first adjustment -	Additional ERs. Breakdown by year		
				2018	2019	Total
A	Reference Level (tCO ₂ -e) (Section 5.1)	5,171,435	5,171,435	-	-	-
B	Net emissions and removals under the ER Program (tCO ₂ -e) (Section 5.2)	-5,314,854	-5,314,854	-	-	-
C	Emission Reductions during Reporting Period (tCO ₂ -e) (A-B)	10,486,289	10,486,289	-	-	-
D	If applicable, number of Emission Reductions from reducing forest degradation that have been estimated using proxy-based estimation approaches (use zero if not applicable)	0	0	-	-	-

		Total (initially reported and verified)	Total Additional ERs verified in this first adjustment -	Additional ERs. Breakdown by year		
				2018	2019	Total
E	Number of Emission Reductions estimated using measurement approaches (C-D)	10,486,289	10,486,289	-	-	-
F	Percentage of ERs (A) for which the ability to transfer Title to ERs is clear or uncontested (Section 5.4.1)	39.53%	42.81%	+3.28%	+3.28%	+3.28%
G	ERs for which the ability to transfer Title to ERs is unclear or contested because they are sold, assigned or otherwise used by any other entity for sale, public relations, compliance or any other purpose (Section 5.4.3)	0	0	-	-	-
H	Total ERs (D+E)*F-G	4,145,230	4,489,008	175,224	168,554	343,778
I	Conservativeness Factor to reflect the level of uncertainty from non-proxy based approaches associated with the estimation of ERs during the Crediting Period (Section 5.3.2)	12%	12%	-	-	-
J	Emission Reductions allocated to the Uncertainty Buffer $(0.15 * D / C * H) + (I * E / C * H)$	497,428	538,681	21,026	20,228	41,254
K	Total reversal risk set-aside percentage applied to the ER program (Section 5.5)	10%	10%	-	-	-
L	Emission Reductions allocated to the Reversal Buffer $(H - J) * (K - 5\%)$	182,390	197,516	7,710	7,416	15,126
M	Emission Reductions allocated to the Pooled Reversal Buffer $(H - J) * 5\%$	182,390	197,516	7,710	7,416	15,126
N	Number of FCPF ERs (H-J-L-M)	3,283,023	3,555,295	138,778	133,494	272,272