

Projects EY invests in through South Pole:

- Qianbei Afforestation Project, China
- Jaguar Corridors, Colombia
- Carbon Future biochar project, Germany & Austria*
- Revitalization of agriculture soils, Germany*
- Kariba Forest Protection project, Zimbabwe
- Guanaré Forest Restoration, Uruguay

On how we ensure quality:

- We have established EY offset criteria, approved by the EY Global Executive. The carbon offsets that EY purchases must:
 - Be additional – come from a project that has resulted in additional GHG reductions
 - Be permanent – GHG emissions reductions must be permanent, not temporary
 - Be verified – must come from a project that has been independently verified
 - Not used for other purpose – not double counted or used by other organizations for reductions and regulatory requirements
 - Not result in leakage – must not result in emissions moving to another part of the economy or another activity
 - Not have a negative community impact – must not have a detrimental impact on communities
- We collaborate with leading companies that bring technical expertise and oversight:
 - After a rigorous and transparent procurement process, EY selected South Pole, a leading project developer and climate solutions provider
 - Together, EY and South Pole have constructed diversified offset project portfolios that include high quality nature-based solutions and innovative technologies
 - South Pole develops its own projects and performs credit tracking and risk management through its Project Management Tool, where they track, trace, and manage project credits from end to end
 - In addition, they perform monthly cross checks with the credit registries. Due diligence is carried out on the projects that South Pole develops and procures from the market.
 - Beyond this, each project goes through quality checks by the relevant standards and at each major operational milestone (monitoring and verification), the project's contributions and emissions reductions are verified by a third party auditor to make sure impacts are real, measurable and verifiable.
 - South Pole's own due diligence process adds an additional layer

of risk management to the diligent quality checks demanded by project standards and includes:

- Initial analysis or feasibility assessment to understand the emissions reduction potential of the project and applicability of methodologies and additionality
 - Know Your Counterparty (KYC) assessment covering media screening, detailed information on the counterparty
 - Risk Assessment and Management evaluation to understand the overall risk level taking into account the conclusions of the initial feasibility assessment and KYC
- We invest in offset projects that are verified under leading standards:
 - **All projects that EY has invested in are verified under either the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) or Gold Standard.**
 - The Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) is a full-fledged carbon offset program developed and run by the non-profit [Verra](#)
 - With over 1,700 projects and 792 million verified carbon units issued, Verra's standards are widely accepted as a leading standards for carbon credits
 - Verra's VCS Program is the world's most widely used voluntary GHG program. Nearly 1,700 certified VCS projects have collectively reduced or removed more than 630 million tonnes of carbon and other GHG emissions from the atmosphere
 - In October 2021, Verra won the 2021 Environmental Finance Award for the best GHG Crediting Program for its Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)
 - [Gold Standard](#) for the Global Goals is a standard that sets requirements to design projects for maximum positive impact in climate and development - and to measure and report outcomes in the most credible and efficient way
 - The Gold Standard customizes safeguards, requirements, and methodologies to measure and verify impact from climate protection projects seeking to issue carbon credits
 - The Gold Standard establishes operational, methodological, and governance requirements for carbon credit producing projects and establishes rules for scale, site visits, and disclosures
 - Gold Standard is [ISEAL Code Compliant](#). Their system has been independently evaluated against ISEAL's Codes of Good Practice—a globally-recognized framework for effective, credible

sustainability systems

** EY is supporting the development of new innovative technologies in carbon credits, bundled with VCUs for carbon negative claims.*

A few words about South Pole: South Pole is an award-winning project developer with more than a decade's worth of experience designing, developing, and verifying more than 700 international carbon projects. South Pole is a member of the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance (ICROA) and undergoes an annual third-party audit by Climate Check to demonstrate compliance with the ICROA code of conduct.