



**Boden Creek Ecological Preserve Forest Carbon Project  
Belize, Central America**

**Project Summary**



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The core objective of this project is to protect the carbon sequestration benefits and biodiversity at the Boden Creek Ecological Preserve near Punta Gorda, Belize, Central America. This land was under immediate threat of land conversion for agriculture, and it contains documented populations of internationally protected biodiversity.



**Figure 1: Geoffroy's Spider Monkey, and endangered species, occurs commonly at the project site.**

To fund this activity Boden Creek Ecological Preserve developed an avoided deforestation project utilizing the Verified Carbon Standard. The total project protects 12,871 acres (5,211 ha) of humid, broadleaf tropical lowland forest. This property abuts and drains into the Port Honduras Marine Sanctuary, the most pristine part of the largest coral reef in the Western Hemisphere.

Purchasers of carbon credits are sought to provide revenue to replace lost income and to pay for patrols and other activities that support the project. Total carbon dioxide emission reductions are in excess of 1.7 million VERs over a 30-year period. This amount is calculated by

estimating the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> removals that can be prevented by protecting this property over the project lifetime.

### Project Benefits

- Reduces emissions of greenhouse gases expected if property is sold and converted to a citrus or banana plantation.
- Protects a significant coastal property consisting of a rapidly declining lowland broadleaf forest type in Belize allowing for significant wildlife protection (15 endangered or threatened species) for many globally rare and threatened species in a world-class biodiversity hotspot<sup>1</sup>.
- Provides livelihoods benefits to local village.



**Figure 2: Figure 3: Lowland Broadleaf Forest, Belize.**

<sup>1</sup> Conservation International -- <http://www.biodiversityhotspots.org/Pages/default.aspx>

## Project Status

- VCS Validation awarded July 2011.
- VCS first verification July 2011, and
- VCS second verification audit March 2017. Draft verification report ready for submission.
- Patrols and monitoring ongoing.



**Figure 3: Property borders Port Honduras Marine Sanctuary**



**Figure 4: Field inspection at project site.**

<b>Size</b>	Property 12,871 acres (5,211 ha). Project 9,831 acres (3,980 ha).
<b>Carbon</b>	Over 1.7 million VERs over 30-year period (>108,000 credits issued and available: >77,000 credits available for issuance in 2017)
<b>Carbon Accounting</b>	Verified Carbon Standard
<b>Project Type</b>	Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation +
<b>Standard</b>	Completed validation, verification, and credits issued under Voluntary Carbon Standard Methodology VM0007 REDD Methodology Modules (REDD-MF).
<b>Registry</b>	Markit Environmental Registry and APX.
<b>Verifier</b>	Scientific Certification Systems
<b>Legal</b>	Fee simple absolute
<b>Preferred Payment Structure</b>	Payment upon delivery. Upfront payment for future vintages.
<b>Risks</b>	VER demand, project performance
<b>Timeline</b>	24-year tenure 2005-2029 updated to 30 years (through 2034) at baseline reset in 2017.
<b>Unique</b>	Visible, locally important project with substantial biodiversity values including jaguars, tapirs, howler monkeys, coral reef, etc.

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