Engaging with voluntary carbon markets: Decision tree for ecosystem restoration projects

This decision tree is aimed at ecosystem restoration projects interested in understanding their options for carbon financing in the voluntary carbon market. This tree is structured to guide a restoration project through key decisions up to the stage of deciding to implement a project. Zoom in to navigate the tree.

Disclaimer: Project outcomes can vary considerably depending on their characteristics, this is not a definitive guide but should highlight key questions and resources to help projects avoid pitfalls and select appropriate paths when navigating markets.

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There are numerous further technical resources available at www.vcstools.org. Standards such as VCS and Verra have specific requirements for project developers, but have high standards of environmental integrity and monitoring with buyers, that have similar standards, which have lower transaction costs.

Key
- Question
- Action
- Resource
- Additional context
- Decision

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There are numerous options for financing the carbon costs of restoration projects. These options vary in terms of the level of transaction costs and the speed and flexibility with which the funds can be received.