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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ART	Technical Responsibility Annotation, in Portuguese, <i>Anotação de Responsabilidade Técnica</i>
BL	Baseline
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
MRV	Measurement, Reporting, and Verification
NBS	Nature-based Solutions
NFT	Non-Fungible Token
PDD	Project Design Document
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SFI	Sample Forest Inventory
TBS	Technology-Based Solutions



LIST OF PROGRAMS

Certification Program
Methodologies Program
Assets Program



LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NAME	PROGRAM
Definitions	All
Declaration of Voluntary Implementation and Uniqueness of Carbon Project	All
Declaration of Appointment of Principal Proponent of Carbon Project	All
Declaration of Image Rights Assignment	All
Socio-Environmental Safeguards Analysis Tool	All
Zero Deforestation Declaration	NBS
Land Tenure Compliance Analysis and Certification Tool	NBS



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1. INTRODUCTION

The **Acceptance Criteria Analysis Tool for Project Validation** provides a checklist to assist developers in preparing and submitting the documents, spreadsheets, and other necessary information for project validation.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this tool is to verify whether all methodological and regulatory requirements have been met before the audit begins, preventing delays and rework.

3. CHECKLIST: TERO PLATFORM

- All project **quota holders**¹ have an account on the Platform.
- There are no **pending items**² in the Platform checklist that would prevent the project's submission for Certification.

4. CHECKLIST: PROJECT LISTING

- Image for the project's future webpage banner (1200 x 400 pixels), similar to the one chosen for the project's NFT.
- Brief document with the Developer's information: Trade Name, Description, contact details, webpage, etc.

5. CHECKLIST: NBS PROJECTS

5.1 Mandatory Documentation

- Project Design Document (PDD) in both **Portuguese** and **English** versions, structured according to the "**PDD Structuring Tool**".

¹ A quota holder is a project participant who will receive a total or partial amount of assets generated in each verification.

² All statuses are either "Under Review" or already "Verified".

- For projects with a single rural property:
 - “**Declaration of Voluntary Implementation and Uniqueness of Carbon Project**” signed by the landowner.
 - “**Zero Deforestation Declaration**” signed by the landowner.
 - “**Declaration of Image Rights Assignment**” signed by the landowner.
- For projects with two or more rural properties (mosaic):
 - “**Declaration of Voluntary Implementation and Uniqueness of Carbon Project**” signed individually or jointly by all landowners.
 - “**Declaration of Appointment of Principal Proponent of Carbon Project**” signed jointly by all landowners.
 - “**Zero Deforestation Declaration**” signed individually or jointly by all landowners.
 - “**Declaration of Image Rights Assignment**” signed individually or jointly by each landowner.
- Technical Responsibility Annotation (ART)** or equivalent document, issued by the competent authority, designating a technical representative from the Developer as the project's responsible technician.
- Signatures notarized or carried out through a certification entity recognized by the Federal Government (e.g., gov.br).

5.2 Mandatory Land Tenure Documentation

- For each rural property, submit the set of documents, certificates, etc., that demonstrate the maintenance of land tenure compliance in accordance with the “**Land Tenure Compliance Analysis and Certification Tool**”.

5.3 Mandatory Geographic Information

- For each rural property, provide the set of geographic information (Central Coordinate, Vector Files – Shapefile, etc.) that geographically characterizes the rural property(ies) in accordance with the document “**Land Tenure Compliance Analysis and Certification Tool**”.
- Maps of the land use history of the project area and its surroundings.

5.4 Information on Quantification Estimates

- Estimates conducted through Quali-Quantitative Diagnosis:
 - Technical Note or Report** with the quantification estimate.
 - Spreadsheet containing the raw data from the **Quali-Quantitative Diagnosis**, if applicable.
 - Spreadsheet with the regression analysis of the **site/ project-specific equation** adjustment, if applicable.
 - Spreadsheet with the **calculation records** for the estimates of reduced/avoided and/or removed emissions for: (a) the total project period and (b) annually.
- Estimates conducted using certified software:
 - Technical Note or Report** with the quantification estimate;
 - Spreadsheet with the remote data used as input for the software.

5.5 Information on Socio-Environmental Safeguards

- Technical report demonstrating the compliance with Socio-Environmental Safeguards in accordance with the “**Socio-Environmental Safeguards Analysis Tool**”.

5.6 Optional Information

- Technical report for leakage demonstration.
- Non-Permanence Risk:
 - Technical report with a detailed risk analysis-based approach.
 - Technical report detailing the risk analysis-based buffer (if applicable).
 - Technical report detailing the dynamic adjustable buffer.

6. CHECKLIST: TBS PROJECTS

6.1 Mandatory Documentation

- Project Design Document (PDD) in both **Portuguese** and **English** versions, structured according to the "**PDD Structuring Tool**".
- For projects with only one proponent/entity:
 - Copy of the entity's incorporation document and the latest amendment to the **Articles of Association**.
 - CNPJ registration card** (for companies established in Brazil).
 - Operating licenses**.
 - Environmental licenses (if applicable)**.
 - "**Declaration of Voluntary Implementation and Uniqueness of Carbon Project**" signed by the proponent.
 - "**Declaration of Image Rights Assignment**" signed by the proponent.
- For projects with two or more proponents/entities – only if there are modifications:
 - Copy of the entity's incorporation document and the latest amendment to the **Articles of Association**.
 - CNPJ registration card** (for companies established in Brazil).
 - Operating licenses**.
 - Environmental licenses** (if applicable).
 - "**Declaration of Voluntary Implementation and Uniqueness of Carbon Project**" signed individually or jointly by all proponents.
 - "**Declaration of Appointment of Principal Proponent of Carbon Project**" signed jointly by all proponents.
 - "**Declaration of Image Rights Assignment**" signed individually or jointly by each proponent.
- Technical Responsibility Note (ART)** or an equivalent document issued by the competent authority, designating a technical representative from the Developer as the project's responsible technician – only if there are modifications.
- Signatures notarized or certified by a government-recognized certification entity (e.g., gov.br).

6.2 Geographic Information

- For each entity, submit the set of geographic information (central coordinates, maps, etc.) indicating the location(s) of the entity(ies) and/or the project's coverage area.

6.3 Information on Socio-Environmental Safeguards

- Technical report demonstrating the continued compliance with Socio-Environmental Safeguards in accordance with the "**Socio-Environmental Safeguards Analysis Tool**".

7. CHECKLIST: LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

- Technical report demonstrating the project's additionality according to the "**Project Additionality Demonstration Tool**" document.
- Technical report demonstrating the Baseline.



VERSION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	NOTES
2.0	04/01/2025	Name change, along with layout adjustments and the separation of NBS and TBS project checklists.
1.0	08/19/2024	Initial version approved by the Board and released for public consultation.