

DOMESTIC OFFSETS INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

Reasons for Endorsement

Methodology for Human-induced regeneration of a permanent even-aged native forest (2012RF029)

The Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee (DOIC) advises that it has endorsed the above methodology proposal because it satisfies the requirements for a methodology determination specified in Section 112 of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* (the Act).

The reasons for the DOIC's decision to endorse the methodology proposal are set out in Tables 1 and 2 below. These reasons will also be published on the Department's web site within 28 days of the decision in compliance with Section 112 (14A) of the Act.

Table 1 – Requirements to be met for methodology proposal endorsement by the Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee

Section*	Requirement	Statement
112(3)(a)	Complies with the offsets integrity standards.	See Table 2 below.
112(3)(b)	Does not refer to a state or part of a state.	Complies.
112(3)(c)	Complies with regulations made for the purpose of 106(4)(e).	No regulations specified.
112(3)(d)	Includes calculation of a baseline for a project.	The proponent must demonstrate that regeneration of trees has been immaterial over the 10 years prior to the commencement of the project. .
112(3)(g)	Applies methods specified under the <i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007</i> (NGER Act) where appropriate.	All emissions sources in the methodology that are covered by the NGER Act are calculated consistent with the legislation, including those used to calculate emissions from fuel use.

* Section of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*

Table 2 – Offsets Integrity Standards

Section*	Requirement	Statement
133(1)(a)	Covered by the additionality test regulations.	<p>The activity is covered by the Additionality Test Regulations: Regulation 3.28 (1)(c) the human-induced regeneration, on or after 1 July 2007, of native vegetation, on land that is not conservation land, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the exclusion of livestock; or (ii) the management of the timing and the extent of grazing; or (iii) the management, in a humane manner, of feral animals; or (iv) the management of plants that are not native to the project area; or (v) the cessation of mechanical or chemical destruction, or suppression, of regrowth;
133(1)(b)	Estimations of emissions reduction, sequestration and emissions are measurable and capable of being verified.	Appropriate equations are specified for the calculation of emissions for the baseline and project and appropriate means of data collection, monitoring and reporting are specified to enable verification of the estimations.
133(1)(c)	Methods specified in the methodology are not inconsistent with the methods set out in the National Inventory Report.	The methods set out in the methodology proposal are not inconsistent with the methods in the National Inventory Report.
133(1)(d)	The methodology is supported by relevant scientific results published in peer-reviewed literature.	<p>The methodology proposal is supported by peer reviewed scientific literature and credible scientific data.</p> <p>The modelling underpinning the methodology is updated to reflect commissioned scientific research and published in peer reviewed scientific literature.</p>
133(1)(e)	Net abatement is calculated after deducting the emissions generated as a result of carrying out the project.	Complies.

133(1)(f)	Methodologies related to sequestration projects should provide for adjustments that take account of cyclical variations.	The methodology does not need to provide for adjustments for cyclical variations because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) it excludes harvesting; (ii) the permitted removal of debris is immaterial; (iii) climatic variability can slow growth, but does not typically result in negative carbon stock change. ; and (iv) the model used in the methodology uses growth data from tree stands that have experienced climatic variability.
133(1)(g)	Estimates, projections or assumptions included in the methodology are conservative.	The assumptions and estimates are conservative. The net abatement estimate is conservative.
133(1)(h)	Applies methods specified under the <i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007</i> (NGER Act) where appropriate.	All emissions sources in the methodology that are covered by the NGER Act are calculated consistently with the legislation, including those used to calculate emissions from fuel use.

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