

**CLIMATE ACTION NEWS** 

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#### President's letter

## Greetings,

Last month was the hottest month in recorded history. Intense heat domes sprawled across the globe - from North America to southern Europe to northern Africa and Asia. In Death Valley, California, temperatures reached 128 degrees, while China registered its all-time high temperature of 126 degrees and the heat index reached 152 degrees in the Middle East, near the limit of human survival.

The shared suffering of the impacts of climate change around the globe highlights how the climate crisis requires next level international thinking to achieve climate solutions at the scale and speed needed. We need to think and act beyond our backyard, beyond our value chain, and embrace opportunities for climate solutions here, there, and everywhere. The Reserve is working to further grow our program internationally - with protocols coming up for adoption soon that support GHG reductions in Panama, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, and China. Be on the lookout for public comment opportunities and help inform the development of high-quality protocols that achieve real, additional, permanent emissions reductions.

Kind regards,

Craig Ebert

President

## Updated Program Manual and Terms of Use available

We have updated our <u>Program Manual</u>, which summarizes the overarching principles, general project accounting guidelines, and rules and procedures for registering projects and creating offset credits. We have also updated our <u>Terms of Use</u>, which provides guidance on the use of the Reserve software. For the updated documents, summary of changes, and redline versions, please visit our <u>website</u>. The Reserve will accept public comments until Friday, August 25, 2023. Comments can be submitted to <u>policy@climateactionreserve.org</u>.

# Dominican Republic Livestock Protocol draft published for public comment

The Reserve has published the <u>draft Dominican Republic Livestock Protocol</u> for public comment from August 7-September 6. This protocol will provide guidance for GHG reductions associated with installing a manure biogas control system for livestock operations, such as dairy cattle and swine farms, in the Dominican Republic. Join us for a <u>public comment webinar</u> on Tuesday, August 29. For more information, please visit the <u>Dominican Republic Livestock Protocol</u> <u>development page</u>.

### U.S. Forest Protocol Version 5.1 now available for use

Our <u>U.S. Forest Protocol Version 5.1</u> is now available for use. The updated protocol reincorporates reforestation as a project type and includes program revisions that are editorial or technical in nature.

# Errata and clarifications released for U.S. Livestock, Mexico Livestock, and Mexico Landfill Protocols

On July 19, the Reserve released errata and clarifications for the <u>U.S. Livestock</u> <u>Protocol V4.0, Mexico Livestock Protocol V2.0, and Mexico Landfill Protocol</u>

<u>V2.0</u>. The errata and clarification specifies timeline requirements for performing field-checks for calibration accuracy or calibration for stationary meters in use for 60 days or more that are removed and not reinstalled during the same reporting period.

Reserve to support the Mexico Carbon Forum with a training workshop, speaker panel participation, and an exhibit booth

The Reserve is pleased to support the Mexico Carbon Forum, hosted by MexiCO2 on August 14-15 in Querétaro, as it brings together key and influential leaders in the Mexican and Latin American carbon markets. The Reserve will lead a training workshop, "Supporting Carbon Projects Throughout Mexico: The Climate Action Reserve Program," and speak at panel discussions. Stop by our booth (#10) to connect and collaborate with our team:

- Craig Ebert, President
- Amy Kessler, Director, Latin America
- Abbey Garcia, Senior Associate
- Claudia Jurado, Analytical Associate for Latin America

Join us November 8 for a webinar "Breaking New Frontiers: Expansion" into Latin America and Support of Global Carbon Markets"

Join us on November 8 for a webinar "Breaking New Frontiers: Expansion into Latin America and Support of Global Carbon Markets." We'll highlight our program expansion into Latin America, including the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Panama, and our support of the region's development of carbon markets. We'll also discuss our experience in Mexico, including how we collaborate with local entities and involve community stakeholders. Register here

# Check out our latest Climate Action Offsetter: Colgate University!

**COLGATE UNIVERSITY** 

Colgate University is a private liberal arts college founded in 1819 in Madison County, New York. Colgate committed to carbon neutrality in 2008 and in April 2019 Colgate became the first institution of higher education in the State of New York to achieve carbon neutrality. Colgate embarked on an extensive, open, and transparent process to select its carbon offsets - with research, outreach, and feedback, including student surveys, seminars, forums, focus groups, presentations, meetings, and integration into coursework.

"Purchasing offsets has allowed the Colgate community to achieve carbon neutrality and support GHG reductions that provide SDGs and ecosystem benefits in the greater NY, US, and global community. Investing in offsets creates an opportunity for education and innovation. The process by which our university selects offset projects provides important learning and engagement opportunities for students, who learn about calculating carbon footprints, building robust carbon reduction strategies, developing thoughtful and responsible portfolios of emissions reduction projects, and the importance of engaging and listening to the input of the entire campus." Read more

## Ask us anything about offsets!

Do you have any questions about carbon offsets or carbon markets? Our expert staff want to address myths, misunderstandings, and muddled impressions with facts and lessons learned from over 20+ years of carbon offset and market experience. Submit your questions to <a href="mailto:newsletter@climateactionreserve.org">newsletter@climateactionreserve.org</a> and we'll answer here in our monthly newsletter and on our website.

#### Climate Forward

## Reforestation confirmation body training module now available

The Reserve has released the reforestation confirmation body training module that supplements the overview webinar for the <u>Reforestation Forecast</u>

<u>Methodology V2.0</u>. Both the overview webinar and training module must be reviewed by project experts to be eligible to conduct confirmations under the methodology. If you would like to request access to the module, please contact Holly Davison at <a href="https://hdavison@climateactionreserve.org">hdavison@climateactionreserve.org</a>.

#### Protocol development

# Participate in the Reserve's multi-stakeholder protocol development process

The Reserve is working to expand into new sectors and jurisdictions. We welcome your participation and feedback during the protocol development process. Check out current protocol development efforts, including newly available workgroup meeting recordings, presentations, and notes:

Natural Climate Solutions	<ul> <li><u>U.S. and Canada Biochar</u></li> <li><u>Guatemala Forest</u></li> <li><u>Panama Forest</u></li> </ul>
Waste Handling and Methane Destruction	Dominican Republic Livestock
Industrial Processes and Gases	<ul> <li>China Adipic Acid Production</li> <li>U.S. Low-Carbon Cement</li> </ul>

#### Offset project video gallery

We're excited to highlight the local impact and social benefits of carbon offset projects registered with the Reserve. We invite communities and project developers to create short videos showcasing their project's positive impact. Check out our latest video in the series highlighting the <u>Ejido forestal Los</u> Bancos:



Project name: Ejido forestal Los Bancos
Community/ name: Ejido Los Bancos

Project Developer: Alvaro Rene Rivera Jaramillo

Project Hectares: 9,142 Location: Durango, México

Activity Type: Improved Forest Management

### Newly registered projects

## Newly registered projects in the Reserve

Projects in the Climate Action Reserve achieve registered status upon successfully completing verification by an independent, accredited verification body.

<u>Collins - Modoc Reforestation</u> Location: Modoc County, California

View public reports

### **Employment**

# We're hiring!



We are currently hiring for an Associate position. For more information on the position and how to apply, please visit the Reserve's employment page.

Reserve calendar	
Aug 14-15	<ul> <li>Mexico Carbon Forum - hosted by MÉXICO2</li> <li>Visit our booth!</li> <li>Join our training workshop: "Supporting Carbon Projects Throughout Mexico: The Climate Action Reserve Program"</li> </ul>
Aug 29	<u>Dominican Republic Livestock Protocol Public Comment</u> <u>Webinar (Spanish)</u>
Sep 13-14	Net Zero Conference - hosted by Verdical Group  • Visit our booth!  • Use code "NETZERO15" to receive 15% off registration
Nov 8	Breaking New Frontiers: Expansion into Latin America and Support of Global Carbon Markets
Upcoming	Upcoming Verification Training Schedule
Upcoming	Upcoming Climate Forward Confirmation Training Schedule
Ongoing	Schedule a Lead Verifier Recertification Exam
Ongoing	Schedule a Climate Forward General Confirmation Recertification Exam
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#### Trivia corner

We'll be hosting a training workshop at the Mexico Carbon Forum, which is happening August 14-15 in Querétaro.

What is the title of our training workshop at the Mexico Carbon Forum?

Please send responses to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@climateactionreserve.org">newsletter@climateactionreserve.org</a>. One response will be randomly selected to win a Reserve-branded mousepad!

## ABOUT THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE

The **Climate Action Reserve** is the most trusted, efficient, and experienced offset registry for global carbon markets. A pioneer in carbon accounting, the Reserve promotes and fosters the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through credible market-based policies and solutions. As a high-quality offset registry for voluntary carbon markets, it establishes rigorous standards involving multi-sector stakeholder workgroup development and local engagement and issues carbon credits in a transparent and publicly available

system. The organization also supports compliance carbon markets in California, Washington and internationally. The Reserve is an environmental nonprofit organization headquartered in Los Angeles, California with staff members located around the world. For more information, please visit www.climateactionreserve.org.The Reserve is an equal opportunity provider.

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