

This screen is an early intelligence aid. It does not confirm carbon-credit eligibility, additionality, legal carbon rights, REDD+ approval, MRV compliance, or project finance readiness. Specialist review and field verification are required before any claim is made.

Purpose

Use this template to decide whether a site, landscape, forest-fringe area, wetland, restoration area, or farm boundary should move from basic SiteSense review into Green Carbon / Forest Intelligence analysis.

Readiness Screen

Screening area	Questions to answer	Status / notes
Forest / tree-cover signal	Is there forest, tree cover, agroforestry, mangrove, woodland, riparian buffer, or restoration potential?	
Change / degradation signal	Is there evidence of clearing, fire, mining, farming pressure, settlement pressure, or degradation?	
Protection / restoration pathway	Is the opportunity avoidance, restoration, agroforestry, reclamation, wetland/mangrove, or landscape monitoring?	
Governance and rights	Who controls land, trees, carbon benefits, resource use, and community consent?	
MRV data availability	What satellite, field, plot, drone, soil, biomass, or baseline data is available?	
Policy/institutional fit	Which FC, EPA, MLNR, WRC, MMDA, REDD+, NDC, NBSAP, or donor framework is relevant?	
Safeguards	Are livelihoods, customary rights, biodiversity, water, gender, or grievance issues likely?	
Commercial pathway	Is this a public-good, consultancy, restoration, carbon-readiness, ESG, donor, or project-finance opportunity?	

Evidence Checklist

Evidence type	Potential source	Available?	Confidence	Gap / next action
AOI boundary and area	SiteSense polygon, survey plan, GIS file			
Tree cover / forest change	GFW/Hansen, Sentinel/Landsat, Forestry Commission, field records			
Protected / sensitive area context	WDPA, UN Biodiversity Lab, FC/Wildlife, Ramsar/wetland sources			
Land use and pressure drivers	WorldCover, district planning, mining/agriculture/settlement context			
Carbon / biomass	IPCC methods, national MRV, literature, field plots			

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assumptions				
Community/governance evidence	ResourceMap, ConsentTrack, local contribution records			
Policy and programme fit	FAOLEX, MLNR, FC, EPA, Ghana REDD+, NDC, NBSAP, donor programmes			

Decision Pathway

Decision	Use when	Next action
Stay in SiteSense	Forest/carbon signal is weak or data is insufficient.	Record limits and keep as early screening.
Green Carbon review	Forest, degradation, restoration, carbon, or MRV signal is material.	Create Green Carbon / Forest Intelligence AIOPS task.
ResourceMap / ConsentTrack	Rights, community use, customary governance, or safeguards are material.	Profile resource governance and prepare consultation records.
ReportBridge	Evidence needs to be mapped to donor, ESG, MRV, policy, or client reporting.	Prepare evidence-to-reporting crosswalk.
Full Consultancy	A client needs formal advisory, field verification, project design, or investment decision support.	Convert into Consultancy opportunity.