RULE CLARIFICATION:

CLARIFICATION ON THE RULES FOR ROTATION FORESTRY PROJECTS UNDER THE AFFORESTATION/REFORESTATION (A/R) METHODOLOGY (RC 2020 IQ – A/R V1.0)

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1. Background

According to Gold Standard A/R GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology, Section 7 "Long-term CO2-fixation", Option 2 – 'Rotation Forestry', the long-term CO2-Fixation is the average 'tree biomass' of a "Modelling Unit" (MU) during the planting start and the end of the crediting period.

2. Rule Clarification

This rule clarification provides further clarity on assessment criteria to be considered for A/R rotation forestry projects as below and a guiding tool for long-term CO2-fixation calculation in rotation forestry projects; projects;

- Project crediting period shall cover the full rotation cycles (e.g. 15-year rotation period project should have a crediting period between 30 and 45 years)

- The plantation must remain standing at the end of the registered crediting period

- CO2-performance shall be assessed against the original growth models rather the models with long-term averages

- In a performance shortfall scenario, VVB and PD shall follow the performance shortfall guidelines

- To assess the accuracy of the long-term average, the performance verification shall always take place in the year prior to the felling of the trees (regardless of when the previous or next verification audit takes place)

3. Related document:

Gold Standard A/R GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology	03.07.2017	1.0

Tool for calculation long-term average CO2-fixation in A/R rotation forestry projects	02.04.2020	1.0

Related Documents:

Gold Standard A/R GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology	03.07.2017	1.0