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AUDIT REPORT

Regenerative agriculture in Guercif, Morocco
SB-001-14072025 PROVINCE DE GUERCIF, ORIENTAL, MAROC

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name:	Regenerative agriculture in Guercif, Morocco
Project Key:	SB-001-14072025 PROVINCE DE GUERCIF, ORIENTAL, MAROC
Project Developer:	Samir BENHALIMA
Date of Visit	September 9 to 13 2025
Report submission date	September 25, 2025
Reponsible(s) Auditor(s) :	Sylvain OX
Type of VNPC's the project is applying for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified Carbon Credits (VCC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified Biodiversity-Based Credits (VBBC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified Water Credits (VWC) <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Soil Credits (VSC)
Project stage	Pre-registration
Audit type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validation <input type="checkbox"/> Verification

I. AUDITS OBJECTIVES

Select the objectives applicable to the project

- Technical compliance verification
- On-site documentary review
- Validation of management practices
- Interviews with local actors
- Gathering of photographic and georeferenced evidence
- Other (specify):



II. TECHNICAL FINDINGS

II.1 COMPLIANCE WITH THE AOCIP CRITERIA

This section allows for the evaluation of the project's alignment with the criteria established by the aOCP protocol. The assessment is based on the information collected during the on-site audit visit, which provides direct evidence of the conditions and actions implemented. It is important to note that **not all criteria will be applicable or assessable during the on-site audit**, as some require additional technical analysis or documentation that is part of other stages in the certification process.

aOCP Criteria :

1. Does the project belong to one of the project types:
 - a) Forest management, including Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR)
 - b) Regenerative agriculture
 - c) Silvopastoral management
 - d) Urban forests / individual tree climate action
 - e) Biochar
 - f) Water saving
2. Adheres to the environmental and social no-harm prerequisites.
3. Is anticipated to yield positive impacts on biodiversity.
4. The Project was developed less than 5 years ago.
5. Conforms to the additionality criteria for the requested VNPCs.
6. Possesses documentation substantiating land ownership or an agreement for the project's duration.
7. The Project area has not been degraded, deforested or burned in the last 24 months.
8. For Projects requesting Biodiversity Credits for Species Conservation, a positive alignment assessment also confirms that the proposed Project area has a high conservation value due to its commendable state of preservation.
9. Areas where the Mean Species Abundance indicator (also reported as Biodiversity intactness) is lower than 0.80, indicating that biodiversity is at risk and requires restoration action are eligible for Biodiversity restoration credits.
10. The Key species for biodiversity conservation reported by the Project proponent, are recognized as Key species according to the criteria established in the aOCP Methodology for biodiversity assessment for species conservation V1.0.

According to the verification visit to the project, the matching criteria are:



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Alignment criteria	Y: Yes N: No P: Partially NA: Not applicable	Comments
Does the project belong to one of the following types? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest management, including ARR • Regenerative agriculture • Silvopastoral management • Urban forests / individual climate action • Biochar 	Y	The project falls into the regenerative agriculture category.
Does the project meet the requirement of not causing environmental and social harm?	Y	
Has documentation proving landownership or an agreement been provided for the duration of the project?	Y	
If the project has already started, is it less than 5 years old?	Y	The project began in January 2024.
Are the species considered for reforestation classified as “invasive” or “exotic”?	N	
Is the project expected to have positive impacts on biodiversity?	Y	The introduction of six native species will have positive impacts on biodiversity.
Do the requested VNPCs meet the additionality criteria?	Y	
Have any trees or shrubs been cut down in the project area in the last 2 years?	N	
Is the project area located in a Protected Natural Area?	N	
For biodiversity restoration credits, the biodiversity integrity indicator is < 80%.	NA	
For biodiversity conservation credits, the biodiversity integrity indicator is > 80%.	Y	The biodiversity integrity index is 86.007%.
Are the proposed keystone species aligned with the aOCP criteria for keystone species?	NA	
For carbon credits, what is the value of the ARR Site Suitability Statistic?	N	100.0% Eligible, project within predominantly Rangeland (Suitable)





Alignment criteria	Y: Yes N: No P: Partially NA: Not applicable	Comments
For carbon credits, what is the value of the New Project Performance Benchmark Estimation tool?	N	The performance benchmark is likely to be negligible or low.

II.2. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM (PSF)

This section assesses the implementation of the activities described by the Project Developer in the Project Submission Form (PSF), based on the field verification conducted during the on-site audit.

Only those actions that could be directly observed or confirmed during the site visit are considered as corroborated. This ensures that the certification process is grounded in tangible evidence of implementation on the ground.

TABLE 1. EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES DECLARED IN THE PSF

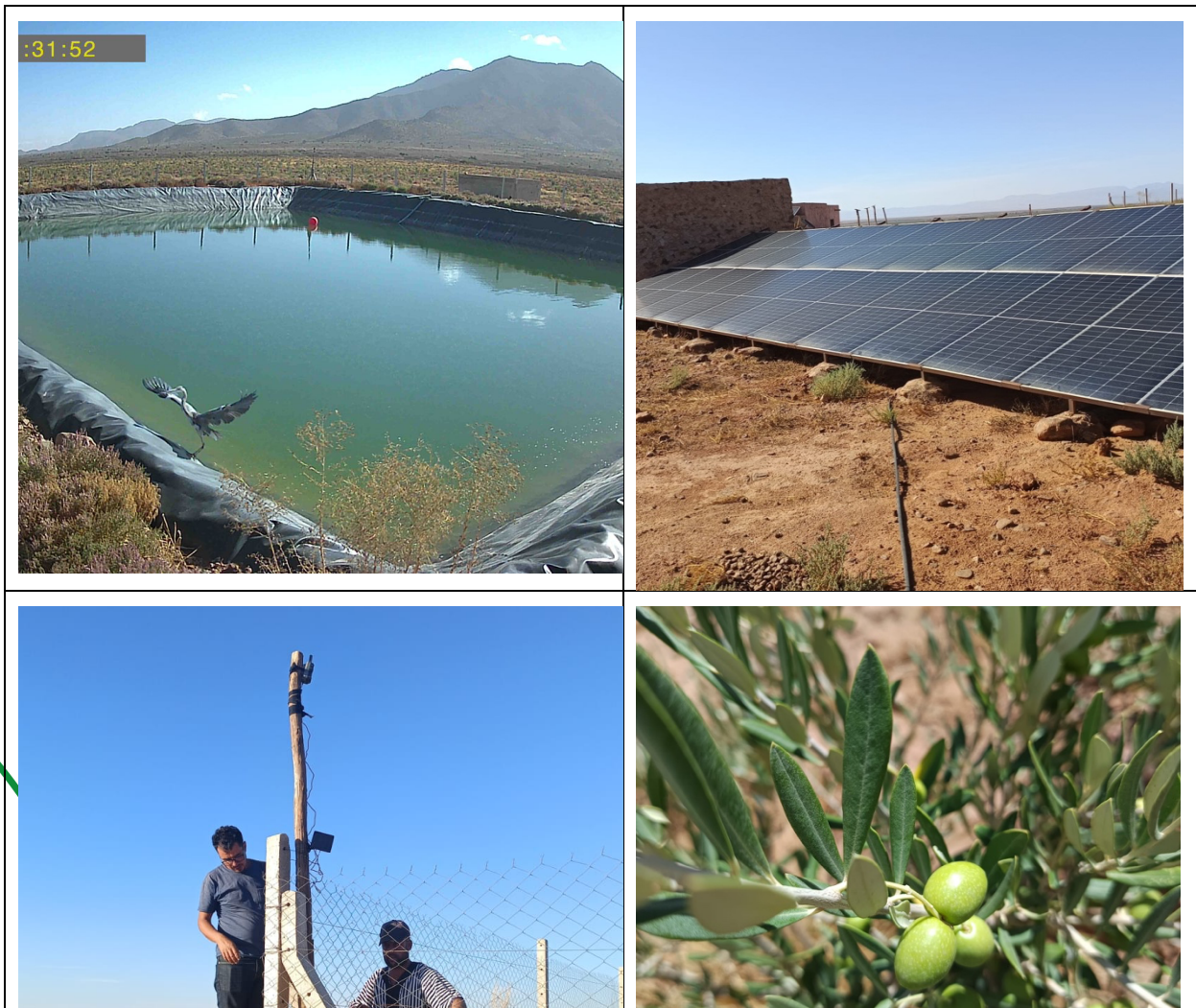
Activities declared in the PSF	Compliance	Audit comments
The project aims to establish olive tree planting and cultivation, while introducing biodiversity in place of monoculture.	Yes	During the audit, it was verified that the project includes the planting and cultivation of olive trees, while also integrating additional plant species to promote biodiversity instead of maintaining a monoculture system.
The irrigation system incorporates water-saving measures through the installation of drip irrigation and the use of a rainwater recovery storage tank.	Yes	During the audit, it was verified that the irrigation system incorporates water-saving measures through the installation of drip irrigation and the use of a storage tank for rainwater recovery. The available documentation and on-site observations confirmed that these measures are in place and are consistent with the project's objective of improving water efficiency and promoting sustainable resource management.
The project includes the planting of six different species.	Yes	During the audit, it was verified that the project includes the planting of six different species. The documentation reviewed and the field observations confirmed that the species selection has been implemented as described, contributing to increased biodiversity and supporting the ecological restoration objectives



TABLE 2. LIST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES ACCORDING TO THE EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR BIODIVERSITY CREDITS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF AOCPS SPECIES OBSERVED IN THE AUDIT VISIT

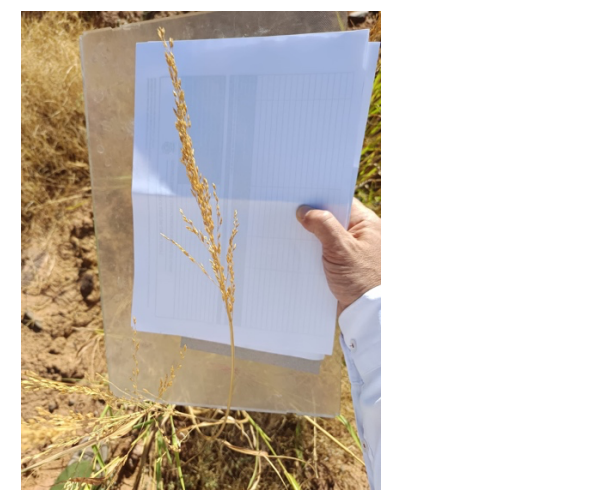
Component	Code	Eligible Activities
Ecosystem restoration	RE.1	Reforestation with native species
Monitoring and control	MC.2	Use of camera traps to record wildlife
Forestry and regenerative agriculture	SR.6	Promotion of legume crops
Forestry and regenerative agriculture	SR.9	Planting of drought-tolerant crops
Forestry and regenerative agriculture	SR.14	Chemical-free farming systems
Specific actions by faunal group	GF.8	Creation of ponds for wildlife

II.2.1. Evidence and results of the activities





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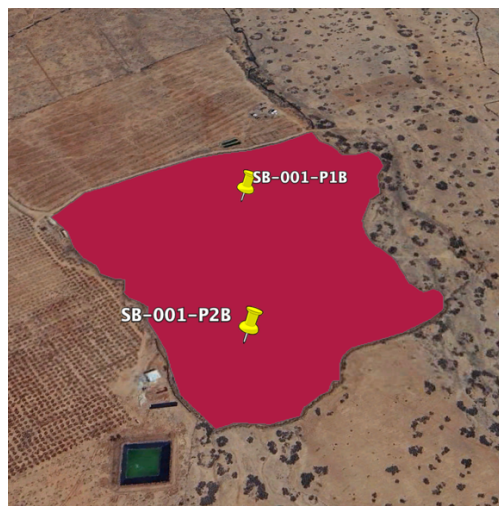




II.2.2. Evidence and results

- Wildlife monitoring:** The audit also includes monitoring the biodiversity present in the project area. This may involve the installation of acoustic collectors to identify fauna species to assess species richness and abundance.
- On-site verification:** Auditors travel to the project area to visually confirm the presence and status of restoration actions. This includes the verification of all measures that the project developer recorded and that are applicable within the framework of the aOCP methodology.
- Corroboration of the biodiversity results of the inventory:** The auditors must review the data and results obtained by the project developer during the biodiversity inventory. Therefore, the quality of the data and the coherence of the results will be evaluated.

Point	Stratum	Species	Individuals	% au m2
1	Herbaceous	<i>Amaranthus albus</i>	3	40
	Herbaceous	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	30	30
	Herbaceous	<i>Asphodelus tenuifolius</i>	4	5
	Herbaceous	Bare ground		25
2	Herbaceous	<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i>	5	5
	Herbaceous	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	40	40
	Herbaceous	<i>Amaranthus albus</i>	25	20
	Herbaceous	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	1	15
	Herbaceous	<i>Ziziphus lotus</i>	1	10
	Herbaceous	Bare ground		10

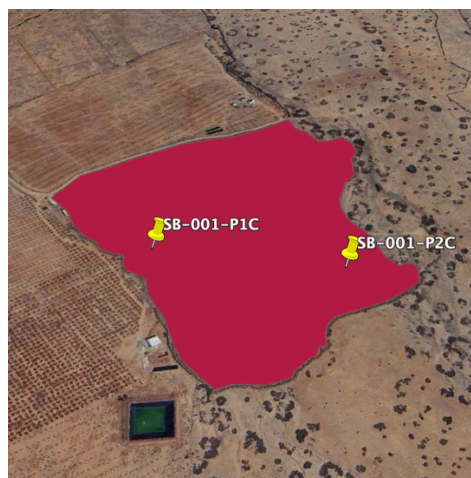




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- Carbon sampling points:** During the audit, carbon sampling points were established within the project area, where field quadrants were set up in order to collect the necessary data. These quadrants made it possible to verify and validate the carbon calculations by providing in situ measurements of species composition and measurements of the reforested individuals.

Point	Stratum	Species	Individuals	Height (meters)	Diameter (cm)
1	Tree	<i>Ficus carica</i>	3	1,24	1,1
	Tree	<i>Ficus carica</i>	38	0,4	1
	Tree	<i>Ficus carica</i>	11	1	3
	Tree	<i>Ficus carica</i>	2	1,3	3
	Tree	<i>Ficus carica</i>	1	1,7	4
2	Tree	<i>Olea europaea 'Arbequina'</i>	32	0,8	1,2
	Tree	<i>Olea europaea 'Arbequina'</i>	22	1,2	2
	Tree	<i>Olea europaea 'Arbequina'</i>	1	1,5	2



II.3 OBSERVED BIOPHYSICAL CONDITIONS

- Ecosystem status:** In general, the condition of the ecosystem is good. The presence of wildlife is an indicator of good ecological health. The reforested individuals provide shelter and food resources for wildlife biodiversity.
- Vegetation cover:** The vegetation cover is growing and is very consistent compared to the area outside the project polygon, which is completely arid. The sampling was carried out in accordance with the aOCP methodology.
- Soil and water quality:** In the project area, herbaceous vegetation is present, and there are no signs of erosion.





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- **Biodiversity observations:** Some birds and reptiles (turtles) have been observed. Footprints and droppings from turtles have also been found. Cameras have been installed to monitor the area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

II.4 INFRASTRUCTURE Y MANAGEMENT

- **Installations:** Solar panels and the irrigation system have been observed.
- **Equipment's and tools:** Camera traps.
- **Observed management practices:** Agriculture

III. SOCIAL FINDINGS

III.1. INTERVIEWS REALIZED

Not apply

III.2. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION OBSERVED

The property is private and people who works on it has complete knowledge of species and how to carry out maintenance activities.

III.3. LOCAL CONFLICTS OR TENSIONS DETECTED

No conflicts were observed or detected.

III.4. PERCEPTION OF THE PROJECT BY THE COMMUNITY

Not apply

IV. REVIEWED DOCUMENTATION

Select the documentation applicable to the project

- Management Plan
- Monitoring Reports
- Contingency plan
- Contracts / Agreements
- Activity records
- Other (specify)



V. AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the document review and the field audit, it was confirmed that the project presents solid and consistent activities, carried out in accordance with what is established in the PSF (Project Submission Form). The actions observed on site, including planting activities as well as monitoring practices and resource management, are aligned with the information declared in the project documentation.

The evidence collected confirms that the project is being developed in compliance with the requirements established by the standard, and that the implemented activities effectively contribute to ecosystem restoration, the strengthening of biodiversity, and the generation of environmental benefits.

VI. SIGNATURE AND VALIDATION

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Sylvain OX
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