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06. New Macroalgae Methodology

07. Changes in Gender equality Requirements & Guidelines

08. Updated SDG Tool - Released April 2023

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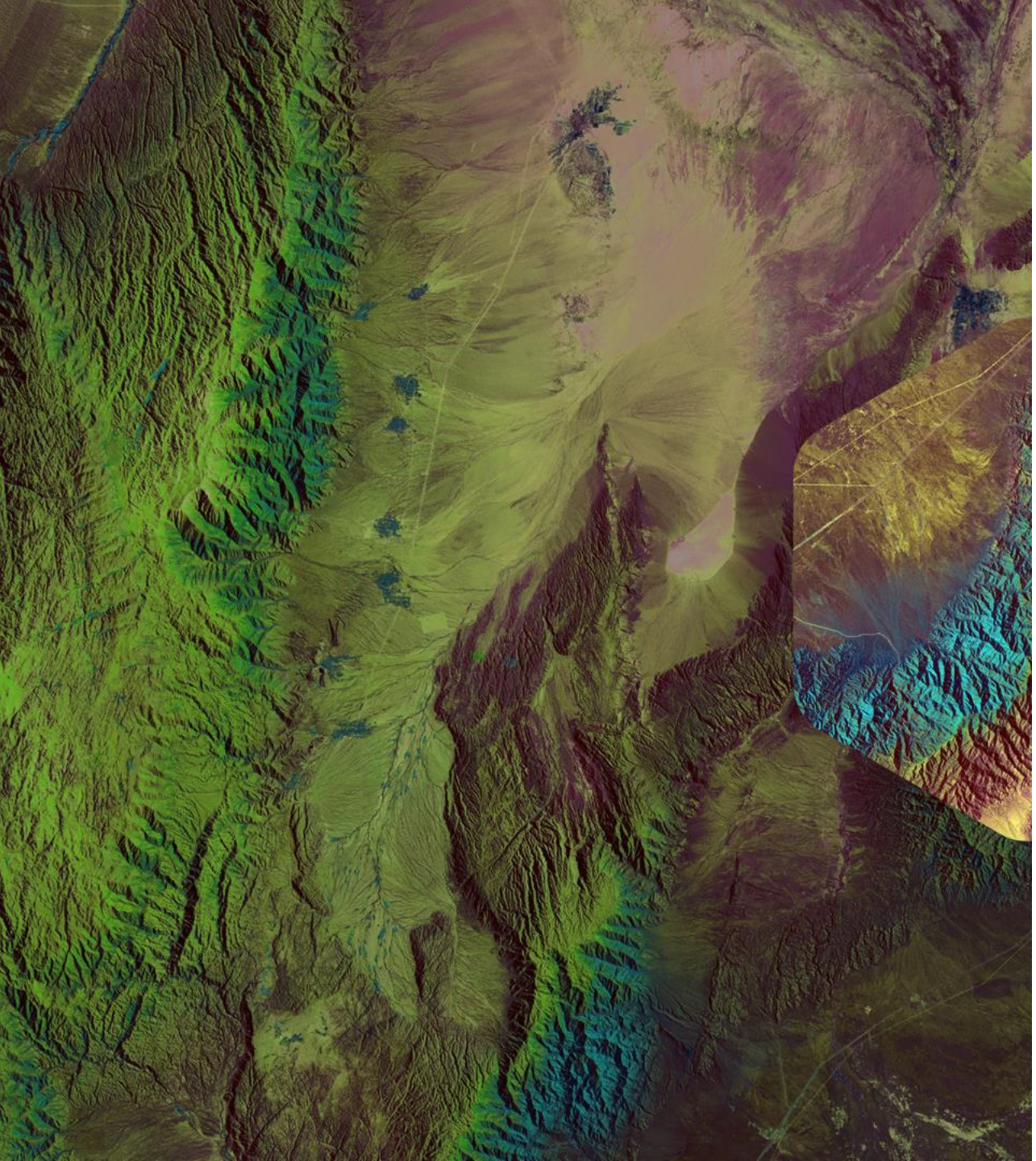
07. CHANGES IN GENDER EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES



- Published on 16/05/2023 and replaced version 1.1
- New requirement has provided distinct differentiation between gender sensitive and gender responsive.
- Projects can opt to be gender responsive certified

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GENDER EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS

- The main difference between gender-sensitive and gender-responsive is summarized as follows
  - gender sensitive – "do no harm" while gender responsive – "do better and beyond gender sensitive"

Certification claims	Applicability	Requirements
Gender Sensitive	Mandatory	• Applies to all projects/Programme/VPAs • Takes into account overall societal context from a gender perspective into project design • Requires compliance with Principle 2 – Gender Equality and Women's Rights of Safeguarding Principles and Requirements – (gender expert use where applicable), • Conduct the Stakeholder Consultation following Stakeholder Consultation Engagement Requirements - (use of gender and environmental expert use where applicable) • Use gender and environmental experts if necessary and include their recommendations to project design
Gender Responsive	Optional	• Applies to projects/ Programme/VPAs seeking Certified SDG Impacts under SDG 5 and other relevant SDGs • Conduct the gender analysis to examine: i. The different situations of women and men ii. The impacts the Project will have on different gender groups • Design monitoring framework that includes setting project action, gender-responsive targets and performance indicators to monitor gender equality results against the established baseline. • Collect and use sex-disaggregated data and qualitative information to analyse and track gender issues during project life

HOW CAN PROJECTS MEET THE GENDER EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS?

REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROJECTS

- Project design to consider overall societal context from gender perspective
- Project to follow host country gender policies and strategies
- Compliance to Principle 2 – Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment requirements of Safeguarding Principles & Requirements
- Carry out local stakeholders following Stakeholder Consultation Engagement Requirements and ensure all gender considerations

REQUIREMENT FOR GENDER RESPONSIVE PROJECTS

- Through use of primary or secondary literature, project to identify context-specific key issues and factors that contribute to gender inequalities
- Project to link how project contribute to gender related targets laid out under SDG 5, SDG 8 or SDG 10 + SDG 13.
- Project to select gender goals and gender actions and subsequent gender responsive indicators for each goal and action.
- Develop a monitoring plan to track the changes brought by project regarding gender equitable processes and in terms of gender responsive performance.
- VVB must validate the monitoring plan and verify the verify the gender claims of the project.
- The VVB team shall have a gender expert with relevant expertise to validate and verify the claims of the project

APPLICABILITY CONDITONS OF GENDER REQUIREMENTS

- The Gender Responsive certification requirements cannot be applied retroactively to projects registered with previous versions of Gold Standard or other standards (e.g., CDM) and transitioning to GS4GG.- because the claims cannot be verified

- However, a new VPA proposed for inclusion under a designed certified Programme of Activity (PoA) or PoA registered with previous versions of Gold Standard or other standards (e.g., CDM) may seek Gender Responsive Certification