



Forest Project Reporting Protocol v2.1

Protocol Summary

Project Definition

A forest that is conserved, reforested or managed under a conservation-based system.

Includes: Carbon dioxide (CO₂) sequestered in trees

Project Eligibility Requirements

Location: Project must be within California. The forthcoming version of this protocol welcomes applicable projects from across the United States.

Start Date: Reforestation projects apply to lands that have been out of forest cover for a minimum of 10 years before project initiation; Forest Conservation projects must show that land would have been converted to a non-forest use within five years of project initiation.

Baseline Start Date: Baselines can be set to no earlier than January 1, 2001.

Performance Standard: “Better than business as usual”

Monitoring Report and Leakage Assessment: A Monitoring Report and Annual Leakage Assessment must be completed annually to determine if any leakage has occurred.

Other Eligibility Requirements:

- ⌘ Clear ownership of equity in forest
- ⌘ All forests secured by perpetual easements
- ⌘ Must exhibit native forest types
- ⌘ Natural forest management
- ⌘ Project must not be registered with any other registry for the same vintages of reductions
- ⌘ Proper accounting and monitoring
- ⌘ At the time of baseline initiation, forest projects must exceed any applicable regulations or statutes

Crediting Period: Projects are eligible to receive credits for 100 years from start date.

Reporting Schedule: Verifications completed on the first and sixth years and every six years thereafter at a minimum (using direct sampling by the verifier).

Project Categories

Conservation-based Forest Management: Forest projects that are based on the commercial or noncommercial harvest and regeneration of native trees and employ natural forest management practices

Reforestation: Forest projects that are based on the restoration of native tree cover on lands that were previously forested, but have been out of tree cover for a minimum of ten years

Conservation: Forest projects that are based on specific actions to prevent the conversion of native forests to a non-forest use, such as agriculture or other commercial development

Project Exclusions

- ⌘ Non-native forests
- ⌘ Monocrop tree farms
- ⌘ Forests intended for commercial or agricultural development
- ⌘ Forests managed unsustainably, outside of conservation-based practices