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| **Plan Vivo Standards 2008 – Effective and Transparent Governance** |
| 1 | The project has established an effective governance structure with clear roles and lines of accountability. |
| 2 | The project provides assistance to small scale farmers, forest dwellers and land-users in developing countries with recognized land tenure or user rights (forest users/producers). |
| 3 | The project publishes annual reports available to the public. |
| **Project Indicators to Ensure Compliance to Principle** |
| Theme | Indicator | Reference | Requirement for Verification  |
| Governance Structure | Administrative framework with the capacity to aggregate, transact, and monitor progress across all project operations. | * Legal agreements with multiple forest users and forest user groups.
* All necessary legal permissions to carry out the intended activities including the ability to establish land-tenure rights.
 | * Approved development plan containing all statutes, articles and agreements stating individual and organizational roles and responsibilities, as well as documented processes for key project activities.
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| Annual Reporting | Publically available information. | * Transparent and audited financial accounts able to the secure receipt, holding and disbursement of payments.
 | * Populated, effectively managed database; staff able to explain and demonstrated database functions.
* Approved annual reports.
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| **Plan Vivo Standards 2008 – Ecosystem Benefits** |
| Planting activities are restricted to native and naturalised species. |
| Wider ecological impacts have been identified and considered expressly including impacts on local and regional biodiversity and impacts on watersheds. |
| **Project Indicators to Ensure Compliance to Principle** |
| Theme | Indicator | Reference | Requirement for Verification  |
| Native and Naturalised Species |  | Naturalised (i.e. non-invasive) species are eligible only where they can be shown to have compelling livelihood benefits and:1. Producers have clearly expressed a wish to use this species;2. The areas involve are not in immediate proximity to conservation areas or likely to have any significant negative effect on biodiversity;3. The activity is still additional i.e. the producers in the area are not doing this activity or able to do this activity without the intervention and support of the project;* 4. The activity will have no harmful effects on the water-table.
 | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos.
* Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities.
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| Regional Biodiversity |  |  | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos.
* Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities.
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| Impacts on Watersheds |  |  | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos.
* Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities.
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