Table 2: Overview of Carbon Standards applicable to forests. For instance, CDM accepts A/R (✓) but not REDD+ projects (🗶). CCB = Climate, Community and Biodiversity standard, CDM = Clean Development Mechanism, VCS = Voluntary Carbon Standard.

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| Criteria | | CarbonFix | CCB | CDM | Plan Vivo | Social Carbon | VCS |
| A/R projects | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| REDD+ projects | | 🗶 | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Forestry Projects registered a | | 11 | 42 | 36 | 7 | N/A | 38 |
| Forestry Projects Emission Reductions (MtCO2e) a | | 0.96 | N/A | 0.02 | 1.3 | N/A | 27.7 |
| Registered Forestry Projects Area (ha) | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Maximum** | 12186 | 750502 | 222951 | 11744 | N/A | 291566 |
|  | **Minimum** | 170 | 17.4 | 106.7 | 130 | N/A | 58 |
|  | **Average** | 2015 | 53975 | 10457 | 3701 | N/A | 24482 |
|  | **Standard Deviation** | 3477 | 151202 | 36831 | 4870 | N/A | 59254 |
| Accepted in the Voluntary Market | | ✓ | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Issuance of Verified Emissions Reductions Credits | | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ |
| Environmental/Social Benefits | | ✓ | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ | ✓ | 🗶b |
| Mangroves accepted as forests | | 🗶 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Own methodologies for carbon accounting | | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ |
| Accepted methodologies for mangrove carbon accounting | | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓c | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓d |
| Leakage as a risk buffer | | 🗶 | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ | 🗶 | ✓ |

a: Accredited Projects as of 31/12/2011

b: CCB often “bolted-on” to VCS

c: CDM has approved methodologies for mangrove A/R projects only

d: VCS accepts methodologies from CDM and Climate Action Reserve where no specific VCS methodology is already developed.

(Information taken from CCBA (2008), CDM (2009), CarbonFix (2011), CORE (2011), Lederer (2011), Peters-Stanley et al. (2011), CDM (2012), Plan Vivo (2012), Social Carbon (2012) and UNEP (2012) – References in in the Electronic Supplementary Material (INSERT HYPERLINK HERE) when not used elsewhere in the text

Details of Carbon Standards are easily accessible online. In the Electronic Supplementary material we provide a brief review of those presented in this Table