

Africa Forest Carbon Catalyst - Project Application Form

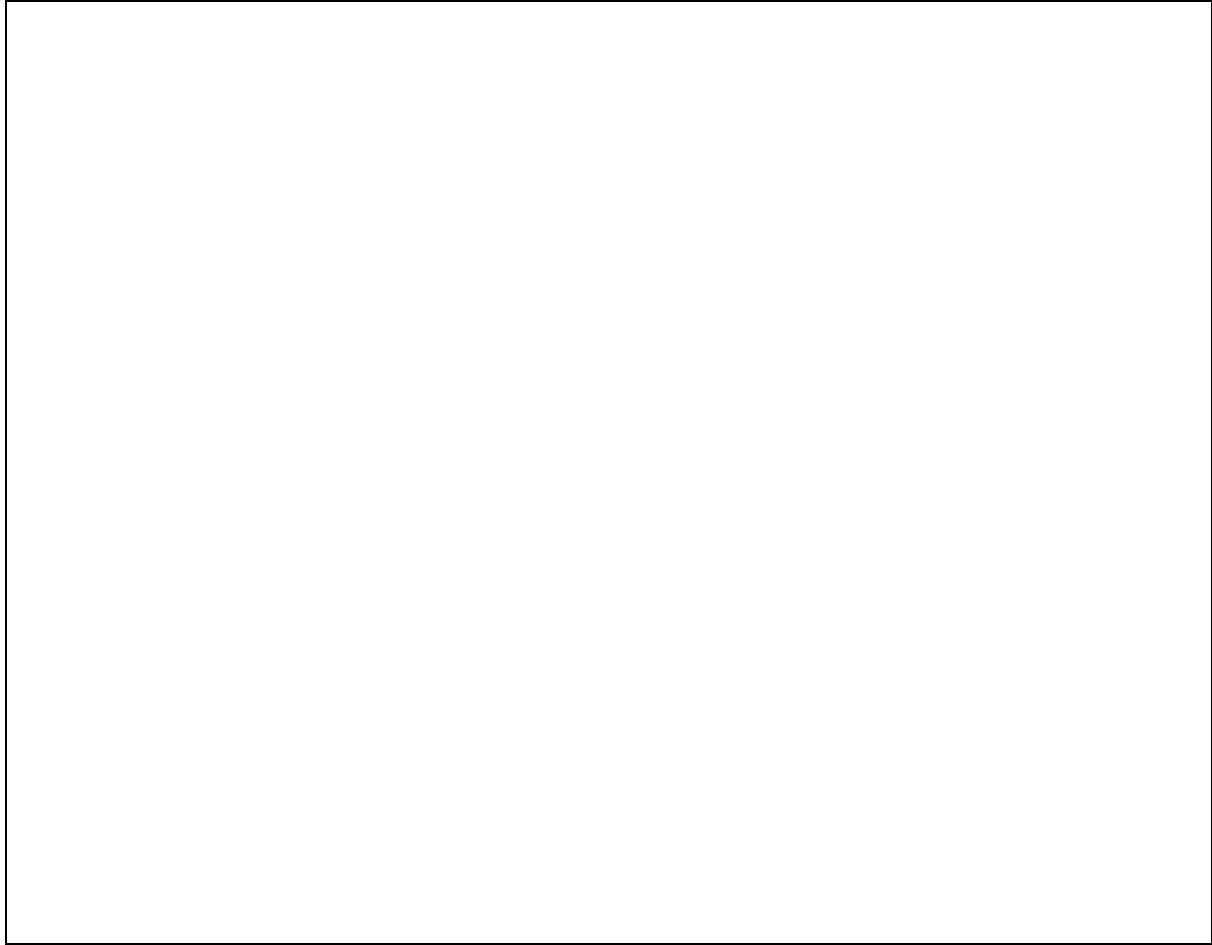
This application follows the form of a Project Design Document required for carbon standard certification. AFCC staff are available to discuss elements of project and proposal design, and develop the proposal iteratively with project staff. Word counts are just guidance, and grey text should be deleted prior to submission. Please email this application and any relevant attachments to afcc@tnc.org

Project Information Summary

Project Name	
Country	
Applicant's organisation <i>(Organisation responsible for receiving funding and reporting on the project.)</i>	
Organisation website	
Other project proponents <i>(Any organisations directly involved in the implementation of project activities (may include government, business or other NGOs.))</i>	
Name and contact information for the Project manager	
Contact information for other project proponents	
Natural Climate Solution pathways deployed by the project	<input type="checkbox"/> Agroforestry <input type="checkbox"/> Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation (ARR) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest protection and conservation (REDD+) <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Forest Management (IFM) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland and blue carbon conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland and blue carbon restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Likely certification standard	

Project Summary

Provide a concise summary of the project, outlining why the project is needed, its goal and main activities, expected outcomes and conservation impact, and the overall project costs and timescale. Provide a self-appraisal of the value of the project. [400 words]



Description

1. Describe the project location, ecosystem type, land cover and main habitats and their condition. Please email as an attachment any maps indicating any places or areas referenced within the project description, and are ideally accompanied with supporting spatial data of the project boundaries (Google KML file, GIS files or GPS points). Make clear distinctions of ecosystem types and current land cover within the project area. Quantify the area of extent of different land covers. Ensure the descriptions match provided spatial data clearly identifying different ecosystem types, land cover and habitat condition within the project area. [250 words]



2. Describe the local community, stakeholders and social context in the region surrounding and including the project area such as main land use and management systems, land tenures, and main livelihoods and social status of communities. Take care of the difference between land cover (e.g. forest, grassland for which you will have given details in Q1) and land use (production forest, agroforestry, conservation forest, conservation grassland, agriculture etc.). Quantify the arial extent of different land uses and indicate if inhabited by local communities. Provide insights on how land management decisions are made the roles of key actors. [250 words]

3. Describe why the project area is important to key biodiversity species in the region/project area. Include a list of key species the project aims to protect and the presence of any nationally or internationally recognised endangered species and any other biodiversity and ecosystem baseline information in an area (i.e. IUCN Red List classification). [100 words]

4. Describe the main environmental threats in the region of the project relevant to the project, referencing underlying drivers and pressures. Focus on threats that have direct consequences for carbon stocks within the project area. Threats may include expansion of agricultural land, over grazing of ecosystem, clear-fell deforestation, illegal deforestation, water abstraction, or mining and infrastructure development, etc. Explain any transitional processes linked to threats, e.g. overgrazing and firewood collection making forest areas vulnerable to fire which is then used to remove remaining tree cover. [100 words]

5. Describe the trajectory of change for threats, and quantify the impact and implications for carbon, communities and biodiversity expected to occur in the absence of the project (i.e., the baseline scenario). Describe possible future scenario/s for land use and land cover within the project area, and identify the most likely scenario to occur, providing a justification. Include any documented case studies from the region/country. [250 words]

Planning

6. Describe and explain the long-term goal and landscape vision the project seeks to achieve. [100 words]

7. Describe the key project conservation activities that will be deployed to achieve the project’s vision. These may include strengthening protected area status through land tenure and legal designations processes, active protection enforcement and patrolling, community engagement and empowerment, livelihood support, research, surveying and monitoring, and business and sustainable revenue development. Include details of how these activities will be designed, delivered and implemented. [250 words]

8. Briefly explain the expected outputs, outcomes, and impacts for each activity. If applicable, please include your Theory of Change¹ as an attachment **[start on next page]**.

¹ Many conservation organisations provide guidance on using a Theory of Change framework, including the following examples; <https://www.euoparc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2014-Theory-of-Change-Theory-of-Change.pdf> and <https://conservationbydesign.org/our-approach/finalize-outcomes-and-develop-measures/articulate-theory-of-change/>

9. Describe the status and history of activities undertaken by the organisation in the project area, including pending and current activities. [100 words max]

10. Describe risks which could affect the success of the project, i.e. project management, political, social, financial or physical risks (e.g. fire, flood). Particularly focus upon where the theory of change for the project (Question 8) might break down and assess the likelihood of this occurring. [250 words]

11. Demonstrate the additionality of the project by describing the presences of barriers that prevent the project impacts from occurring without the project's intervention and activities. These barriers are not the same as the threats detailed in Question 5, but instead might include: technological (e.g., lack of infrastructure, skilled workforce), investment (e.g., similar activities have only been implemented with grants and at a small scale), prevailing practice (e.g., the project is the "first-of-it-a-kind"), traditional (e.g., laws, customs, lack of traditional knowledge), or social conditions (e.g., land tenure barriers, ownership, inheritance, and property rights). [250 words]

12. Describe the relevance of the project to national or local regulatory and policy frameworks, particularly for climate and conservation. Briefly explain how the project: i) fits within the legal framework of national and customary laws and practices, particularly for climate and conservation (i.e., show that proposed activities are legal & accepted practice) and ii) if appropriate, the project aligns with locally relevant public policies and legal systems. [250 words]

13. Describe all project proponents' roles and responsibilities, and detail the experience and skills of key staff relevant to project activities. Describe any agreements between project proponents. Describe the involvement and engagement of stakeholders and other key actors (not project proponent) in the project, particularly government and local communities, and benefit sharing mechanisms. [250 words]

14. Describe the current ownership and management rights and status for land, products (e.g., timber, non-timber forest products (NTFP)) and carbon within the project area. Then describe the change ownership and management rights attributed to the project implementation activities. Describe the anticipated revenue share and flows of benefits, with particular attention to carbon market income and communities. [100 words]

Request for support

15. What is the current stage of the project development in regards to carbon certification?

- Concept
- Prefeasibility
- PDD development
- Project validation
- Project verification

16. What are the biggest challenges currently facing the project's development and progression? [100 words]

17. In general, what support does the project require (e.g., technical assistance, policy, access to markets etc.)? [50 words]

Support requested

18. Please describe the scope of activities and timeframe for delivery of activities of the funding being sought from AFCC.

19. Please estimate the value of the support you are requesting in USD.

20. Please provide a narrative explanation of the budget and the amount requested.

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21. Please provide details on the financing needs of the project:

	2022	2025	2025
Grant support			
Debt			
Equity			
Offset Offtake			
Other			

22. Please describe whether and how much of further financing is secured.

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Impacts

23. Complete the tables below to indicate the anticipated project impacts:

Biodiversity

	2022	2025	2030
Ha of land under protection			
Ha of land under sustainable productive management			
Ha of land under restoration			
Total			

Climate

	2022	2025	2030
Annual net emissions avoided (TCO2e)			
Annual net emissions removed (TCO2e)			
Total			

- If you are uncertain of climate impacts, the following simple tool might be useful - <http://afolucarbon.org/>

Communities and local livelihoods

	2022	2025	2030
Number of communities engaged			
Number of farmers/ households/ families reached			
Annual value of benefit flow to communities (\$US)			
Number of local jobs directly support by project			

If available, please provide a financial model for the project setting out costs, revenue and income and cash flow for the project over the next 12+ years. [TNC can provide further support and templates if required].

Please provide relevant spatial data for the project, including key project areas and boundaries identified in Section 1.

Please email any business plan you have already.