

# Standard Operating Procedure (SOP): Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

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## 1. Purpose

This SOP describes the standard procedure for monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of projects under the eva Forest Climate Standard. As part of MRV, the following is verified during the crediting period of a project:

- 1) the project developed ex-post in line with the assumptions in the project scenario
- 2) which corresponds to the number of eva certificates issued for the actual climate impact that has occurred, and
- 3) a balance between eva certificates issued and climate impact is required.

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## 2. Scope

This procedure applies to all certified projects under the eva Forest Climate Standard.

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## 3. Responsibilities

- **Project operator:** Coordinates the implementation of the forest inventory, grants the participating parties the necessary access and overflight rights, and ensures the transfer of the necessary data.
- **VVB:** Conducts an independent review of the information, confirms compliance with the requirements of the eva Forest Climate Standard, checks

the completeness of the verification report and checks the plausibility of the reported climate impact of the project.

- **eva secretariat:** Commissioned by VVB to review the monitoring, responsible for the methodological quantification of the additional climate impact based on the monitoring data, and issues or adjusts eva certificates in accordance with the Forest Climate Standard or initiates their compensation in the event of avoidable deviations.
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## 4. Requirements

### 4.1. Opt-out solution

- Where relevant requirements of the Forest Climate Standard and the SOP overlap, the requirements of the Forest Climate Standard shall take precedence.

### 4.2. Monitoring

- Monitoring is carried out periodically via area monitoring using forest inventory methods in accordance with the Forest Climate Standard.
- The data required for monitoring purposes shall be recorded and stored in a verifiable form.

### 4.3. Reporting

- Reporting is carried out via a **verification report** and is submitted for the corresponding monitoring cycle (= inventory period).
- The verification report is created and verified on eva's certification platform.
- The report shall be submitted in the format specified by eva. The verification report shall contain the following information
  - Basic information about the certification in question for clear identification purposes
  - Monitoring period
  - Organisation responsible for conducting the inventory
  - Evaluation results in accordance with the Forest Climate Standard
  - Determination of climate impact
  - Any deviations from projected figures or other reference values relevant to the issue or offsetting of certificates
  - Supporting evidence and data sources
- The verification report will only be published in the register by the eva Secretariat after verification by a VVS.

### 4.4. Verification

- Verification is carried out by an eva-approved verification and validation body (VVB) that meets the requirements for independence (see [SOP-AUD-002](#)).
- The VVB is allocated by eva.

- The VVB verifies:
    - the accuracy and completeness of the reported data and evidence,
    - the conformity of the evidence with the requirements of the standard on inventory procedures and parameters, as well as on evaluation and estimation procedures
  - The verification process includes:
    - Verification of the required evidence
    - an on-site inspection (if necessary)
    - the issuance of a verification report.
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## 5. Procedure

1. The project operator commissions a service provider to carry out an inventory or plans it independently.
2. The project operator or external service provider carries out a standardised inventory procedure on the site.
3. The project operator or external service provider writes an inventory report on the data collection and evaluation of the inventory in accordance with the requirements of the standard.
4. The project operator creates or submits a verification report for land monitoring in the certification platform.
5. The project operator enters the required results into the certification platform and substantiates them with the inventory report.
6. eva quantifies the climate impact of the project via the certification platform in accordance with the Forest Climate Standard.
7. The project operator submits the application for the verification report to eva as the operator of the certification platform.
8. Eva assigns the auditing VVS to the project for review.
9. The assigned VVS verifies and validates the information and the inventory report in accordance with the standard in a desk review.
10. The VVS confirms the plausibility of the inventory report and results as well as the conformity of the procedures applied and creates/generates the verification report. If this cannot be confirmed, the VVS returns the verification report to the project operator for revision.

11. The VVS signs the verification report and approves it for publication.
  12. eva publishes the verification report and issues or adjusts the associated quantity of eva certificates as necessary.
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## 6. Records and documentation

- All data generated or made available in connection with the verification process will be retained by eva for at least the entire duration of the project.
  - Verification reports are published in the eva Register.
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## 7. Non-Compliance

- Any false reporting, misrepresentation or non-compliance with this SOP may result in rejection of the monitoring report, suspension of project registration and discontinuation of credit issuance.
  - VVB that are proven to violate MRV procedures may be disqualified by eva on a case-by-case basis and replaced by other VVS.
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## 8. Expenses

All costs for area monitoring shall be borne by the project operator.\*

\*For certifications carried out before 1 July 2025, eva will cover the costs.

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## 9. Revision History

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