

Project Scoring Sheet – Land Conservation Agreements

Version 1.1

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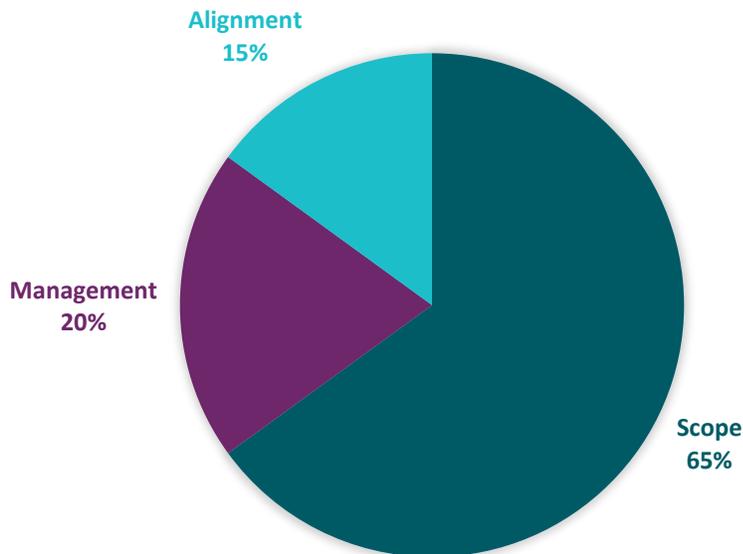
- This is a static document intended for reference only. It includes information the Reviewer sees while scoring an application.
- Questions relating directly to requirements are indicated with a red asterisk*.
- Checkmarks help reviewers focus in on key components of the scoring.
- The results of individual project reviews are available at the top of each project's page in the [Conservation Certification Website](#).
- Information about other aspects of evaluations (e.g. methodology used for scoring) is available in the [Certification Support Center](#).

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Overview

Percentage of points achievable per section



*** Does the project exceed regulatory requirements?**

If the applicant answered that no aspects of the project are done in relation to regulatory requirements, select N/A. If they answered that it was done in relation to regulatory requirements, select Yes or No depending on if it exceeds requirements.

N/A

No

Yes

*** What is the total size of the project? | Up to 5 points**

0 = 0 acres

Score = Number of acres greater than zero (an entry with partial acres is acceptable) | Points earned = score/100

*** Is there a stated conservation education objective?**

✓ Applicant understanding

No

Yes

What type of agreement is the project? | Up to 10 points

0 - No agreement

1 - Non-binding time-limited agreement (e.g. rental contract with a nature center or other entity) | 2 pts

2 - Binding time-limited agreement (e.g. government program with minimum time commitment) | 6 pts

3 - Agreement to permanently protect the land (e.g. easement, fee simple) | 10 pts

How many years ago did the project enter into the agreement? | Up to 5 points

0 = Project contract has not been executed

Score = Number of years greater than zero (an entry with partial years is acceptable) | Points earned = score/15

How many years is the time limited agreement for? | Up to 10 points

If the agreement has no permanent protection (i.e. it can be stopped at any time), enter a score of 0.

0 - Project can be cancelled at any time (no commitment)

1 - 1-5 years | 5 pts

2 - 5-10 years | 10 pts

If the land was placed in permanent protection, is there also an endowment for stewardship? | Up to 35 points

A stewardship endowment is money set aside by the company (e.g. donation or trust fund) that will cover the cost of providing stewardship to the land placed under permanent protection.

If the project does not involve permanent protection, enter a score of 0.

0 - No stewardship endowment provided

1 - Stewardship endowment provided | 35 pts

Management | 20% of points achievable

*** Is there monitoring to ensure the requirements of the protected status agreement are being met? | Up to 15 points**

If the agreement has no permanent protection (i.e. it can be stopped at any time), enter a score of 0.

0 - No or not applicable

1 - Monitoring ensures the requirements of the contract are being upheld (e.g. easement monitoring) | 15 pts

What type of public access is there to the land? | Up to 5 points

0 - None

1 - Limited access | 2 pts

2 - Unlimited access | 5 pts

Alignment | 15% of points achievable

Does the project tie to a corporate-level commitment to land preservation or other conservation agreements? | Up to 7.5 points

General corporate commitments to the environment, biodiversity, or education are not recognized.

✓ Specific to project type

0 - No

1 - Yes | 7.5 pts

Does the project align with a large-scale conservation initiative? | Up to 7.5 points

✓ Applicant understanding

0 - No stated alignment with an established initiative

1 - Alignment with a general plan, or an initiative (without a specific plan). Example of both types: State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), regional conservation plans | 3.75 pts

2 - Alignment with a government or NGO plan with a focus on prioritizing land for preservation | 7.5 pts