



ESG

The term “Environmental, Social and Governance” (ESG) is used by investors, development institutions and international treaties to refer to policies, standards and operational procedures designed to first identify and then try to avoid, mitigate and minimize adverse environmental and social impacts that may arise in the implementation of projects. ESG also has a pro-active dimension to try to increase chances that projects deliver better outcomes for people and the environment (co-benefits/SDG contributions).

THE CHALLENGE:

Investors are lining up to invest billions in carbon credits without a clear understanding of the ESG risks those projects entail, nor any systems to monitor and respond to ESG performance in a timely manner. Without a fundamental understanding and knowledge of these risks, the industry of private financing for nature-based solutions will be undermined and we risk not meeting the Paris Agreement’s 1.5-degree goal.

THE SOLUTION:

ClimateSafe. Through this initiative we aim to support investors, project developers, offtakers/brokers in ensuring ESG risks are identified, monitored and addressed in carbon credit generating projects.

A three-fold, tailored service that complements the limitations of existing standards:

1. Project level risk assessments (ESG risk and performance focused to offer a sense of relative ESG risks),
2. Project monitoring (annual check-ups focusing on medium-high ESG risks elements), and
3. ESG project solutions/actions (proposing suitable ESG and SDG solutions aligned with international best practices).

Our reporting will be risk and performance focused, including high-level, user-focused summaries and dashboards, building on the good work already done, but digging deeper where needed.

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How?

Our methodology is based on decades of experience in the field of ESG assessments for forest projects. We have used this industry knowledge to identify 10 key ESG areas to be assessed to provide results using our rigorous methodology which combines comprehensive desk-based analysis, site visits, integration with national/jurisdictional REDD+ safeguard information systems and international/local expert teams.

OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Unparalleled experience

Established in 2013, we've supported:

- 25 national governments in addressing safeguard related challenges, including setting-up safeguard technological reporting systems.
- The world's largest climate funds (GCF and GEF) in addressing safeguard related challenges, including setting-up tech-based safeguard reporting systems
- A leading market based standard, ART TREES, by developing their approach to ESG assessment, validation and verification,
- Private sector actors access climate finance through the GCF as a key service provider to their project preparation facility, specialising on ESG safeguard compliance.

Diversity in view and network

- Women-owned and run we are supported by a vetted roster of the world's leading legal and GRM experts on all continents, and across a range of thematic areas.
- Services will be offered across three main UN languages: English, Spanish and French.