

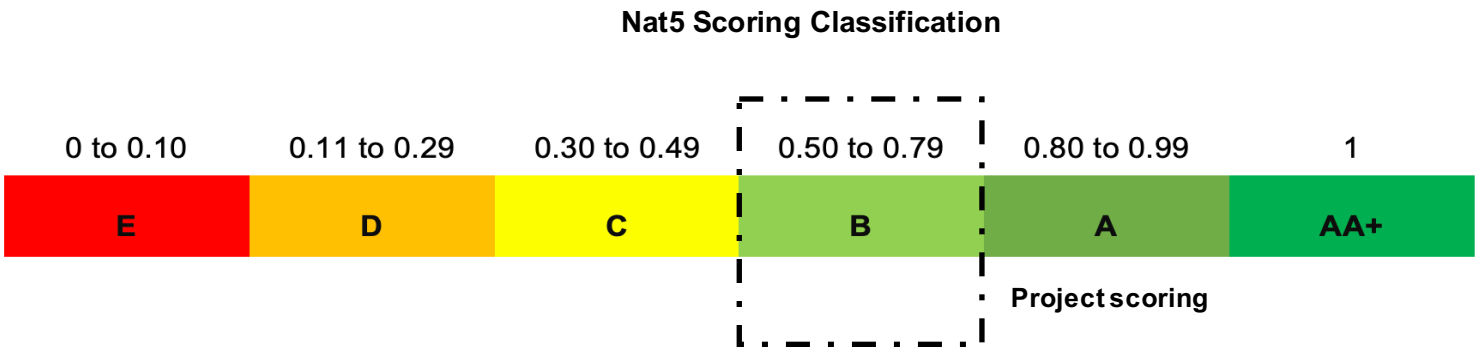
Nat5 Scoring

Key project	BEL-003-MEX-20082024 PICHUCALCO, CHIAPAS, MÉXICO
Title of the project activity	Manejo Forestal y Biodiversidad Pichucalco
Company	Desarrollos Sostenibles BELMEX S.A. de C.V.
Date	30/06/2025



Scope	Variable	Description	Level	Weighting
Types of credits	Credits	The Manejo forestal y biodiversidad Pichucalco project in Chiapas, Mexico, is applying to two types of credits: carbon removal VCC and biodiversity VBBC.	Multi-credit project	1,00
Climatic catastrophes	Forest fires	Given the relationship between various wildfire-related factors—Fire Weather Index (FWI), historical data, and extreme heat risk—the project is classified as having a "medium" wildfire risk. This medium-risk designation highlights the need for continuous monitoring and preparedness for wildfire management interventions.	Medium risk	0,50
	Floods	Given the relationship between various flood-related factors—precipitation, topographic wetness index, presence of rivers, and alluvial plains—the project is classified as having a "medium" flood risk. This medium-risk designation highlights the need for ongoing monitoring and preparedness for flood management interventions.	Medium risk	0,50
	Drought	Given the relationship between various drought-related factors—precipitation, soil moisture, and vegetation health—the project area is not classified under any drought risk level.	No risk	1,00
	Frost risk	The frost risk in the project area is very low.	No risk	1,00
Climate change	Loss of ecological conditions necessary for the adaptability of reforested species.	Currently, the project area has, on average, 66% of the ecological conditions required for the reforested species. Under the 2050 climate change scenario, the percentage of optimal conditions is projected to decrease by 22%, leaving an average of 44%, which means that the reforested individuals will have to make a greater adaptive effort to ensure their survival.	Medium	0,50
Legal, political and social conditions	Legal risk	All legal documentation is complete, valid, and verified (titles, permits, agreements, etc.).	No risk	1,00
	Political risk	The Government of Mexico has undertaken targeted efforts to meet its climate-related commitments. As part of this, the country has worked on developing various mechanisms aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.	Positive outlook toward VCM and in favor of climate action as a national priority	1,00
	Social risk	The project was presented for consultation with the members of the Pichucalco group, who approved the project	There is community support and no opposition; participation mechanisms are in place and functional.	0,75
Project Developer	Project developer's risk	Desarrollos Sostenibles BELMEX helps companies to improve their production processes, seeking that in all their actions they can advance in the neutrality of the carbon footprint, as well as in the fight against Greenhouse Gases (GHG).	The project developer has generated similar projects (VCM) in the past and has successfully completed them	1,00
	Strength of the project team	The internal team has more than 7 years of experience in developing similar projects.	The internal team has a combined technical experience of more than 7 years and a combined commercial experience of more than 7 years	1,00
Transparency and communication	Transparency and clarity of project communication	The project developer has shared all non-confidential information in a timely manner as required by the aOCP. Provided a photographic record of the event where the project was socialized, as well as the acceptance agreement with the landowner.	The developer has made all non-confidential project information public and easily accessible in appropriate formats and has adopted appropriate strategies and measures to maintain communication with different stakeholder	1,00

Participation and alliances	Involvement of the local community in the project team	The project provides employment to some local residents, though it does not represent a major impact. However, a group of women has been hired to carry out cinnamon harvesting and table chocolate preparation, and their employment at the eco-hotel is also being considered.	The project has seasonal employment for members of the local community	0,50
	Ability of the project to form partnerships	The project has few or no strategic partnerships	The project has few or no strategic partnerships	0,10
Financial additionality	Financial additionality format	The project's financial additionality was 100%, as established in the <i>Financial Additionality Form</i>		1,00
Total				0,79



Notes:

- The project score is "A" (0.79);
- The variables that lowered the project's score are mainly for vulnerability to climatic phenomena: forest fires, floods, and climate change vulnerability;
- In terms of social, political and legal conditions the project was evaluated with the highest score (1);
- In terms of developer experience, the project was evaluated with the highest score (1);
- In terms of transparency and communication, the project was evaluated with the highest score (1).

A detailed explanation of Nat5 Scoring can be found in the aOCP Project Procedures document version 2.3 <https://www.nat5.bio/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/l.3.-aOCP-Project-Procedures-V2.3.pdf>