Code Security Assessment

Sandbox - Sand Reward Pool

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Summary

This report has been prepared for Sandbox to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Sandbox - Sand Reward Pool project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.

Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Sandbox - Sand Reward Pool
Platform	ethereum
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/thesandboxgame/sandbox-smart-contracts/tree/TSBBLOC-445--staking-new-features-on-the-staking-contrat
Commit	• 40a7cf5183560a7ce2f723c58b1d5ab390d01415 • cdd894111b53e37188d0469b0f0ac986229c07a3 • de1b7afe68f7e96866855f9483aba14086325b3c

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Feb 04, 2022
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review
Key Components	SandRewardPool

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	Declined	Acknowledged	Partially Resolved	Mitigated	Resolved
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Medium	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Minor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Informational	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
LCC	src/solc_0.8/defi/contributionCalculation/LandContributionCalculator.sol	52042a3227fe416286e3c379567cc87e6a089a8ed0dc1faa5cf9e2a43a4a0f8e
LOC	src/solc_0.8/defi/contributionCalculation/LandOwnerContributionCalculator.sol	5a4ab74b9f172d2bcf354329d405c62e4f607fecbd26a2b30bc38abb3f31b92e
ICC	src/solc_0.8/defi/interfaces/IContributionCalculator.sol	b7b57fe1ed5d168314d13f611173caf6f5305f67a40e4e82d7e47fe4b8d84ca5
IRC	src/solc_0.8/defi/interfaces/IRewardCalculator.sol	2839c3cc3a6da4e36ce29e6954778669178b004b9d2c450609cedb937e628ff8
PRC	src/solc_0.8/defi/rewardCalculation/PeriodicRewardCalculator.sol	636f1ba7ff5481df68b399cefbc2333ab9ed35d566233f4827afcf5bea5ab29a
TPR	src/solc_0.8/defi/rewardCalculation/TwoPeriodsRewardCalculator.sol	a327b8c73c50b3c9b57b665b243650c75419392757871d1283876c0268690153
SRP	src/solc_0.8/defi/SandRewardPool.sol	4f859edcb281b5494c97b7860b922acaba47ade0acce14ff946b5882d3feaa25
STW	src/solc_0.8/defi/StakeTokenWrapper.sol	abdb60ec6d69917ba6f4a23b7d06db0f47b7cb24eee7fbe61c4f20825651a1dc

Overview

The Sandbox team has implemented the Sand staking functionality. According to the Sandbox documentation, two ERC20 compatible tokens are applied in the protocol.

External Dependencies

The scope of the audit treats third-party entities as black boxes and assumes their functional correctness. However, in the real world, third parties can be compromised and this may lead to lost or stolen assets.

There are a few dependent injection contracts or addresses in the current project:

- `multiplierNFToken` for the contract `LandContributionCalculator`;
- `multiplierNFToken` for the contract `LandOwnersAloneContributionCalculator`;
- `rewardPool` for the contract `PeriodicRewardCalculator`;
- `rewardPool` for the contract `TwoPeriodsRewardCalculator`;
- `rewardToken`, `_stakeToken` and `trustedForwarder` for the contract `SandRewardPool`.

We assume these contracts or addresses are valid and non-vulnerable actors and implement proper logic to collaborate with the current project.

Privileged Functions

To initially setup the project correctly, improve overall project quality, and preserve the upgradability, the following roles are adopted in the codebase:

- Role `_owner` for the contract `LandContributionCalculator` and `LandOwnersAloneContributionCalculator`;
- Roles `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE`, `REWARD_DISTRIBUTION` and `rewardPool` for the contract `PeriodicRewardCalculator`;
- Roles `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE`, `REWARD_DISTRIBUTION` and `rewardPool` for the contract `TwoPeriodsRewardCalculator`;
- Role `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` for the contract `SandRewardPool`.

The advantage of the above roles in the codebase is that the client reserves the ability to adjust the protocol according to the runtime required to best serve the community. It is also worthy of note the potential drawbacks of these functions, which should be clearly stated through the client's action/plan. Additionally, if the private keys of the privileged accounts are compromised, it could lead to a devastating consequence to the project.

To improve the trustworthiness of the project, dynamic runtime updates in the project should be notified to the community. Any plan to invoke the aforementioned functions should be also considered to move to the execution queue of `Timelock` contract.

Findings

Critical	**0** (0.00%)
Major	**1** (16.67%)
Medium	**1** (16.67%)
Minor	**1** (16.67%)
Informational	**3** (50.00%)
Discussion	**0** (0.00%)

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
GLOBAL-01	Centralization Related Risks	**Centralization / Privilege**	**Major**	Mitigated
CCP-01	Variable Declare as Immutable	Gas Optimization	Informational	Resolved
SRP-01	Possibility to bypass the `antiCompoundCheck`	Logical Issue	Medium	Resolved
SRP-02	Missing Input Validation	Volatile Code	Minor	Pending
SRP-03	Anti-compound system might cause an issue	Logical Issue	Informational	Resolved
STW-01	Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens	Volatile Code	Informational	Resolved

GLOBAL-01 | Centralization Related Risks

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	Global	Mitigated

Description

In the contract `LandContributionCalculator` and `LandOwnersAloneContributionCalculator`, the role `_owner` has authority over the following function:

- `setNFTMultiplierToken()`: Set the `multiplierNFToken` that specifies the amount of users' land.

In the contract `PeriodicRewardCalculator`, the role `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` has authority over the following functions:

- `setDuration()`: Modify the duration of the upcoming campaign;
- `grantRole()`/`revokeRole()`: Grant/Revoke a role to/from an account.

The role `REWARD_DISTRIBUTION` has authority over the following functions:

- `setSavedRewards()`: Modify the variable `savedRewards` and update `lastUpdateTime`;
- `notifyRewardAmount()`: Update the `rewardRate` after a specific amount of reward tokens are sent to the contract.

The `rewardPool` contract has authority over the following functions:

- `restartRewards()`: Reinitiate the values of `lastUpdateTime` and `savedRewards`.

According to the project logic, the `rewardPool` should be initialized as `SandRewardPool` contract, which is a contract. In this case, if correctly initialized, it will not cause any actual issue to the project.

In the contract `TwoPeriodsRewardCalculator`, the role `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` has authority over the following functions:

- `grantRole()`/`revokeRole()`: Grant/Revoke a role to/from an account.

The role `REWARD_DISTRIBUTION` has authority over the following functions:

- `setSavedRewards()`: Set the value of `savedRewards` that are used to calculate rewards;
- `runCampaign()`: Start a staking campaign;
- `setInitialCampaign()`: Start a staking campaign;

- `updateNextCampaign()`: Update parameters of the second period of the current campaign;
- `updateCurrentCampaign()`: Update parameters of the current period of the current campaign;

Additionally, the `rewardPool` contract has authority over the following functions:

- `restartRewards()`: Restart reward (setting `savedRewards = 0`)

According to the project logic, the `rewardPool` should be initialized as `SandRewardPool` contract, which is a contract. In this case, if correctly initialized, it will not cause any actual issue to the project.

In the contract `SandRewardPool`, the role `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` has authority over the following functions:

- `grantRole()`/`revokeRole()`: Grant/Revoke a role to/from an account.
- `setAntiCompoundLockPeriod()`: Modify the delay between 2 reward withdrawals;
- `setTrustedForwarder()`: Modify the Trusted Forwarder for the Meta Transactions;
- `recoverFunds()`: Send all rewards tokens of contract to an arbitrary destination.
- `setContributionCalculator()`:
- `setRewardToken()`: Modify the reward token;
- `setStakeToken()`: Modify the staked token;
- `setRewardCalculator()`: Modify the contract in charge of calculating rewards.

Any compromise to the aforementioned privileged accounts may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and manipulate the reward system.

Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multi-signature wallets.

Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (⅔, ⅗) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
  AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;
  AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
  AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement;
  AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles;
  OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

Noted: Recommend considering the long-term solution or the permanent solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.

Alleviation

[Sandbox]: All the admin roles are bound to The Sandbox governance multisig. Also, Sandbox deployed recently a gnosis multisig on the polygon.

Since we're migrating to Polygon, we are not comfortable enough to use time-lock yet, but the privileged roles will definitely move to a multi-sig. We are planning to introduce a DAO this year for all the gaming aspects.

CCP-01 | Variable Declare As Immutable

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Informational	src/solc_0.8/defi/rewardCalculation/PeriodicRewardCalculator.sol: 33 src/solc_0.8/defi/rewardCalculation/TwoPeriodsRewardCalculator.sol: 62	Resolved

Description

The variable `rewardPool` assigned in the constructor can declare with `Immutable`. Immutable state variables can be assigned during contract creation but will remain constant throughout the lifetime of a deployed contract. A big advantage of immutable variables is that reading them is significantly cheaper than reading from regular state variables since will not be stored in storage. Still, values will be directly inserted the values into the runtime code.

Recommendation

We recommend using an immutable state variable for `rewardPool`.

Alleviation

[Sandbox]: The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue by adding the "immutable" attribute in the commit de1b7afe68f7e96866855f9483aba14086325b3c.

SRP-01 | Possibility To Bypass The `antiCompoundCheck`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	src/solc_0.8/defi/SandRewardPool.sol: 71~78	Resolved

Description

The Sandbox has an `anti-compound` mechanism to "implement a time buffer for reward retrieval".

The associated modifier is defined as follow:

```
modifier antiCompoundCheck(address account) {
    require(
        block.timestamp > antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account] +
antiCompound.lockPeriodInSecs,
        "SandRewardPool: must wait"
    );
    antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account] = block.timestamp;
    _;
}
```

The issue is that the variable `antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account]` is not set when a user enters `stake()`, meaning a user does not have to respect the delay when he first enters the staking contract before 7 days.

Below is an example of a scenario that would bypass the mechanism, with `antiCompound.lockPeriodInSecs : 10 080 (7 days)`.

Exploit Scenario:

1. User enters the contract with `stake()`.
   Since `antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account]` is not defined, it is equal to 0.
2. After 2 days, user calls `exit()`, since `antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account]` is 0, the condition below is met, and the user can exit the staking contract.

```
require(block.timestamp > antiCompound.lockPeriodInSecs,"SandRewardPool: must wait");
```

3. The user sends his staking token to a new address, and go back to Step 1.
   The user needs to use a new address since his current address now has a correct value for `antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account]`.

Recommendation

When the `stake()` function is called, if the user is new in the staking contract, the `antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account]` needs to be set to `block.timestamp`.

Alleviation

[Sandbox]: The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue in the commit cdd894111b53e37188d0469b0f0ac986229c07a3.

SRP-02 | Missing Input Validation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	src/solc_0.8/defi/SandRewardPool.sol: 113~116, 136~139	Pending

Description

The given input are missing the check for the non-zero address:

- `SandRewardPool.setTrustedForwarder()`: Modify the `Trusted Forwarder`;
- `SandRewardPool.recoverFunds()`: Send rewards tokens from the contract.

Recommendation

It is recommended to add the check for the passed-in values to prevent unexpected error.

Alleviation

[Sandbox]: The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue by adding the "immutable" attribute in the commit de1b7afe68f7e96866855f9483aba14086325b3c.

SRP-03 | Anti-compound System Might Cause An Issue

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Informational	src/solc_0.8/defi/SandRewardPool.sol: 76~77	Resolved

Description

The Sandbox wants to ensure that people stake their tokens for a certain amount of time before being able to withdraw their rewards.

Users can claim their rewards by :

- Calling the `getReward()` function;
- Exiting the staking feature with the `exit()` function.

In both cases, the function to withdraw the rewards is `_withdrawRewards()` :

```
function _withdrawRewards(address account) internal antiCompoundCheck(account) {
```

This `_withdrawRewards()` function uses the `antiCompoundCheck` modifier:

```
modifier antiCompoundCheck(address account) {
    require(
        block.timestamp > antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account] +
antiCompound.lockPeriodInSecs,
        "SandRewardPool: must wait"
    );
    antiCompound.lastWithdraw[account] = block.timestamp;
    _;
}
```

The modifier essentially ensures that a period of time is respected between 2 rewards withdrawals.

The issue is that in case of major security issue regarding the project, users might need to exit the staking immediately with their rewards.
However, if a user does not meet the previous condition from the modifier, the whole `exit()` transaction would revert and the user would be stuck.

The auditors would like to know how The Sandbox team would deal this issue.

Recommendation

In case that this issue appears, the `setAntiCompoundLockPeriod()` could be called with a `lockPeriodInSecs` of zero, which would allow users to withdraw their funds and rewards immediately.

Alleviation

[Sandbox]: The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue in the commit cdd894111b53e37188d0469b0f0ac986229c07a3.

STW-01 | Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Informational	src/solc_0.8/defi/StakeTokenWrapper.sol: 19~29	Resolved

Description

The staking contract operates as the main entry for interaction with staking users. The staking users deposit tokens into the `SandRewardPool` contract and in return get a proportionate amount of shares. Later on, the staking users can withdraw their own assets from the pool. In this procedure, `_stake()` and `_unstake()` from `StakeTokenWrapper` are involved in transferring users' assets into (or out of) the protocol.

When transferring standard ERC20 deflationary tokens, the input amount may not be equal to the received amount due to the charged (and burned) transaction fee. As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind these low-level asset-transferring routines and will bring unexpected balance inconsistencies.

Recommendation

It is recommended to regulate the set of staked tokens supported and add necessary mitigation mechanisms to keep track of accurate balances if there is a need to support deflationary tokens.

As per the protocol documentation, the staking token should be the LP token of the [Sand, ETH] pool, which, if correctly implemented, will not cause actual problem to the project. The status of this issue will be updated after contract deployment upon request.

Alleviation

[SandBox]: The staking & reward token will be the SAND token which is not a deflationary token.

Appendix

Finding Categories

Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

Gas Optimization

Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.

Logical Issue

Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.

Volatile Code

Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.

Checksum Calculation Method

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.

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