Umbrella Species Guideline Report 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 Umbrella Species Guideline Report

**TITLE PAGE**: Complete all items listed on the title page. All the listed items must appear on the title page of the final document. Project descriptions may also feature the project title, Project Proponent’s and partners´ name, logo, and contact information more prominently on the title page.

**UMBRELLA SPECIES GUIDELINE REPORT**: Instructions for completing the Umbrella Species Guideline Report template are under the section headings in this template. 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.

**Note**: 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**

Umbrella Species Guideline Report

Project Title:

**Insert the Project Proponent´s and partners´ logo here.**

Date of issue:

Version:

Prepared by:

Contact:

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# PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

### PROJECT PROPONENT

Provide contact information for the project proponent(s).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Organization Name |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail |  |

### LANDOWNER OR LAND STEWARD

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

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| Organization Name |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail |  |

### OTHER ENTITIES ENVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

Provide contact information and roles/responsibilities for any other entities involved in the development of the project.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Organization Name |  |
| Role in the project |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail |  |

### CURRENT MONITORING PERIOD

Indicate this monitoring report’s coverage of the project timeframe.

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| Current Monitoring Period | mm/dd/yyyy – mm/dd/yyyy |
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# USp GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GUIDANCE REPOT

In this section, the objective is to provide clear instructions for reporting and monitoring project activities while preserving the specified template structure. Adherence to the established columns - Indicator, Criteria, Project Activity, Accepted Evidence, and Score - is crucial. Ensure that the integrity of the model is maintained without alterations to the mentioned columns.

**Brief Description of Actions:** Fill the "Brief Description of actions held by the project during the monitoring period and documents provided" column with a concise overview of the project activities conducted during the monitoring period.

**Points Scored by the Project:** Complete the "Points scored by the project" column with the strategies executed during the monitoring period, along with corresponding evidence. If a strategy was not applicable to the project, mark it as "Not Applicable." If a strategy was not implemented due to reasons such as cost, time, or resource constraints, label it as "Not Implemented." Note that strategies marked as "Not Implemented" should be considered for implementation in subsequent monitoring periods.

If it is observed that the "Not Applicable" status of strategic lines results in the project's minimum score falling below 50 points, a new guideline must be developed to address the specificities of the species in the region. Alternatively, new strategic lines should be proposed and evaluated.

**Organization of Evidence:** Systematically organize the evidence using a folder structure corresponding to the numbering of scored strategies (e.g., 1.1a). Within each folder, include relevant documents as proof of the project's adherence to the specified strategies.

Maintaining transparency and precision in the reports is imperative. By adhering to these guidelines, contributors ensure the comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of the project's progress.

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| **Indicator** | **Criteria** | **Project Activity (Outcome)** | **Accepted Evidence** | **Score** |  |  | **Brief Description of Actions and documents provided** | **Points scored by the project** |
| **Property Management Indicator** | 1.1 Improve property management techniques to reduce conflict. | 1.1.a Implement herd management (evaluation of areas susceptible to depredation and relocation of herds to other areas). | Present plan with the proposal for herd management. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1.b   Implement anti-predation strategies associated with physical barriers, such as electric fences, fixed or movable, around the maternity houses and retreats where the herd is more predisposed to being depredated. | Photographic evidence or contract with the specialized contracted team. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1.c. Implement anti-depredation strategies associated with light or sound effects, such as placing bells in the herd and the use of light repellents at strategic points to reduce animal traffic around retreats where the herd is more predisposed to being depredated. | Photographic evidence. | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1.d. Carry out lectures on environmental education for the property's employees. | Attendance lists and photographic evidence. | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1 Fire management: prevention and combat | 2.1.a Make firebreaks across the boundary of the property | Photographic report. | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1.b The project area has an Operational Plan for Integrated Fire Management, developed using the model provided by the environmental agency responsible. The plan includes water truck availability, creation of fire breaks and constant maintenance, trained local fire brigade with equipment available for use, observation towers to detect fire outbreaks, sensors with alerts to detect fire prone conditions, and use of technologies such as drones for fire detection. | Present integrated operational plan of fire management and photographic evidence of attendance. | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1 Deforestation, Poaching and Forest Degradation | 3.1.a Security patrols and surveillance inside the Project Area. | Map with proposed rounds, surveillance and evidence of actions. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.b Use of remote sensing tools to identify deforestation and forest degradation. | Report using shapefiles. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.c Use of deforestation detection technologies such as bioacoustics to identify agents, including machinery sounds, such as tractors or chainsaws, gunshots and other associated sounds. | Contracted expert advisory report or equipment report used. | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Social Engagement Indicator** | 4.1 Develop and implement an education and communication program | 4.1.a Implement a campaign to raise awareness of good practices for drivers in the project's surrounding area, especially for big cats, contributing to the reduction of roadkill rates of big cats. | Attendance list and photographic evidence. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.1.b Implement signs indicating protected areas, ban on hunting, burning, deforestation along with good driving practices on roads and highways in the project area and its surroundings. | Photographic evidence. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.1.c Report any road kills that occur in the project area and its surroundings, in order to provide statistics for research projects and/or surveys of roadkill animals. | Report including numbers of road kills and statistics. | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2 Implement a stakeholder relations program with rural assistance and extension agencies | 4.2.a Elaborate a communication plan for a stakeholder relations program. | Communication plan. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2.b Develop a discussion workshop on land use, initiate a dialogue on more sustainable land uses, such as agroforestry systems, and encourage the implementation of these uses in priority areas, such as biodiversity corridors. | Photographic evidence of the workshop and attendance list. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.3 Establish a partnership with inspection agencies | 4.3.a Implement an institutional protocol for communicating events and environmental communication such as the recognition of potentially harmful activities, like hunting reports, improper use of pesticides and chemical products, etc. | Protocol and deployment report. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.3.b Establish joint actions with inspection and enforcement agencies, to make society aware of the hunting problem with the objective of preventing hunting (sport, amateur, commercial, and retaliation) and increasing the number of civilian complaints. | Reports of the joint actions. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.4Establish partnerships with the scientific community | 4.4.a Establish partnerships with the scientific community to implement a project to monitor big cats in the project area. | Contract or document for formalizing the partnership for monitoring and studies of large cats | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.4.b Establish partnerships with the scientific community to develop studies based on samples of biological material from the capture effort. | Contract or document formalizing the partnership for studies of large cats | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Financial Strategy Indicator** | 5.1Demonstrate funding for the project budget | 5.1.a Project has secured less than 15% of funding needed to cover the total cash out for the Project Timeframe | Spreadsheet with forecast and financial control. | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.1.b Project has secured between 15% and 40% of funding needed to cover the total cash out required to secure project activities for the Project Timeframe. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.1.c Project has secured over 40% of funding needed to cover the total cash out required to secure project activities for the Project Timeframe. | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.2. Implement a communication program to mobilize and increase financial resources | 5.2.a Implement a communication program to mobilize and increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems. | Communication program and photographic evidence. | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3 Implement an Ecotourism Program at the project area | 5.3.a Develop and implement a business plan for the implementation of an ecotourism product related to the conservation of the project area, focusing on the sighting of big wild cats. | Business plan for ecotourism and report of implemented actions. Partnership contracts with ecotourism companies. | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3.b Elaborate a communication plan for a stakeholder to promote the project area as an ecotourism destination. When possible, involve research centers and small businesses in building multisectoral and multistakeholder solutions, creating local employment through the implementation of project activities. | Communication plan focused on ecotourism and report of actions performed. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3 c Establish commitment terms with observatories, associations, and secretariats related to public policies for the promotion of sustainable tourism. | Term of commitment. | 2 |  |  |  |  |
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