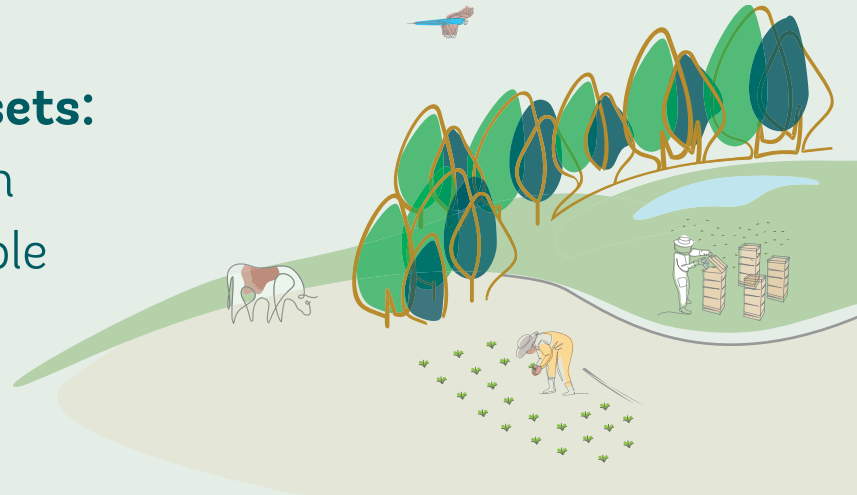


# Leading the Way for High-Integrity Carbon Offsets:

## The World Bank's BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes



Since 2014, the World Bank's [BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes](#) (ISFL) has supported developing countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America to design and implement large-scale **jurisdictional emission reductions programs** that are now producing some of the most comprehensive nature-based carbon credits.

**The ISFL supports jurisdictional emission reductions programs in Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mexico and Zambia.**

These multifaceted programs enhance sustainable production to improve local livelihoods while protecting primary forests, reducing emissions from land use, and restoring degraded lands to preserve essential ecosystems — **all before even one carbon credit is sold.** Communities implementing these programs are driven, first and foremost, to improve their economic livelihoods while simultaneously protecting their landscapes.

Now, countries participating in ISFL have verified carbon credits available for sale, providing opportunities for buyers seeking high-integrity, jurisdictional-scale credits.

## What You Need to Know About ISFL Carbon Credits



### Managed by the World Bank

The ISFL is a multi-donor trust fund managed by the World Bank, supported by financial contributions from the Kingdom of Norway and Governments of Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States.



### Strong World Bank Standards

ISFL carbon credits are the product of emission reductions programs designed and implemented in full accordance with World Bank standards, including social and environmental safeguard requirements, for maximum trust and credibility. Some ISFL programs have benefited from World Bank grants and loans, along with third-party investments.



### Implemented by Countries

Emission reductions programs supported by the ISFL are implemented by the national and/or provincial governments in program countries. Implementation includes creating and changing laws, investing in capacity building and conducting broad stakeholder engagement. In this way, countries are **fully committed** to the success of these programs.

The ISFL expects participating countries to generate over 50 million tons of total emission reductions by 2030.



## Jurisdictional Scale for Maximum Impact

ISFL emission reductions programs engage with the full range of private and public sectors that are active across an entire forested landscape, including agriculture, forestry, water, energy and biodiversity conservation sectors, among others. This jurisdictional approach ensures significant land-use emission reductions crucial for achieving national and global climate targets. Also, ISFL programs must identify and assess risks of reversals and non-permanence in accordance with the ISFL's [Buffer Requirements](#).



## Strong Underlying Methodology

ISFL jurisdictional carbon credits are backed by a robust methodology, making them more comprehensive and reliable than project-based credits.



## Social Integrity

Social inclusion is the cornerstone of every ISFL program. Future revenues from the sale of emission reductions are directed in a transparent and participatory manner to communities and stakeholders who deliver the results. In addition, individuals and communities have access to the World Bank's accountability and transparency mechanisms if needed.



## Benefits Beyond Emission Reductions

Benefits from ISFL programs fund community development, livelihood improvement and biodiversity enhancement.



## Internationally Recognized

The United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization's [Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation](#) (CORSIA) has rigorously assessed the ISFL and its underlying methodology, approving the ISFL for its pilot phase, and conditionally approving ISFL's application to supply emission reductions units to CORSIA's first phase (2024-2026).



## Aligned with Global Climate Goals

ISFL carbon credits are aligned with national and international climate goals, including Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement. ISFL programs are designed to support countries in achieving their national climate goals.



## Increasing Access to Global Carbon Markets

The ISFL is making it easier for countries and companies to transact carbon credits through the World Bank's centralized [Carbon Assets Tracking System](#), as well as developing common accounting and verification standards.

## Achieving Your Sustainability Goals with the ISFL

Carbon credits generated from ISFL programs offer a robust solution for companies seeking high-integrity emission reduction credits. By supporting sustainable land-use practices and ensuring rigorous standards for emission reductions verification and accounting, the ISFL provides the transparency and credibility that businesses need to meet their mitigation targets.

## Learn More About ISFL Emission Reductions Credits

- [The ISFL at a Glance](#)
- [ISFL's approach to MRV](#)
- [ISFL's approach to benefit-sharing plans](#)
- [Infographic: How ISFL Programs Generate Emission Reductions Credits](#)

