2025

AUDIT REPORT

NICTE-HA

PRP-003-MEX-26022025 NICTE-HA, CARMEN, CAMPECHE, MÉXICO

Pro Red Participativa A.C

Campeche, México

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CONTENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name:	NICTE-HA
Project Key:	PRP-003-MEX-26022025 NICTE-HA, CARMEN, CAMPECHE, MÉXICO
Project Developer:	Pro Red Participativa A.C.
Date of Visit	September 8 to 12 2025
Report submission date	September 17, 2025
Reponsible(s)Auditor(s) :	Luis Contreras
Type of VNPC's the project is applying for	☐ Verified Carbon Credits (VCC) ☒ Verified Biodiversity-Based Credits (VBBC) ☐ Verified Water Credits (VWC) ☐ Verified Soil Credits (VSC)
Project stage	Pre-registration
Audit type	☒ Validation ☐ Verification

I. AUDITS OBJETIVES

Select the objectives applicable to the project

☒ Technical compliance verification

☐ On-site documentary review

☒ Validation of management practices

☒ Interviews with local actors

☒ Gathering of photographic and georeferenced evidence

☐ Other (specify):

II. TECHNICAL FINDINGS

II.1 COMPILANCE WHITH THE AOCP CRITERIA

This section allows for the evaluation of the project's alignment with the criteria established by the aOCP protocol. The assessment is based on the information collected during the on-site audit visit, which provides direct evidence of the conditions and actions implemented. It is important to note that **not all criteria will be applicable or assessable during the on-site audit**, as some require additional technical analysis or documentation that is part of other stages in the certification process.

aOCP Criteria :

1. Does the project belong to one of the project types:
   - **a)** Forest management, including Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR)
   - **b)** Regenerative agriculture
   - **c)** Silvopastoral management
   - **d)** Urban forests / individual tree climate action
   - **e)** Biochar
   - **f)** Water saving
2. Adheres to the environmental and social no-harm prerequisites.
3. Is anticipated to yield positive impacts on biodiversity.
4. The Project was developed less than 5 years ago.
5. Conforms to the additionality criteria for the requested VNPCs.
6. Possesses documentation substantiating land ownership or an agreement for the project's duration.
7. The Project area has not been degraded, deforested or burned in the last 24 months.
8. For Projects requesting Biodiversity Credits for Species Conservation, a positive alignment assessment also confirms that the proposed Project area has a high conservation value due to its commendable state of preservation.
9. Areas where the Mean Species Abundance indicator (also reported as Biodiversity intactness) is lower than 0.80, indicating that biodiversity is at risk and requires restoration action are eligible for Biodiversity restoration credits.
10. The Key species for biodiversity conservation reported by the Project proponent, are recognized as Key species according to the criteria established in the aOCP Methodology for biodiversity assessment for species conservation V1.0.

According to the verification visit to the project, the matching criteria are**:**

TABLE 1. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA

Alignment Criteria	S: Yes N: No Q: Partially N.A.: Not applicable	Comments
Does the project belong to one of the following types? ○ Forest management, including ARR ○ Regenerative agriculture ○ Silvopastoral management ○ Urban forests / individual climate action ○ Biochar ○ Water Saving in Agriculture	**Y**	
Does the project meet the requirement of not causing ecosystem and social damage?	**Y**	
Is the project expected to have a positive impact on biodiversity?	**Y**	
If the project has already started, is it less than 5 years old	**Y**	**The project will start in March 2025**
Do the requested NPVPs meet the additionality criteria?	**Y**	
Has documentation been submitted proving ownership of the land or an agreement on the duration of the project?	**Y**	
Have any trees or shrubs been cut down in the project area in the last 2 years?	**N**	
For biodiversity restoration credits, the biodiversity integrity indicator is < 80%	**N.A.**	
For biodiversity conservation credits, the intact biodiversity indicator is > 80%.	**Y**	**The intact biodiversity index is 94.45%.**
Do the proposed keystone species meet the aOCP criteria for keystone species?	**Y**	

II.2. Compliance with the Project Submission Form (PSF)

This section assesses the implementation of the activities described by the Project Developer in the Project Submission Form (PSF), based on the field verification conducted during the on-site audit.

Only those actions that could be directly observed or confirmed during the site visit are considered as corroborated. This ensures that the certification process is grounded in tangible evidence of implementation on the ground.

Table 2. Evaluation of activities declared in the PSF

Activities declared in the PSF	Compliance	Audit comments
Surveillance tours	**Yes**	Surveillance tours are carried out in the Project area verifying that the perimeter fences, the wildlife monitoring equipment, the signage and the presence of people outside the Project or potential poachers.
Road cleaning	**Yes**	Mechanical and manual deworming is carried out on the roads to keep them passable and cleaning is carried out in areas where camera traps are installed
Fire Control	**Yes**	Cleaning of flammable material is carried out to reduce the probability of fire
Signage installation	**Yes**	Restrictive and prohibitive signage has been installed within and within the boundaries of the Project
Implementation of the UMA program	**Yes**	The activities described in the UMA programmed are carried out
Wildlife monitoring with camera traps	**Yes**	Wildlife monitoring is carried out through the use of camera traps in strategic sites of the Project based on the previously delimited landscape units

Table 3. List of eligible activities according to the evaluation methodology for biodiversity credits for the conservation of AOCP species observed in the audit visit

Sector		Clave	Eligible Activities
Creation of artificial habitats	HA	HA.7	Design of artificial ponds for amphibians and reptiles
Habitat Management	MH	MH.1	Creating microhabitats with dead wood
	MH	MH.2	Conservation of rocks and natural cavities
	MH	MH.3	Establishment of biological corridors
	MH	MH.4	Vegetation management to maintain open habitats

Sector		Clave	Eligible Activities
	MH	MH.7	Creation of temporary ponds for amphibians
	MH	MH.11	Establishment of exclusion zones for human activities in vulnerable areas
Monitoring and control	MC	MC.1	Monitoring of keystone species
	MC	MC.2	Using camera traps to record wildlife
	MC	MC.3	Installation of acoustic sensors for bats and birds
	MC	MC.7	Wildfire Prevention and Management
	MC	MC.9	Nesting Site Detection and Protection
Biodiversity infrastructure	IB	IB.2	Installation of wildlife-friendly fences
Preservation of species and habitats	PE	PE.4	Creation of reserves for endemic species
	PE	PE.11	Preservation of dead wood and nesting areas
Education and community participation	PC	PC.1	Community monitoring training
	PC	PC.6	Participatory monitoring of endangered species
	PC	PC.9	Implementation of ecological monitoring programs
Specific actions by wildlife group	GF	GF.8	Creation of ponds for fauna
	GF	GF.9	Creating Protected Areas for Key Carnivores
Landscape protection and management	MP	MP.1	Creating Habitat Mosaics
	MP	MP.2	Conservation of riverbanks

II.2.1. EVIDENCE AND RESULTS OF THE *"VALIDATION OF THE PROJECT AREA"* ACTIVITY

II.2.2. Evidence and results of the activities


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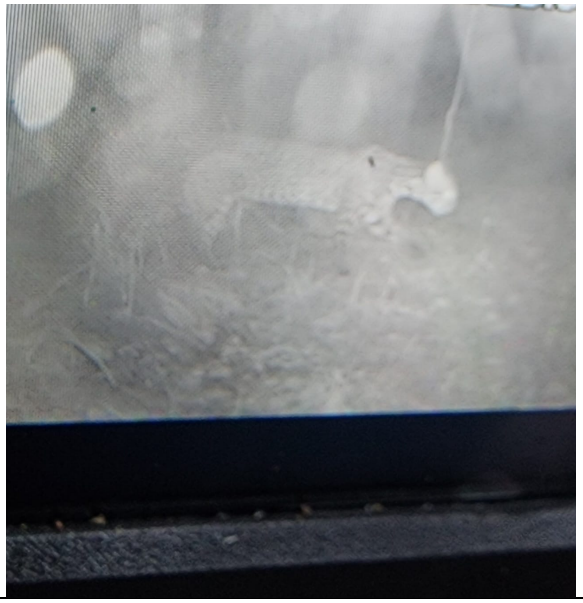

II.2.3. Evidence and results

- **Wildlife monitoring:** The audit also includes monitoring the biodiversity present in the project area. This may involve the installation of acoustic collectors to identify fauna species to assess species richness and abundance.
- **On-site verification**: Auditors travel to the project area to visually confirm the presence and status of conservation actions. This includes the verification of all works/measures that the project developer recorded and that are applicable within the framework of the aOCP methodology

- **Corroboration of the results of the inventory:** The auditors must review the data and results obtained by the project developer during the biodiversity inventory. Therefore, the quality of the data and the coherence of the results will be evaluated.

TABLE 4. LOCATION OF CAMERA TRAPS

ident	Latitude	Longitude
CAMUP5NIT	18.337265	-91.699161
CAMUP6	18.34892	-91.71721
CAMUP4NIT	18.352078	-91.7263
CAMNITEC1	18.314441	-91.743088
CAM2NITEC	18.298076	-91.745408

II.3 OBSERVED BIOPHYSICAL CONDITIONS

- **Ecosystem status:** Overall good condition. The presence of wildlife is an indicator of good health. Vegetation provides shelter and food for wildlife biodiversity**.**
- **Vegetation cover:** Vegetation cover is growing and is much more consistent than outside the polygon of the project. Sampling was conducted according to the AOCP methodology**.**
- **Soil and water quality:** The soil had quite good vegetation coverage considering the location of the project, erosion was minimal, and the field is flat, with no slope.
- **Biodiversity observations:** Some birds and reptiles has been observed. Turtles' tracks and excrements have also been found. Camera have been installed for 24/7 monitoring.

II.4 INFRASTRUCTURE Y MANAGEMENT

- **Installations:** Perimetral fences, Restrictive signage
- **Equipment's and tools:** Camera traps, Phone app for birds record and identification, Road Cleaning Tractor
- **Observed management practices:** UMA Management Program Activities
- **Record keeping not observed**

III. SOCIAL FINDINGS

III.1. INTERVIEWS REALIZED

Not apply

III.2. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION OBSERVED

The people who live on the property know the species present and help in the surveillance days

III.3. LOCAL CONFLICTS OR TENSIONS DETECTED

No conflicts were observed or detected.

III.4. PERCEPTION OF THE PROJECT BY THE COMMUNITY

Not apply

IV. REVIEWED DOCUMENTATION

Select the documentation applicable to the project

☐ Management Plan
☐ Monitoring Reports
☐ Contingency plan
☐ Contracts / Agreements
☐ Activity records
☐ Other (specify)

V. AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

To improve the baseline presented for the Project, the implementation of detectors for the identification of bats is suggested, since it is an important group and no records were presented, likewise many of these species are found with some status in the NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010

VI. SIGNATURE AND VALIDATION

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