

Eligibility Criteria for Grouped Projects

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<p>3.6.8 The project proponent shall include in a singular project all project activity instances within ten kilometers of another instance of the same project activity and with the same project proponent.</p>	<p>There is no other Systemica's (project proponent) project activity instance within ten kilometers of another instance of the same project activity (APDD). The ABC project will include any Systemica's future project activity instance within ten kilometers of another instance of the same project activity.</p>
<p>3.6.9 Where a capacity limit applies to a project activity included in the project, no project activity instance shall exceed such limit. Further, no single cluster of project activity instances shall exceed the capacity limit, determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Each project activity instance that exceeds one percent of the capacity limit shall be identified. 2) Such instances shall be divided into clusters, whereby each cluster is comprised any system of such instances such that each instance is within one kilometer of at least one other instance in the cluster. Instances that are not within one kilometer of any other instance shall not be assigned to clusters. 3) None of the clusters shall exceed the capacity limit and no further project activity instances shall be added to the project that would cause any of the clusters to exceed the capacity limit. 	<p>Not applicable. APDD project activity does not include any kind of capacity limits described.</p>
<p>3.6.10. Grouped projects shall specify one or more clearly defined geographic areas within which project activity instances may be developed.</p>	<p>This grouped project will include only project areas to compose its instances located inside the Brazilian Amazon Biome. For each project</p>

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	area, detailed information about its location is given in Section 1.12.
<p>3.6.11. Determination of baseline scenario and demonstration of additionality are based upon the initial project activity instances.</p>	<p>The determinations of the baseline scenario and the additionality will be based upon the initial project activity instance described in this PD. Major class of deforestation agent is the landowner themselves, who have the legal rights to suppress 20% of the forest area in their properties. Most of them does that with the intention of implementing business as usual (BAU) activities, such as timber, livestock and/or agriculture.</p>
<p>3.6.12. As with non-grouped projects, grouped projects may incorporate multiple project activities.</p>	<p>Although it could, this project does not have any other project activities besides the APDD.</p>
<p>3.6.13. The baseline scenario for a project activity shall be determined for each designated geographic area, in accordance with the methodology applied to the project.</p> <p>and</p> <p>3.6.14. The additionality of the initial project activity instances shall be demonstrated for each designated geographic area, in accordance with the methodology applied to the project.</p>	<p>The ABC project at this validation process has only one project area inside the geographic area of the Brazilian Amazon Biome, then, additionality and the baseline scenario were assessed only once for this project activity instance (PAI).</p> <p>To the inclusion of new PAIs, their project areas needs to have very similar characteristics to the baseline scenario and additionality, presented in Sections 3.4 and 3.5 of this PD.</p>
<p>3.6.15. Where factors relevant to the determination of the baseline scenario or demonstration of additionality require assessment across a given area, the area shall be, at a minimum, the grouped project geographic area.</p>	<p>All relevant factors necessary to the baseline scenario and additionality demonstration are assessed across the project area.</p>

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3.6.19. AFOLU non-permanence risk analyses, where required, shall be assessed for each geographic area specified in the project description.	The required non-permanence risk analyses is available together with this PD.

Instances attendance to the Set of Eligibility Criteria

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<p>3.6.16. Grouped projects shall include one or more sets of eligibility criteria for the inclusion of new project activity instances. A set of eligibility criteria shall ensure that new project activity instances:</p> <p>1) Meet the applicability conditions set out in the methodology applied to the project.</p>	<p>The main specific methodologies applied to this project are the VM0007 v1.6 and its VMD0006 v1.3 module. The ABC-I1 meet the applicability conditions by having the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no land areas registered under the CDM or under any other GHG program (both voluntary and compliance-oriented). • All its project area is covered by qualified forest vegetation for at least 10 years prior the project start date, following the definition of forest given by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO, 2020): “land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use”. • Falls into the planned deforestation/degradation (APDD) VCS category.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leakage avoidance activities does not include agricultural lands that are flooded to increase production nor intensified livestock production through the use of feed-lots and/or manure lagoons. • APDD activities are applied under the condition that the conversion of forest lands to a deforested area must be legally permitted, authorized and documented to be converted to non-forest land.
<p>3.6.16.</p> <p>2) Use the technologies or measures specified in the project description.</p> <p>and</p> <p>3) Apply the technologies or measures in the same manner as specified in the project description.</p>	<p>The definitions and measures described in the Section 5.3. of project activities of this project description are going to be used and applied in in the ABC Project Activity Instances in the same manner as specified in this project description. All of them with the objective to avoid planned deforestation.</p>
<p>3.6.16.</p> <p>4) Are subject to the baseline scenario determined in the project description for the specified project activity and geographic area.</p> <p>and</p> <p>5) Have characteristics with respect to additionality that are consistent with the initial instances for the specified project activity and geographic area. For example, the new project activity instances have financial, technical and/or other parameters (such as the size/scale of the instances) consistent with the initial instances, or face the same investment, technological and/or other barriers as the initial instances.</p>	<p>The baseline scenario and the additionality analysis detailed in this project description for the ABC-I1 gives the conditions for the inclusion of futures instances in this project. All of them will be also located inside the Brazilian Amazon Biome under the APDD project activity.</p>

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<p>3.6.17. New project activity instances shall:</p> <p>1) Occur within one of the designated geographic areas specified in the project description.</p>	<p>New project activity instances shall occur inside the Brazilian Amazon Biome, and its geographics limits shall be well defined with the detailed information and KML files as annex in section 1.12.</p> <p>The ABC-I1 is located inside the Brazilian Amazon Biome. Its geographic limits are well defined with detailed information and KML files as annex in Section 1.12.</p>
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>2) Conform with at least one complete set of eligibility criteria for the inclusion of new project activity instances.</p>	<p>It is assumed that the set of eligibility criteria is all the requirements presented in Section 1.4. of this PD. By accomplishing with the demands in this chapter, the instance will be eligible to the ABC project.</p> <p>The ABC-I1 comply with the complete set of eligibility criteria defined in section 1.4.</p>
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>3) Be included in the monitoring report with sufficient technical, financial, geographic, and other relevant information to demonstrate conformance.</p>	<p>New project activity instances shall be included in the monitoring report with sufficient technical, geographic and any other relevant information to demonstrate the instance conformance, with the same quality employed in this PD.</p> <p>The ABC-I1 is already included in this PD with sufficient technical, geographic and any other relevant information to demonstrate the instance conformance, with the same quality employed in this PD.</p>
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>4) Be included in an updated project description, with updated project location information, which shall be validated at the time of verification against the applicable set of eligibility criteria.</p>	<p>New project activity instances shall be included in an updated PD, with updated project location information, and will be validated at the time of verification against the applicable set of eligibility criteria defined in section 1.4.</p> <p>As the ABC-I1 and the set of eligibility criteria defines the main guidelines for the inclusion of new project activity instances, then this first</p>

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	instance will be validated at the time of the first validation process.
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>5) Have evidence of project ownership, in respect of each project activity instance.</p>	<p>Systemica, being the ABC project proponent, shall have a contract with the landowner of each new project activity instances, securing their commitment with the forest conservation and the project monitoring activities.</p> <p>Detailed information about the project ownership of ABC-I1 is available in Sections 1.5 and 1.6.</p>
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>6) Have a start date that is the same as or later than the grouped project start date.</p>	<p>New project activity instances shall have a start date that is the same as or later than the ABC grouped project start date.</p> <p>Being ABC-I1 the first project activity instance, its start date also defines the ABC project. Then, is the same start date than this grouped project start date.</p>
<p>3.6.17.7) Be eligible for crediting from the start date of the project activity instance through to the end of the project crediting period (only).</p> <p>8) Only eligible for crediting from the start of the verification period in which they were added to the grouped project.</p>	<p>New project activity instances shall be eligible for crediting from the start date of the project activity instance through to the end of the ABC project crediting period, as well as be eligible for crediting from the start of the verification period in which they will be added to this grouped project</p> <p>Once the start date and end date of ABC-I1 is the same as this grouped project, this instance is eligible for crediting from the start date of the ABC grouped project through to the end of the project crediting period.</p>
<p>3.6.17.</p> <p>9) Not be or have been enrolled in another VCS project.</p>	<p>New project activity instance shall not be or have been enrolled in another VCS project.</p> <p>The ABC-I1 has only been and is enrolled in the ABC grouped project.</p>

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10) Adhere to the clustering and capacity limit requirements for multiple project activity instances set out in 3.6.8 - 3.6.9.	New project activity instance will adhere to the clustering and capacity limit requirements set out in this set of eligibility criteria.