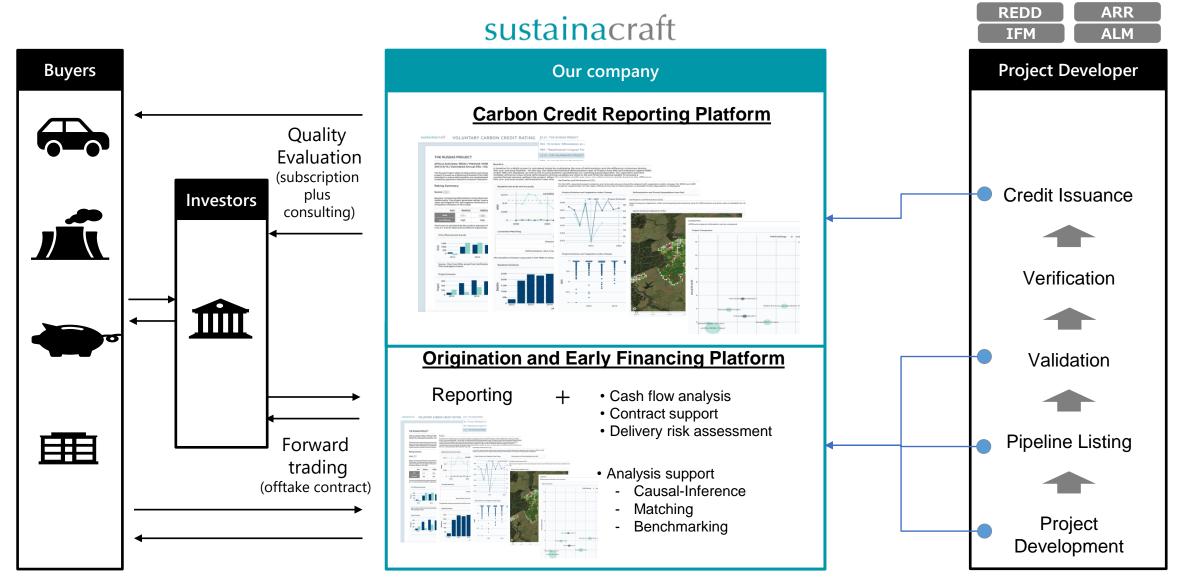


# カーボン市場の透明性を高める



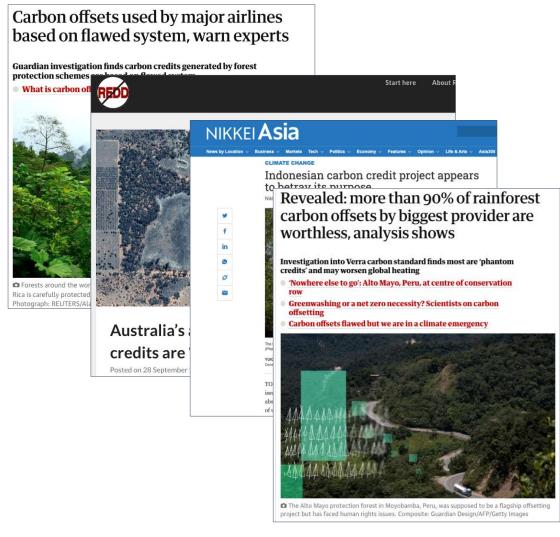
### 企業概要

透明性の高い自然資本のプロジェクト評価技術を用いて、買い手とプロジェクト開発者を繋げ、自然保全プロジェクトへの資金循環を後押しする



# グリーンウォッシングからグリーンハッシングへ

### ジャンクカーボンクレジットに対する批判



### (達成目標について) 沈黙する企業

### South Pole calls out 'green hushing' on SBTs

Firms going public with decarbonisation targets is key to 'inspiring' competitors

20 October 2022 / Business, Global, Net zero, Sustainability

More companies are setting science-based net zero targets (SBTs), but 25% will not be publicising them, according to a South Pole survey. Combined with uncertainty over how companies can actually hit their ambitious decarbonisation goals, the silence on target setting represents a worrying trend.





# Carbon Credit Reporting Platform

By combining remote sensing and causal inference technology, our service aims to enhance the transparency of carbon initiatives through an easy-to-understand visualization of the effects of both the reduction and absorption of greenhouse gas emissions in projects pertaining to afforestation or conservation of forests and peatlands.

### Case Studies



### **Buyers**

Project selection for carbon offsetting usually needs to be carried out in a very short timeframe. This service has enabled the selection of carbon projects from a short list, with efficient due diligence in a short period of time.



### **Project Developers**

We were able to explain to our clients in a way that was easy to understand, what is often technical and difficult to communicate, such as carbon stocks per hectare and the emission reductions from reduced forest fires.

#### sustainacraft VOLUNTARY CARBON CREDIT RATING 1113: THE VALPARAISO PROJECT

#### THE VALPARAISO PROJECT

AFOLU Activities: REDD / Method: VM0007 / Proponent: Multiple Proponents / Period: 2011/3/19 to 2041/3/18 / Estimated Annual ERs: 153,853

The Valparaiso Project seeks to help protect and conserve tropical forest by providing payments for ecosystem services. This type of project is known as a Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation project (REDD project). Project activities intended to reduce deforestation are implemented in and around a privately-owned property in the State of Acre, Brazil and are funded by payments related to emission reduction credits generated by the project. This project is being developed...(link)

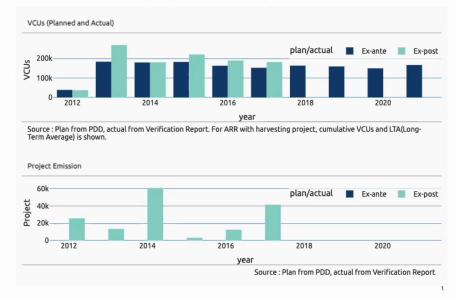
#### Rating Summary

#### Score: 0.21

Baseline setting is overestimated due to the unappopriate proxy area setting. Expost valuation reveals that deforestation trend decreases in the surrounding area after the project started. Baseline: Continuing deforestation trend observed in the last 12 years prior to the project initiation. UCEGEO is used for deforestation area monitoring. Additionality: The project generates neither revenues nor cost reductions Permanence: Project emission has been higher than exante estimations Verification: Both AGB and BGB biomass refer to reviewed papers. Leakage is 13% of baseline emissions in PA.

Item	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Additionality</u>	Permanence	Verification	<u>Leakage</u>	Co-benefit
Rate	0.25	High	Medium	High	None	None
Confidence	High	High	High	High	None	None

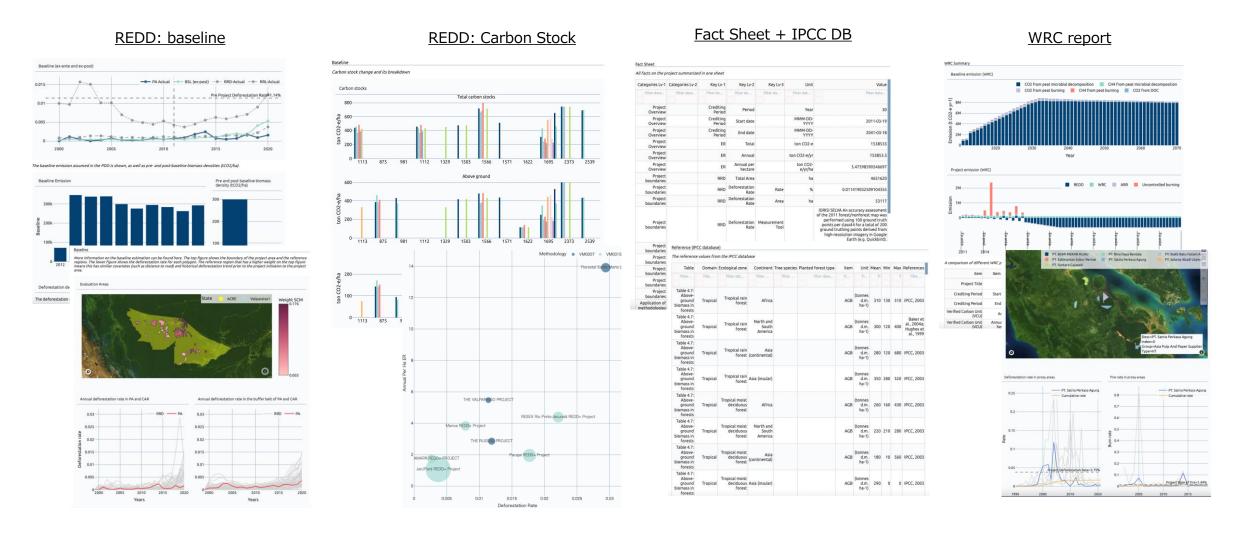
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# Carbon Credit Reporting Platform (cont.)

### Our analysis covers ARR, REDD and WRC projects



## Our Technology



### Proved causal inference-based baseline quantification

Baselines (in other words, what would have happened if the project was not implemented) are crucial for determining the quality of carbon credits. However, they can be misreported, making a project appear more effective at reducing emissions than it actually is, leading to greenwashing criticism. We avoid that by using multiple approaches to validate our baselines and ensure their accuracy.



NeurIPS 2022 (link)

Best Paper
(NeurIPS 2022; Climate Change AI workshop)

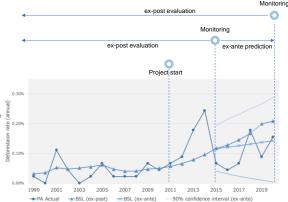


### High-frequency tree growth monitoring

We have developed an integrated framework of satellite-based remote sensing and geospatial tree growth-model parameter estimation. Our technologies (accuracy and practicality) were proven in various forests across the globe.

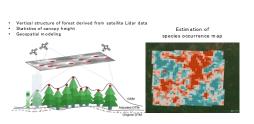
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- A carbon credit is issued based on the difference between the actual result and the counterfactual baseline, assuming the absence of the project.
- In forest carbon credit, the concept of dynamic (or ex-post) baseline has been discussed to overcome the criticism of junk carbon credit, while an ex-ante baseline is still necessary in terms of a project finance and risk assessment.
- We have developed a Bayesian state-space SCM (Synthetic Control Method), which integrates both ex-ante and ex-post baseline estimation in a time-series causal inference framework. Our scientific paper has been accepted by NeurIPS 2022 Climate Change Al workshop and selected as a spot-light talk.
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#### Co-benefit

- sustainacraft actively contributes to the development of natural capital and biodiversity assessment methods. These include proprietary satellite imagery analysis and causal inference-based reference condition estimation technology.
- We have partnered with NIES (National Institute for Environmental Studies) and Hitotsubashi University, which are one of the leading institutions focusing on biodiversity, forest, and social studies in Japan (see this partnership here).
- We are also <u>selected as TNFD Data Catalyst Initiative</u> (see the participants list <u>here)</u>. TTMED (Taskforce on Nature-Related Financial Disclosures) is an international initiative to provide a framework for how organizations can address environmental risks and opportunities with the ultimate goal of channeling capital flows into positive action.
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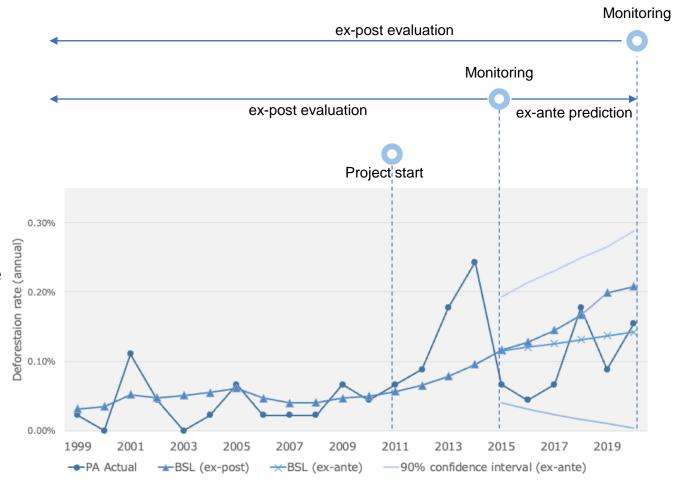




# (1) Integrated ex-ante and ex-post baseline estimation framewo

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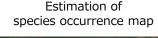
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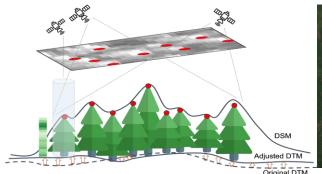
# (3) Biodiversity monitoring

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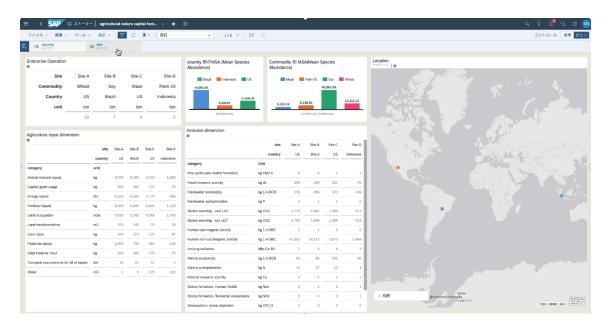
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- Vertical structure of forest derived from satellite Lidar data
- Statistics of canopy height
- Geospatial modeling

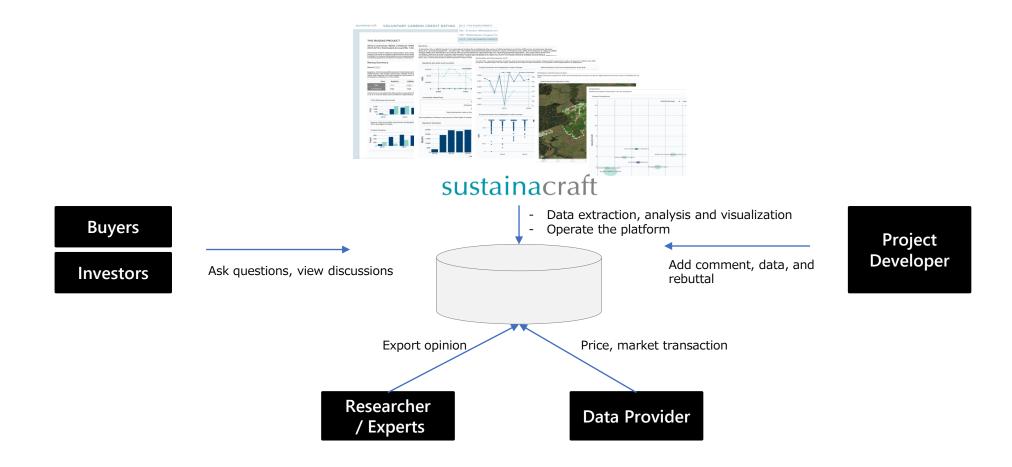








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