



## Policy Memorandum

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To: **MEXICO FOREST PROJECT VERIFICATION BODIES**  
 Date: September 16, 2019  
 Re: Verifier Requirements for Mexico Forest Project Site Verifications

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The verification team must always include a forester onsite during site visits that is either contracted or employed directly by the verification body that meets one of the following qualifications:

Option	Credentials	Experience
1	CONAFOR certification – Forest Technical Advisor in Silviculture (see below)	At least two years of experience sampling, developing, and analyzing forest biomass or carbon inventories.
2	CONAFOR certification – Promotor Forestal/Forest Technician (see below)	
3	Demonstration of university training (12 semester or 16 quarter hours) in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampling design</li> <li>• Implementing and analyzing forest biomass or carbon inventories</li> <li>• Forest biometrics</li> </ul>	
4	Registered professional forester in states (U.S. or Mexico) where professional registration exists or Certified Forester under the Society of American Foresters.	

CONAFOR Certification-Silviculture <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coursework &amp; evaluation through a CONAFOR approved entity</li> <li>• Must demonstrate competence in the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developing &amp; implementing Forest Management Plans</li> <li>○ Sampling methods</li> <li>○ Technical studies for managing forests &amp; forest resources</li> <li>○ GIS</li> <li>○ Treatments and techniques for forest management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CONAFOR Certification as a Promotor Forestal/ Forest Technician <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coursework &amp; evaluation through a CONAFOR approved entity</li> <li>• Coursework must include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Forest management plans &amp; community-based silviculture</li> <li>○ Basics of silviculture treatments</li> <li>○ Forest inventories: objectives, characteristics and types of sampling, instruments and tools, establishing plots, measurement criteria, GPS</li> <li>○ Process and systematization of data for forest inventories: recording data, processing information, calculating volumes at tree/plot/hectare/stand</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For further information please see: [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/195955/NICL\\_Silvicultura.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/195955/NICL_Silvicultura.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> For further information please see: <http://www.conafor.gob.mx:8080/documentos/docs/7/3927Programa%20Capacitaci%C3%B3n%20T%C3%A9cnicos%20Comunitarios.pdf>