

Project Plan and Monitoring Plan Template

This template is for the design and implementation of projects using the Biodiversity Stewardship Credits Methodology ("Methodology"), harbored in the Regen Registry.

Instructions for Completing the Project Description

<u>TITLE PAGE</u>: Complete all items listed in title page. All the listed items must appear on the title page of the final document. Project descriptions may also feature the project title and Project Proponent's and partners' name, logo, and contact information more prominently on the title page.

<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>: Instructions for completing the Project Plan and Monitoring Plan template are under the section headings in this document. Adhere to all instructions, as set out in the Methodology and instructions of this template. Instructions relate back to the rules and requirements set out in the Methodology. The Project Proponent will need to refer to these documents in order to complete the template.

<u>Note</u>: The instructions in this template are to serve as a guide and do not necessarily represent an exhaustive list of the information the preparer must provide under each section of the template.

Where a section is not applicable, explain why the section is not applicable. Submit the project description as a non-editable PDF.

Delete all instructions, including this introductory text, from the final document.

Biodiversity Stewardship Credits Methodology

Project and Monitoring Plan

Insert the Project Proponent's and partners' logo here. Project Title: Date of issue: Version: Prepared by:

Contact:

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1. PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

1.1 PROJECT PROPONENT

Provide contact information for the Project Proponent(s).

Organization Name	
Contact Person	
Title	
Address	
Phone number	
E-mail	

1.2 LANDOWNER OR LAND STEWARD

If you are an absence owner, i.e., you are not managing the land but own it. Please refer to the definitions of the Methodology.

Organization Name
Contact Person
Title
Address
Phone number
E-mail

1.3 OTHER ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

If you are an absence owner, i.e., you are not managing the land but own it. Please refer to the definitions of the Methodology.

Organization N	lame
Contact Person	า
Title	
Address	
Phone number	
E-mail	

1.4 PROJECT DETAILS

Provide a summary description of the Project to enable an understanding of the nature of the Property Area, bioregion, and the implementation of Project Activities, including the following:

- A brief description of the Property Area's climate, hydrology, topography, relevant historic conditions, soils, vegetation, and ecosystems.
- A summary description of the monitoring technologies and Project Activities to be implemented by the Project.
- An explanation of how the project is expected to achieve positive biodiversity benefits.
- An estimate of annual average of biodiversity credits issuance.

For all Project Activities listed, include a description of how the various organizations, communities and other entities are involved.

1.5 CREDIT OWNERSHIP AND BENEFIT SHARING

If multiple participants are to hold a portion of the biodiversity credit title for each credit issuance, state the percentage each party will hold (e.g., Project Developer 20%, Landowner 80%). Valid only for participants listed in chapter one.

1.6 PROJECT LOCATION

Indicate the project location and geographic boundaries (if applicable) including a set of geodetic coordinates. Provide maps for each Property Area with respect to the macroregion in which it is located.

Country	
Region/State/Province	
City/Town/Community	
Geolocation link or attach shape files	

1.7 CONDITIONS PRIOR TO PROJECT INITIATION

Describe the conditions of the Property Area existing prior to Project Start Date.

2. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

2.1 ECOSYSTEM TYPE CLASSIFICATION

Describe the biome in which the Property Area is located, including a brief description of its climate, hydrology, topography, relevant historic conditions, soils, vegetation, and ecosystems.

2.2 FOREST/VEGETATION REQUIREMENTS

Describe the forest/vegetation classes in the Habitat Area meet the requirements of the Methodology.

2.3 LAND OWNERSHIP TYPE

Describe the type of land property - private/public/tribal, explaining relevant details of this land ownership type as per the history, laws, and requirements of the Project's host country.

2.4 PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

Add link(s) or attach files to prove ownership, including land registry documents and any other relevant evidence.

2.5 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Describe how the project is compliant with any federal, state, or local laws, regulations, and other legally binding mandates directly related to Project Activities.

2.6 PERMANENCE OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Add link(s) or attach files used to prove the permanence of Project Activities with an irrevocable and legally enforceable agreement between the Project Proponent, Land Steward and/or any other relevant parties that ensures that the Project Activities will be undertaken and that the Habitat Area will be protected, or any other legal or regulatory remedy, public or private in nature, that entails this specified outcome.

2.7 PROJECT START DATE AND ADOPTION DATE

Indicate and provide justification for the project start date, specifying the day, month, and year.

Project Start Date	mm/dd/yyyy
Adoption Date	mm/dd/yyyy
Submission Date	mm/dd/yyyy
Crediting Term	Indicate the project crediting period, specifying the day, month, and year for start and end dates and the total number of years.

2.8 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Describe the Project Activities and how they will achieve results for the conservation of the

Umbrella Species and the general ecosystem it relies on, with a brief reference to the Project timeframe, as per item 3.3 below.

3. PROPERTY AREA BOUNDARY

3.1 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MESOREGION

Include a detailed description of the Property Area's mesoregion's climate, hydrology, topography, relevant historic conditions, soils, vegetation, ecosystems, and relevant economic activities. As per the Methodology, the mesoregion is defined as a radius of no more than 200km to the Property Area.

3.2 SPATIAL BOUNDARIES

Provide several maps of the Property Area, including:

Property Area: A general map with the total Property Area in hectares. Attach a link to the shape files used to prove geolocation (e.g., kml/kmz/shp/geojson polygons) - specifying project spatial boundaries (including the limits of Consolidated and Habitat Areas), and areas like natural reservoirs, or other relevant areas.

Consolidated Area: A general map with the total Consolidated Area in hectares. Data formats may include polygon shapefiles, KML/KMZ files or other GIS vector files.

Habitat Area: A general map with the total Habitat Area in hectares. Data formats may include polygon shapefiles, KML/KMZ files or other GIS vector files.

3.3 TEMPORAL BOUNDARIES:

Indicate the Project Timeframe.

Project Timeframe

mm/dd/yyyy – mm/dd/yyyy

4. MONITORING PLAN FOR EVALUATING UMBRELLA SPECIES HEALTH (USH)

4.1 ECOSYSTEM STRUCTURE

In this Ecosystem Structure section, the Project Proponent will provide detailed maps and analysis of the Ecosystem Distribution parameter, including detailed information about the Habitat and Consolidated Areas.

4.1.1 ECOSYSTEM DISTRIBUTION

Habitat Area:

Provide detailed maps of the Habitat Area, including information and descriptions about hydrology, topography, relevant historic conditions, soils, vegetation, ecosystems, and relevant economic activities.

At the end of this sub-item, include the following table providing a synthesis of the Habitat Area classes, as per the requirements of the Methodology:

Habitat Area Classes	Hectares
Native Vegetation	
Water Resources	
Regenerative Systems	
Degraded areas in a State Regeneration	
Ecological Corridors	
Total	

Consolidated areas:

Provide detailed maps of the Consolidated Area, including information and descriptions about hydrology, topography, relevant historic conditions, soils, and relevant economic activities.

At the end of this sub-item, include the following table providing a synthesis of the Consolidated Area classes, as per the requirements of the Methodology:

Consolidated Area Classes	Hectares
Agriculture and/or pasture	
Infrastructure areas	
Total	

4.2 SPECIES POPULATIONS

In this Species Populations section, the Project Proponent will provide detailed evidence of the

presence of the Umbrella Species (USp) in the Property Area or mesoregion of the Project, including detailed information about the Monitoring Plan to evaluate the size of the population, movement, and distribution of the USp, as per the Methodology Requirements.

4.2.1 PRESENCE OR ABSENCE DATA

Present and describe detailed evidence of the USp presence in the Property Area, by means of photographic evidence and other supporting evidence. The documents and files should show geolocation of the photographic evidence. Description should include the details of the field trip that produced such evidence, as well as the official fauna report, as well as other relevant information.

4.3 SIZE OF THE POPULATION

Describe and justify how and when this parameter will be implemented, in relation to the Project Timeframe.

4.4 MOVEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Describe and justify how and when this parameter will be implemented, in relation to the Project Timeframe.

5. MONITORING PLAN FOR EVALUATING HABITAT QUALITY

5.1 COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

In this Community Composition section, the Project Proponent will provide detailed evidence of the Monitoring Plan for investigating Taxonomy Diversity and Ecosystem Disturbances in the Habitat.

5.1.1 TAXONOMY DIVERSITY

Describe and justify how and when this monitoring parameter will be implemented, in relation to the Project Timeframe.

5.2 ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING

5.2.1 ECOSYSTEM DISTURBANCES

Describe and justify how and when this monitoring parameter will be implemented, in relation to the Project Timeframe.

6. UMBRELLA SPECIES GUIDELINE ASSESSMENT AND APPLICATION

6.1 IDENTIFYING THREATS TO UMBRELLA SPECIES

In this section, the Project Proponent will provide detailed evidence of the threats to the USp, as well as synthesizing the available information for every specific threat in the Impact Strategy Outline (ISO) below:

Agent or Cause of Threat to USp	Describe agent or cause of threat (ex: logging or mining companies, agricultural activities, wildfires, man-made fires, poachers for exotic wildlife trade).
Negative Impacts Attributed	Describe system's short, medium, and long-term negative impacts of agents or causes.
Type of Strategies that Address the Negative Impacts	Describe the Project Activities that address the negative impacts.
Impacted Stakeholders	Describe stakeholders impacted by the Project Activities that address the negative impacts (ex: local communities involved in ecotourism).
Benefits Provided	Describe the positive impacts of Project Activities.
Impact Timeframe	Describe if the Project Activities have short, medium, or long-term positive impacts.

6.2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

In this section, the Project Proponent will provide the general theory of change for the Property Management parameter and describe the Project Activities that will be implemented in relation to the Project Timeframe, in the table template below:

USp Guideline Project Activity	Describe the Project Activities.
Impacted Stakeholders	Describe stakeholders impacted by the Project Activities (ex: local communities involved in ecotourism).
Benefits Provided	Describe the positive impacts of Project Activities.
Impact Timeframe	Describe if the Project Activities have short, medium, or long-term positive impacts.

6.3. SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

In this section, the Project Proponent will provide the general theory of change for the Social Engagement parameter and describe the Project Activities that will be implemented in relation to the Project Timeframe, in the table template below:

USp Guideline Project Activity	Describe the Project Activities.
Impacted Stakeholders	Describe stakeholders impacted by the Project Activities (ex: local communities involved in ecotourism).
Benefits Provided	Describe the positive impacts of Project Activities.
Impact Timeframe	Describe if the Project Activities have short, medium, or long-term positive impacts.

6.4. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

In this section, the Project Proponent will provide the general theory of change for the Financial Strategy parameter and describe the Project Activities that will be implemented in relation to the Project Timeframe, in the table template below:

USp Guideline Project Activity	Describe the Project Activities.
Impacted Stakeholders	Describe stakeholders impacted by the Project Activities (ex: local communities involved in ecotourism).
Benefits Provided	Describe the positive impacts of Project Activities.
Impact Timeframe	Describe if the Project Activities have short, medium, or long-term positive impacts.

7. BIODIVERSITY STEWARDSHIP CREDIT ISSUANCE

7.1. EX-ANTE PROJECTION

Based on the Monitoring Plan and Project Activities planned, demonstrate the *ex-ante* projection of biodiversity credit issuance.

7.2. NAME-TAGGING

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Indicate how the biodiversity credits will be tagged, as per the requirements of the Methodology.