



BioCarbon Cert 2025 Annual Report

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A note from Ángela Duque

Reflecting on 2025 fills me with pride and gratitude for the accomplishments achieved at BioCarbon. This year marked a turning point in the organization's journey, one defined by resilience, growth, and a deeper commitment to the mission.

2025 was a year of strengthening foundations. BioCarbon reinforced the technical robustness and governance of its carbon and biodiversity programs, while advancing alignment with leading market frameworks and expectations. Methodologies underwent rigorous external review, aligning them with the highest scientific and ethical standards. This achievement is not just a milestone; it reflects BioCarbon's continued commitment to technical quality and institutional excellence.

The organization has also evolved in visibility and reach. BioCarbon entered new countries, contributing to national climate schemes and expanding presence in sectors beyond AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use). Internally, BioCarbon continued refining its organizational and governance foundations to better respond to the demands of a growing portfolio. This process has helped clarify roles, strengthen internal coordination, and support the continued development of the organization. These changes have better positioned the organization to grow in a more structured way and to continue developing new areas of work.

Cultivating a cohesive, mission-driven team remains a priority. By Q2 2026, BioCarbon will consolidate a workforce that not only embodies its values but drives collective success.

One lesson stands out: the power of the work to create real, positive change for local communities. This year, BioCarbon deepened its commitment to ensuring their well-being and empowerment at the heart of everything done. Moving forward, priority will be given to documenting and highlighting how projects interact with and benefit Local Communities. This is not just about transparency; it's about celebrating the real difference made.

Looking ahead, the goal is to continue growing with greater depth, stronger capacity, and broader impact. BioCarbon is poised to expand into new sectors, align with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and develop more comprehensive methodologies. The strategy is clear: strengthen governance, build a committed and skilled team, and ensure the sustainability framework is both robust and inclusive.

From the newly launched Water Crediting Program to the expanded Sustainability Strategy, every initiative reflects the belief that true climate action is interconnected with water conservation, biodiversity, and community well-being priorities.

To the employees: Thank you. Every achievement this year is the result of collective effort, overcoming challenges, learning together, and growing stronger as a team. Success is built on mutual respect, shared values, and a commitment to making a tangible difference.

To interested parties: BioCarbon continued strengthening its position as a credible and technically robust standard-setter in the market. The organization remains unwavering in its

commitment to scientific rigor, sound governance and real impact. It also remains committed to ensuring that the credits and outcomes recognized under its programs are supported by rigorous standards, robust governance, and consistent technical requirements.

Taken as a whole, 2025 was a year of foundational work that has positioned BioCarbon to move into its next stage of development with greater clarity and capacity.

Together, we are not just meeting the moment, we are shaping the future.

With gratitude and determination,

Ángela Duque

CEO, BioCarbon Cert

Mission and Vision

BioCarbon is committed to advancing climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, responsible water resource management, and sustainable development through strong technical frameworks and continuous improvement. Its programs are designed to support measurable and verifiable outcomes, helping organizations align with global agendas such as the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

By 2030, BioCarbon envisions itself as a recognized standard-setter in carbon, biodiversity, and water markets, distinguished by technical excellence, sound governance, and an integrated approach across its three programs. Through strategic partnerships and science-based action, BioCarbon aims to support measurable environmental outcomes and contribute to a future in which ecosystems and communities can thrive together.

Executive Summary

2025 marked a year of consolidation, program strengthening, and measured expansion for BioCarbon. Across its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs, the organization advanced the development of credible and technically robust frameworks, reinforced its governance and procedural clarity, and expanded the application of its standards across multiple regions and sectors.

During the year, BioCarbon continued strengthening the BioCarbon Standard through targeted updates to its rules, tools, and methodologies, with a focus on improving consistency, traceability, and technical rigor. In parallel, the BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard was refined to enhance methodological coherence, safeguards, and audit processes, while the BioCarbon Water Standard was launched, introducing a new framework for quantifying and issuing water credits based on measurable changes in hydrological conditions.

BioCarbon also advanced methodological development across key areas, including blue carbon, biochar, peatlands, and forest-related activities, while establishing a Digital MRV Working Group to assess the integration of digital tools into monitoring and reporting systems. These efforts aim to improve data quality, transparency, and operational efficiency over time.

In terms of market engagement, BioCarbon expanded its presence across Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe, while also strengthening its external engagement through strategic alliances and technical partnerships. At the same time, the organization deepened its engagement with governments and regulatory processes, supporting the evolution of market-based mechanisms and alignment with emerging policy frameworks.

Institutionally, BioCarbon reinforced its governance structure, ethics framework, and compliance systems, strengthening internal controls, risk management, and accountability. These efforts support the consistency and credibility of program operations and provide a stronger foundation for future growth.

Looking ahead to 2026, BioCarbon will focus on advancing projects across its three programs, supporting the progression of initiatives through audit, report review, registration, and issuance processes, while continuing to strengthen its institutional capacity and programmatic scope. The organization will also prioritize the consolidation of its institutional capacity and the expansion of its programmatic scope, with a view to supporting credible, science-based, and scalable environmental solutions.

Strategic outlook: Scaling impact

As BioCarbon looks forward, significant opportunities exist for strategic growth to expand impact while staying true to the mission. Focus areas include:

Overview of BioCarbon Programs

BioCarbon Standard

The BioCarbon Standard sets the requirements, methodologies, tools and program rules for projects that reduce and/or remove greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable development, supporting real, additional, measurable, and durable climate benefits.

BioCarbon operates in voluntary carbon markets and engages with evolving Article 6 and compliance-related frameworks through rules and procedures designed to support projects that may contribute to countries' climate objectives and promote nature-based and science-based solutions.

BioCarbon works across projects in the AFOLU, Energy, Transport, and Waste sectors. The AFOLU sector includes IFM, ARR and REDD+ activities, and the conservation and restoration of different strategic ecosystems such as natural continental wetlands, peatlands, natural savannahs, and mangroves. It also includes project activities in sustainable agriculture, including soil organic carbon and initiatives for sustainable biochar production. The energy sector considers activities related to renewable energy generation with solar, wind, biomass, and small hydroelectric plants and energy efficiency measures. Activities in transportation can be related primarily to fuel switching initiatives such as electric mobility, and waste treatment activities include methane capture, burning and/or use in landfills and other waste treatment facilities and generation of biogas for electricity generation and displacing less clean energy sources.

Market Analysis

In 2025, carbon markets entered a transition toward maturity, shifting from volume-driven activity to quality-driven value. While credit issuances and retirements declined slightly, total market value grew to around \$1.04 billion as buyers paid higher prices for higher-quality credits.

Demand increasingly concentrated on high-quality, nature-based and removal credits, creating a clear price premium and supply constraints for top-tier projects, while lower-quality credits remained oversupplied.

At the same time, long-term offtake agreements expanded rapidly (over \$12 billion), signalling strong future demand, particularly for carbon removals.

Policy progress and the operationalization of Article 6 and compliance mechanisms further accelerated market evolution, with compliance demand expected to overtake voluntary demand in the coming years.

Overall, 2025 marked a pivotal year of market consolidation, with quality, pricing, and compliance integration reshaping the carbon market landscape.

Progress

In 2025, 13 new projects were listed mainly from countries in Latin America and Europe, and covering the following sectors: REDD+, natural savannahs projects, sustainable forest management, waste treatment and biogas generation, solar power plants with storage technology, and sustainable transportation. These included the first project to enter the registry using the IFM & APFC methodology and the first grouped project including solar power plants and battery storage.

Approval and registration were also consolidated for 12 new projects, including the first ARR project in Paraguay, the first composting and waste treatment projects in Argentina, and the first hydroelectricity plant which is based in Colombia. The other initiatives registered included renewable energy, REDD+ and ARR projects across Latin America and Eurasia.

In terms of issuances, 2025 recorded a 103% increase compared to 2024, resulting in the generation of 19,734,413 VCCs, deriving from REDD+, ARR, renewable energy and waste treatment projects. In addition, 7.05 million VCCs were retired, sustaining strong demand and showing a 5% increase in retirements vs. 2024.

Strategic partnerships with **MEX**, **ACX** (detailed in Section *Global Alliances*) have expanded BioCarbon's market reach and credit transparency.

BioCarbon Standard framework, governance and market alignment

During 2025, BioCarbon continued strengthening the framework of the BioCarbon Standard through targeted updates to its rules, procedures, and control instruments. These developments reinforced the program's capacity to support structured approval processes, transparent issuance procedures, host-country consistency, stronger double-counting prevention, and more robust oversight of credit use.

Together, these elements improved the internal coherence of the program and supported the continued evolution of the BioCarbon Standard in response to emerging international expectations, policy developments, and market requirements.

Testimonies

Luz Angela Palacios, Fundación Ame, REDD+ Project, Colombia

"BioCarbon has been essential in enabling the development of high-impact carbon projects, driving conservation, community well-being, and opening new pathways for sustainable growth in regions with little access to investment."

Alejandra Camara, Proyecto Solar Casa La Calera, Argentina

"We chose BioCarbon for its outstanding diligence, rapid technical support, and efficient registration process, setting a strong foundation for our projects."

Sıla Duran, Sekans, Everencik and ULU Wind Power Projects, Turkey

“We are grateful to BioCarbon for their transparent, fair, and supportive collaboration in the development of our project, as we contribute to carbon reductions by supporting the transition to clean energy in combatting climate change.”

Conformity Assessment Bodies

During 2025, BioCarbon continued strengthening its network of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) through the approval of four new entities under its programs. This expansion supports broader audit capacity across different regions and sectors, while reinforcing the operational framework required for validation and verification activities under BioCarbon’s standards.

The CABs approved during the year were Nova Cert, LLC; Ampere for Renewable Energy; Enviance Services Private Limited; and Verifit S.A.S.

The continued expansion of the CAB network supports BioCarbon’s ability to respond to a growing project pipeline and to facilitate access to independent audit services across its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs. For more information on CABs authorized to carry out validation and verification activities under BioCarbon’s programs, please visit the official BioCarbon website.

For more information regarding CABs that validate and verify carbon projects under the BioCarbon program, please visit the official website.

BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard (BBS)

BioCarbon’s Biodiversity Crediting Program supports credible conservation, restoration, and sustainable use initiatives aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework. It promotes ethical, measurable outcomes and fosters transparent, long-term investments in biodiversity.

Market Analysis

In 2025, the biodiversity market remained small but continued to evolve, with progress in policy frameworks, project development, and market infrastructure, while private demand remained limited. Biodiversity finance overall is expanding, but the voluntary biodiversity credit market is still at an early stage. Estimates from Bloomberg NEF identified around 80 biodiversity credit projects globally, with transaction volumes of approximately \$3–4 million, highlighting a persistent gap between market interest and actual demand.

At the same time, project supply grew rapidly. Bloom Labs identified over 130 projects worldwide, with roughly one-third launched in 2025, covering more than 2.5 million hectares. Variations across estimates reflect the fragmented and non-standardized nature of this emerging market.

Policy momentum remained a key driver. Multiple countries advanced national biodiversity finance strategies and market-based approaches in alignment with the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In parallel, the European Union played a significant role, by

launching in July 2025 the Roadmap towards Nature Credits, targeting a regulated EU biodiversity credit market by 2027.

At the same time, there was increasing emphasis on market integrity, with the development of principles and guidance focused on measurable ecological outcomes, transparency, social equity, and robust governance.

Overall, 2025 was a market-building year: supply, frameworks (including the EU Roadmap), and visibility increased, but demand for biodiversity credits remained limited.

Progress

In 2025, BioCarbon advanced the development of its biodiversity project pipeline, including the identification of additional initiatives in Mexico and Colombia. At the same time, relevant policy developments were observed in countries such as Chile and Peru. In Chile, regulatory progress included the approval of the first framework for a biodiversity and ecosystem services certification system, alongside the development of economic models for ecosystem conservation. In Peru, new guidelines for the design and operation of biodiversity credit projects were published in 2025.

Towards the end of 2025, BioCarbon updated the Biodiversity Standard to publish for public consultation in 2026. The revision consolidates technical and structural updates to strengthen methodological coherence, transparency, governance, the credibility of biodiversity outcomes, and alignment with international standards, including enhanced provisions for additionality, safeguards, stakeholder engagement, data sovereignty, and auditing and certification processes. In this line, BioCarbon has incorporated the recommendations of the High-Level Principles to guide the biodiversity credit market of the Biodiversity Credit Alliance in this new version of the Standard.

The Program currently has one methodology for the conservation, restoration and/or sustainable management of ecosystems in terrestrial systems, which includes natural continental wetlands and mangroves. In 2026, the Program plans to release a new version of this methodology, which will integrate updates addressed at the quantification of biodiversity credits from terrestrial ecosystems.

In addition, the program is exploring alliances for the development of new methodologies to preserve, restore, and/or sustainably manage biodiversity.

Leveraging its exchange partnerships (see section “Market access and trading platforms”), BioCarbon is positioning biodiversity credits for potential entry into Asian markets.

Testimonies:

CarbonPlus, Rancho La Onza Biodiversity Conservation Initiative, Mexico

"From the beginning, BioCarbon has provided strong support, solid scientific methodology, and excellent communication for the registration of our biodiversity credit project at Rancho La Onza."

Fundacion Huellas para un Futuro, Aponapó Rainforest Reserve Initiative, Argentina

“We chose BioCarbon because we were looking for a high-integrity standard specifically focused on biodiversity, capable of providing technical robustness, traceability, and credibility to our initiative in a still emerging market. In addition, we value the opportunity to develop this process as a pilot case, not only to advance our project through a robust process, but also to contribute to building a strong and potentially replicable model in Latin America, with a focus on verifiable biodiversity impacts and strong community engagement.”

BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS)

Launched in April 2025, the BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS) was established as BioCarbon’s dedicated framework for the quantification, assessment, and recognition of water-related outcomes associated with conservation and sustainable water management activities. The program defines the rules, requirements, and procedures applicable to projects seeking approval, registration, and the issuance of Verified Water Credits (VWCs) under a structured and auditable framework.

The creation of the program responded to the increasing relevance of water security, watershed degradation, and sustainable water management in environmental markets and policy discussions. In this context, the BWS was designed to support initiatives that contribute to measurable improvements in water availability, regulation, and ecosystem function, while providing a framework for consistent monitoring, third-party audit, and program review.

In 2025, BioCarbon launched both the BioCarbon Water Standard and its first methodological document, BWS0001 – Methodology for Quantifying Net Water Gains from Increased Infiltration in Watersheds. This methodology establishes the technical approach for quantifying additional infiltration attributable to project activities, expressed in cubic meters per year (m³/year), and includes requirements related to baseline definition, hydrological modelling, monitoring, and verification.

The program currently includes one pilot project under development associated with a new methodology focused on the capture, storage, and use of rainwater to increase local water availability, particularly in areas facing water stress or variability. This methodological development is being advanced jointly with ACDI and is expected to enter public consultation in 2026.

Through this initial framework, BioCarbon has started building the basis for a water program intended to support the development of projects across different regional and hydrological contexts, while maintaining clear technical requirements for quantification, monitoring, and program oversight.

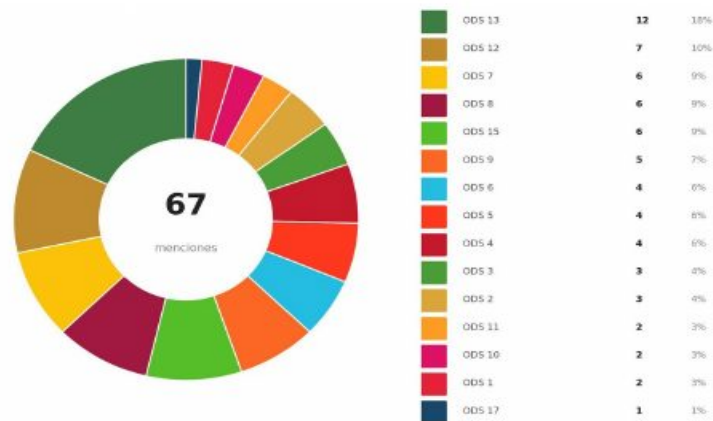
Impact in numbers

In 2025, projects under BioCarbon’s standards generated measurable outcomes across climate mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and water resource management. These results reflect both the implementation of activities on the ground and the progression of projects through audit, review, registration, and issuance processes under the applicable program frameworks.

The figures below provide an overview of these outcomes and their development over the year.

BioCarbon Standard

Projects under the BioCarbon Standard demonstrate alignment with 12 SDGs. While alignment with SDG 13 (Climate Action) is inherent to the nature of the projects developed under the BioCarbon Standard, SDG 15 (Life on Land) emerges as the most prominent additional area of alignment across the portfolio.



Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - 2025 Registered projects



Applied Methodologies during 2025



Registered Carbon Projects by Sector

- Listed GHG projects= 13 (including one registered and one review)
 - GHG Emission Reductions and Removals (VCC issued) = 19 734 413
 - 2 projects with communities as project holders
1. Project REDD+ MARENA ICHENA- NAG+MA ENOYE RAFUE

Leadership: Led by the Huitora and Coropoya Reservations, this project integrates Murui-Muina cosmogony into governance.

Location: Caquetá and Putumayo Departments, Colombian Amazon

Area: 159,817 hectares of Amazon rainforest

Impact Highlights:

- **Climate Impact: 1.1 million tCO₂e/year avoided.** 44.7 million tCO₂e over 40 years by curbing unplanned deforestation and degradation, primarily from cattle ranching and illegal activities.
- **Cultural Revival:** Centered on the **Murui-Muina people's cosmogony**, the project uses the **maloca (traditional communal house)** as a model for organizing activities, ensuring governance, education, and health initiatives align with ancestral practices.
- **Holistic Development:** Addresses **four pillars**—self-governance, social investment, monitoring, and productive projects—to create resilient livelihoods. Initiatives include:
 - o **Social Infrastructure:** Construction of schools, health posts, and community houses with culturally appropriate designs.

- o Productive Alternatives: Support for non-timber forest products, beekeeping, fish farming, and ecotourism to diversify income while protecting forests.
- o **Territorial Monitoring:** Community-led surveillance to prevent illegal logging and mining, using traditional knowledge and modern tools.
- **Biodiversity & Water Stewardship:** Protects **key species** (e.g., jaguar, tapir) and critical ecosystems like the **Yarí-Chiribiquete Zonobiome**, while safeguarding water sources through reforestation and sustainable land-use planning.
- **SDG Alignment:** Contributes to 15 SDGs, including No Poverty (SDG 1), Good Health (SDG 3), Clean Water (SDG 6), and Life on Land (SDG 15), by integrating **health, education, and economic empowerment** with conservation.

Distinctive features

This project is distinguished by its integration of climate mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and community-based governance. By placing Indigenous autonomy and intergenerational knowledge transfer at the center of implementation, it supports both environmental performance and locally grounded social outcomes.

2. Project REDD+ Emberá Wounan

Leadership: Led by the Comarca Emberá Wounaan which comprises 41 Indigenous communities.

Location: Darién Province, Panama

Area: 436,551 hectares of tropical rainforest

Impact Highlights:

- **Climate Action:** **56.9 million tCO₂e/year avoided** over 30 years by reducing deforestation and forest degradation, directly combating climate change.
- **Community Empowerment:** Designed and led by the Emberá Wounaan people, the project integrates **traditional governance, sustainable agriculture (chagras), and forest conservation** to strengthen cultural identity and food sovereignty.
- **Biodiversity Protection:** Located in the **Chocó-Darién ecoregion**, one of the world's 25 biodiversity hotspots, the project safeguards endemic species and critical ecosystems like tropical moist forests and mangroves.
- **Sustainable Development:** Aligns with 7 SDGs, including Zero Hunger (SDG 2), Quality Education (SDG 4), Gender Equality (SDG 5), and Climate Action (SDG 13), through activities like forest nurseries, sustainable forest management, and capacity-building workshops.
- **Innovative Safeguards:** Uses **structured participation frameworks** to ensure communities co-lead decision-making, with activities like territorial boundary protection and ecological calendar implementation to balance resource use with conservation.

Distinctive features

This project is distinguished by its Indigenous-led governance structure and its integration of cultural heritage, forest conservation, and community-based implementation. By combining ancestral knowledge with conservation and land management practices, it supports measurable climate, biodiversity, and social outcomes within the REDD+ context.

BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard

(2025 pipeline)

The following figures represent initiatives currently under third-party audit under the BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard (BBS). Final credit issuance is subject to successful completion of the audit process and BioCarbon's review of the resulting audit reports for approval.

Portfolio Overview

- Initiatives in Verification Pipeline: 2 Flagship Initiatives
- **Geographic Scope: 2 Countries** (Mexico, Argentina)
- Total immediate intervention area: approximately 97 hectares
- *Scalability potential*: more than 5,000 hectares
- *Ecosystems represented*: 6 distinct ecosystem types, including semi-arid xerophilous scrubland, wetlands, Atlantic Forest, high-altitude lagoons, tree fern forests, and gallery forests.

Key projected outcomes

- **High Conservation Value (HCV) coverage: 100%** of project areas classified under High Conservation Value Categories. (Species Diversity, Landscape Ecosystems, Rare Habitats, Ecosystem Services, Community Needs, Cultural Values).
- **Ecological connectivity**: restoration and conservation actions designed to improve connectivity with surrounding protected and ecologically important areas.
- **Water-related benefits**: protection of spring areas, wetlands, and aquifer recharge functions through restoration and conservation measures.
- **Native species management**: propagation, nursery development, and restoration actions using native species adapted to local ecological conditions.

Native Species Propagation:

- **Mexico**: Establishment of community nurseries for endemic species; creation of a genetic bank for culturally significant medicinal plants.
- **Argentina: 10,000+** native trees produced annually in reserve nursery; **11** productive stands of *Pitanga* (*Eugenia uniflora*) established for sustainable use.

Ecological Connectivity:

- **Mexico**: Design of biological corridors connecting fragmented vegetation to the Yagul Natural Monument.

- **Argentina:** Restoration of corridors linking the reserve to the **Yabotí Biosphere Reserve** (UNESCO MAB site), facilitating jaguar (*Panthera onca*) movement.

Water Security:

- **Mexico:** Implementation of infiltration trenches and terraces to recharge the Central Valleys aquifer.
- **Argentina:** Protection of **4.95 hectares** of spring and wetland protective forests, securing headwaters for the Uruguay River basin.

Community & Social Impact

Indigenous & Local Community Leadership:

- **Mexico:** Co-design with the **Agrarian Community of San Pablo Villa de Mitla** (Zapotec); integration of ancestral knowledge into fire management and restoration.
- **Argentina:** Formal **Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC)** obtained from **Mbya Guaraní communities** (Pindo Poty and Jejy); active participation in seed collection and monitoring.

Sustainable Livelihoods Developed:

- **Mexico:** "Dream Maker's Office" for youth entrepreneurship; eco-lodge and biocultural center planning.
- **Argentina:** Agroecological value chains for **Yerba Mate, Stevia, and Pitanga**; organic certification processes initiated (OIA).

Capacity Building:

- Training of local park rangers and indigenous monitors in **dMRV** (digital Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification) techniques.
- Establishment of permanent monitoring plots managed jointly by scientists and community members.

Alignment with Global Frameworks

Direct contribution to **14 of 17 SDGs**, with primary focus on:

SDG 15 (Life on Land), **SDG 13** (Climate Action), **SDG 6** (Clean Water), **SDG 1** (No Poverty) & **SDG 10** (Reduced Inequalities)

International Standards Compliance:

- Aligned with Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Targets A, B, C, D).
- Compliant with **Nagoya Protocol** on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS).
- Adherence to **UNDRIP** and **ILO Convention 169** on Indigenous Rights.

Risk Management: Comprehensive safeguards implemented for environmental, social, and financial risks (see Section 15 of project docs).

The data presented above reflects projects currently in the auditing phase and the pipeline under the BioCarbon Programs. Metrics regarding biodiversity gains and credit quantification are based on baseline studies and projected models. Final verified numbers and credit issuance are contingent upon successful completion of third-party audits and approval by BioCarbon.

Alignment and next steps

The initiatives in the BBS pipeline reflect approaches aligned with internationally recognized biodiversity-related frameworks and principles, including safeguards, stakeholder participation, and measurable ecological outcomes. During 2026, BioCarbon expects these initiatives to continue advancing through audit and program review processes, subject to the applicable technical and procedural requirements.

BioCarbon Water Standard

Program development

Program launched: April 2025

Methodologies issued: 1

Pilot initiatives under development: 1

Current status

In 2025, BioCarbon launched the BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS) and its first methodological document, creating the initial framework for the quantification, assessment, and recognition of water-related outcomes under the BioCarbon system.

The program currently includes one pilot initiative under development associated with a new methodology focused on the capture, storage, and use of rainwater to increase local water availability, particularly in areas affected by water stress or variability. This methodological work is being advanced jointly with ACIDI and is expected to enter public consultation in 2026.

Program significance

The launch of the BWS marked the establishment of BioCarbon's third program pillar, expanding its scope beyond carbon and biodiversity into water-related environmental outcomes. This new framework is intended to support future project development under structured technical requirements for quantification, monitoring, audit, and program review.

Methodological framework and program tools

BioCarbon's methodological framework is structured across three complementary programs covering carbon, biodiversity, and water. Each program is supported by a combination of

methodologies and mandatory tools that ensure consistent, transparent, and conservative quantification of outcomes across different environmental domains.

While each program addresses distinct impact areas, all share a common approach based on full-system accounting, explicit treatment of uncertainty, structured risk management, and standardized monitoring and reporting requirements.

Program-wide tools and safeguards

In addition to program-specific methodologies and tools, BioCarbon applies a set of cross-cutting instruments across its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs. These tools ensure a consistent approach to the assessment of environmental and socio-economic outcomes, as well as to risk identification and management throughout the project lifecycle.

During 2025, BioCarbon updated the Sustainable Development Safeguards (SDSs) Tool (Version 2.0), strengthening the framework for environmental and socio-economic due diligence. The updated tool provides a structured and auditable approach for identifying risks, implementing mitigation measures, and monitoring outcomes across all programs, supporting the integration of environmental, social, and governance considerations throughout the project cycle.

BioCarbon Standard

During 2025, BioCarbon continued strengthening the methodological framework of the BioCarbon Standard through the development and consolidation of both methodologies and program tools for the quantification of greenhouse gas emission reductions and removals. This work further reinforced the program's ability to address different types of mitigation activities under a consistent framework, with common requirements for baseline definition, additionality, uncertainty management, leakage assessment, permanence, and monitoring, while responding to evolving expectations in international carbon markets.

The methodological work carried out during the year also strengthened consistency across project types by promoting full accounting of relevant emission sources and carbon pools, the systematic use of standardized tools, and conservative approaches to quantification and risk management. Together, these developments further consolidated the technical basis of the BioCarbon Standard and supported its continued strengthening in areas increasingly relevant to market recognition and use.

This work was supported by the development and refinement of key program tools, including those related to baseline and additionality, uncertainty management, permanence and risk, monitoring and reporting, and avoidance of double counting. These tools are applied across all project types, ensuring a consistent and structured approach to the assessment and verification of results.

BCR Standard update

During 2025, BioCarbon issued Version 4.0 of the BCR Standard, introducing substantive updates to the core requirements governing project eligibility, baseline definition, additionality, uncertainty management, permanence, and leakage. The revision also strengthened provisions related to stakeholder engagement, safeguards, validation and verification processes, and registry transparency, reinforcing the internal coherence of the program and supporting its continued evolution in response to increasingly demanding market expectations.

Program tools development and updates

During 2025, BioCarbon introduced a set of new program tools to strengthen key elements of the BioCarbon Standard, particularly in relation to baseline definition, additionality, uncertainty management, and the recognition of project-level outcomes beyond core requirements.

These included the Additionality Tool, which establishes a structured and evidence-based approach for identifying credible baseline scenarios and demonstrating additionality; the Uncertainty Management Tool, which introduces standardized procedures for quantifying and conservatively managing uncertainty in emission reductions and removals; and the Special Categories – Exceptional Benefits Label, which provides a performance-based framework to recognize projects delivering verifiable results in biodiversity conservation, community development, and gender equity.

In parallel, BioCarbon updated several existing tools under the BioCarbon Standard to strengthen consistency with evolving market expectations and improve the treatment of key methodological and procedural elements across the program. These updates included the Avoiding Double Counting (ADC) Tool, the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Tool and the Permanence and Risk Management Tool. Together, these revisions reinforced the program's framework for double counting prevention, monitoring and reporting, and reversal risk management, while improving internal coherence in areas increasingly relevant to transparency, traceability, and robust quantification.

All methodologies and program tools under the BioCarbon Standard are developed and approved through a structured process that includes public consultation and independent third-party technical review. This process ensures that all methodological approaches are subject to external scrutiny, transparent feedback, and formal technical assessment prior to approval, supporting consistency with recognized practices and evolving market expectations.

Methodological development and updates

Building on these developments, BioCarbon also advanced and expanded its portfolio of methodologies under the BioCarbon Standard, covering a range of project activities including forest conservation and management, blue carbon ecosystems, peatland conservation and restoration, and carbon removal through biochar. Each methodology is designed to address the specific characteristics of the activity, while maintaining consistency with the program's core requirements and tools.

BCR0010 – Improved forest management and avoided planned forest conversion

This methodology provides a structured approach for quantifying emission reductions from forest conservation and management activities in contexts where degradation or conversion is planned or legally authorized. It requires the use of evidence-based baseline scenarios, supported by documentation of land-use rights, permits, or management plans, and applies consistent procedures for carbon stock estimation, leakage assessment, and monitoring. The methodology is designed to ensure that avoided emissions are based on credible and verifiable conditions, while maintaining consistency with the broader program framework.

BCR0011 – Sustainable biochar production and carbon removal

This methodology establishes a framework for quantifying carbon dioxide removal through the production and application of biochar, integrating a full life-cycle approach from feedstock sourcing to end use. It incorporates strict criteria for long-term carbon stability and requires the inclusion of all relevant emissions associated with production, transport, and application. By combining conservative baseline assumptions with clear eligibility conditions for permanent storage, the methodology supports robust quantification of removal outcomes across different biochar use categories.

BCR0012 – Conservation and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems

This methodology addresses coastal ecosystems characterized by high carbon storage in biomass and soils, including mangroves, tidal marshes, and seagrasses. It requires comprehensive accounting of relevant carbon pools and incorporates spatially explicit baseline and monitoring approaches. The methodology reflects the ecological and hydrological dynamics of coastal systems and includes the treatment of non-CO₂ emissions where relevant, supporting consistent and conservative quantification of mitigation outcomes in these environments.

BCR0013 – Conservation and restoration of peatland ecosystems

This methodology establishes a dedicated framework for peatland systems, where carbon dynamics are primarily driven by soil conditions and hydrology. It links emission factors directly to water table depth and requires detailed stratification based on hydrological, ecological, and degradation conditions. The methodology also incorporates the treatment of fire-related emissions and multiple leakage pathways, providing a structured approach for quantifying emission reductions associated with conservation and restoration activities in peat-dominated landscapes.

Together, these methodological developments strengthened the scope and technical consistency of the BioCarbon Standard in 2025, while supporting its continued evolution in response to increasingly demanding expectations for transparency, traceability, and robust quantification.

BioCarbon updated key methodologies within its GHG portfolio during 2025, including methodologies for ARR, REDD+, high mountain ecosystems, and continental wetlands. These revisions strengthened requirements related to baseline definition, additionality, leakage, permanence, uncertainty, monitoring, and QA/QC, while improving coherence with the updated BioCarbon Standard and the program's supporting tools.

BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard

The Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard (BBS) establishes a framework for the quantification, assessment, and recognition of biodiversity outcomes associated with conservation, restoration, and sustainable use activities. The program is designed to ensure that biodiversity results are measurable, attributable, and supported by structured monitoring and independent audit processes.

During 2025, BioCarbon updated both the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard and its associated methodological document, strengthening the technical and procedural framework for the quantification and verification of biodiversity outcomes. The updated BBS (Version 3.2) refined requirements related to baseline definition, additionality, monitoring, stakeholder engagement, and safeguards, while the updated methodological document (Version 4.0) further developed the quantification framework for biodiversity credits through a structured set of ecological and landscape-based indicators.

Under the BBS, biodiversity outcomes are assessed through a structured process based on defined indicators, baseline conditions, and periodic monitoring, and are subject to independent third-party audit. This approach supports the generation of verifiable biodiversity outcomes, ensures transparency in the quantification process, and strengthens the credibility of results across different ecological contexts.

The program is structured to support key principles increasingly reflected in biodiversity credit markets, including the delivery of verified outcomes for nature, the application of robust monitoring and verification processes, and the incorporation of safeguards, stakeholder engagement, and governance considerations throughout the project cycle.

This supports the development of biodiversity crediting approaches that are consistent with emerging expectations for credibility, transparency, and accountability in biodiversity markets.

BioCarbon Water Standard

The BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS) was established in 2025 as a dedicated framework for the quantification and recognition of water-related outcomes associated with conservation and sustainable management activities. The program was launched together with the BioCarbon Water Standard (Version 1.0), which defines the principles, requirements, and procedures for the certification of water-related projects and the issuance of Verified Water Credits.

BioCarbon also issued its first methodological document (BWS0001), providing a structured approach for the quantification of net water gains derived from increased infiltration in watershed systems. The methodology establishes procedures for baseline definition, hydrological modelling, monitoring, and verification, and quantifies results in cubic meters per year (m³/year) of additional water infiltration attributable to project activities.

The methodological framework is based on the assessment of key hydrological processes, including precipitation, evapotranspiration, runoff, and infiltration. It requires the use of spatial analysis, field measurements, and modelling tools to support the quantification of results.

The development of the BWS responds to the increasing relevance of water security, watershed restoration, and sustainable water management at the global level. Water scarcity already affects a significant proportion of the global population and continues to intensify due to climate variability, land degradation, and inefficient resource use.

In this context, the BioCarbon Water Standard provides a structured approach to quantify and recognize improvements in water regulation, supporting the channeling of investment towards activities that enhance infiltration, restore hydrological function, and strengthen ecosystem resilience.

The program is expected to play an increasingly important role within the BioCarbon framework. It supports the development of water-related project activities across different regions and contexts.

Together, these developments strengthened BioCarbon's overall methodological framework during 2025. Across its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs, BioCarbon continued building a more consistent and structured system of standards, methodologies, and tools to support the quantification, assessment, and recognition of environmental outcomes under increasingly demanding technical and market conditions.

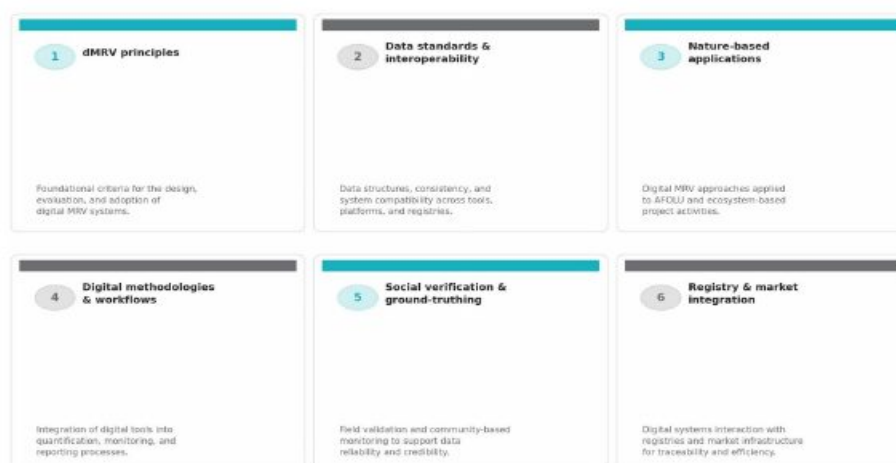
Digital MRV Working Group

BioCarbon continued advancing its technological agenda in 2025 through a stronger focus on digital monitoring, reporting, and verification (dMRV). This work reflects BioCarbon's interest in strengthening the technical infrastructure of its programs and in engaging with new developments shaping environmental markets.

In October 2025, BioCarbon, in partnership with Planet2050, launched the [Digital MRV Working Group \(dMRV WG\)](#). The initiative was created to explore the progressive integration of digital MRV approaches across the BioCarbon Standard, the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard, and the BioCarbon Water Standard, while also contributing to broader discussions on the future of environmental market infrastructure.

The Working Group brings together experts and stakeholders from across the environmental crediting ecosystem, including technology providers, project developers, rating agencies, financial actors, academics, and representatives of Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Its purpose is to examine both the opportunities and the operational challenges associated with the use of digital tools and systems in project monitoring, methodological implementation, registry processes, and market infrastructure.

The Working Group is structured around a set of core dimensions that reflect the main technical and operational areas relevant to the future development of dMRV within BioCarbon.



Core dimensions of the Digital MRV Working Group

Through this initiative, BioCarbon is helping build practical guidance for the responsible adoption of dMRV from 2026 onward, with the aim of improving efficiency, strengthening traceability, and supporting more robust and scalable environmental market systems.

Perspectives from the Digital MRV Working Group

“Peoples’ values, morality, ethics, and duty of dignity make technology functional and operational at all levels. This is what we are working towards, not to just be another standard to cite or checklist”

[WariNkwī Flores](#), Lead, WS 4 Groundtruthing and Social Verification.

"Real climate impact starts with people, not just data. Ground truthing, social validation, and social verification ensure that both community and environmental outcomes are real, credible, and investable. That’s how we turn climate action into proven impact."

Kennedy N’ganga, WS 4, Co-Lead.

“Establishing the principles that will guide the design, development, evaluation, deployment, and adoption of dMRV system, is key to ensure the successful deployment of a digital MRV framework for climate action within BioCarbon Standards” **Nithyanandam Yuvaraj Dinesh Babu**, independent dMRV expert, member of the dMRV WG and Lead of the dMRV Principles Workstream

"Data standards are not about adding complexity. They are about removing friction. When we structure information in a clear, consistent way, it becomes easier to verify climate impact and far easier to trust the resulting credits. We may not all speak the same language, but we can ensure our data does. Reliable data is what creates reliable markets"

Matthew Yarger, Founder & CEO of Demia, member of the dMRV WG

Strategic partnerships and collaboration

BioCarbon maintains long-term collaborations with financial actors, technical partners, research institutions, and other relevant stakeholders that contribute to the continued strengthening of its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs. Through these relationships, BioCarbon engages in methodological development, technical exchange, market dialogue, and collaborative initiatives relevant to the evolution of environmental markets.

Market Access and trading platforms

During 2025, BioCarbon continued expanding its market linkages through partnerships with trading platforms in Asia. These collaborations were aimed at supporting broader market access for credits issued under BioCarbon's programs and at strengthening the infrastructure through which such credits may be traced, accessed, and transacted in international markets.

[Macao International Carbon Emission Exchange \(MEX\)](#): BioCarbon consolidated an alliance with MEX to support the development of environmental markets in Asia, including carbon, biodiversity, and water markets. Through the integration of the Global CarbonTrace (GCT) registry with MEX's trading platform, this collaboration supports a marketplace in which credits issued under BioCarbon's programs and recorded in the registry can be traced and transacted through a more structured market interface.

This collaboration is intended to broaden access to international buyers and investors for projects developed under BioCarbon's standards, while supporting the mobilization of private-sector finance for conservation, restoration, and climate mitigation activities. It also creates a basis for exploring the development of biodiversity markets in Asia and potential cross-border transactions in contexts relevant to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

[AirCarbon Exchange \(ACX\)](#): BioCarbon also partnered with ACX, a Singapore-based digital marketplace for environmental commodities. This collaboration supports BioCarbon's engagement with Asian carbon markets and connects its programs with a platform designed for the trading of environmental assets through digital market infrastructure. In this context, the partnership contributes to strengthening transparency, operational efficiency, and market access for credits issued under BioCarbon's programs.

External assessment and market engagement

BioCarbon engaged with independent actors involved in the assessment and analysis of carbon crediting programs and methodologies. These interactions are relevant to the program's external visibility and to the broader market dialogue around methodological robustness, transparency, and performance.

[Calyx Global](#) identified the BioCarbon Standard as a screened carbon crediting program, based on its assessment against 31 criteria covering governance, transparency, stakeholder engagement, and auditing. According to Calyx Global, 15 of the 19 programs assessed to date have passed this screening. This outcome provides an external point of reference regarding BioCarbon's performance under that assessment framework.

[Sylvera](#): During 2025, BioCarbon engaged with Sylvera in relation to the review of selected methodologies under the BioCarbon Standard. This interaction formed part of BioCarbon's broader engagement with external market analysis and provided an additional reference point in connection with methodological assessment and market-facing technical scrutiny.

[BeZero](#): BioCarbon also maintained engagement with BeZero as part of its broader interaction with market actors involved in the analysis of carbon credit quality and crediting frameworks. This type of engagement supports BioCarbon's exposure to external market perspectives relevant to methodological development and program positioning.

Policy, finance and research initiatives

During 2025, BioCarbon also participated in initiatives aimed at strengthening the links between environmental standards, finance, and applied research. These collaborations supported BioCarbon's engagement with emerging discussions on biodiversity finance and with technical exploration relevant to future methodological development.

[Global Joint Initiative on the Partnership for Biodiversity and Finance \(PBF\)](#): BioCarbon joined the Global Joint Initiative on the Partnership for Biodiversity and Finance, led by World Resources Institute (WRI) China. This international initiative brings together financial institutions, market platforms, standards organizations, and other environmental actors to strengthen the relationship between biodiversity conservation and financial decision-making. Through dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaborative engagement, the initiative supports the development of approaches that can help direct finance towards projects generating measurable biodiversity outcomes.

Methodology development and implementation

[Ecofix Natural Capital](#): BioCarbon also partnered with Ecofix, a company focused on environmental metrics related to carbon, biodiversity, water, and GHG impacts in agricultural systems. This collaboration was intended to explore the potential development of a methodology related to soil biodiversity and soil microorganisms in agricultural and productive systems, supporting further technical work in this area.

[Asociación Cultural para el Desarrollo Integral \(ACDI\)](#): BioCarbon partnered with ACDI, an Argentine non-profit organization with more than 30 years of experience in sustainable development and community resilience. The collaboration focuses on the development of a new globally applicable water-harvesting methodology and on supporting the implementation of an initial pilot project. This work strengthens BioCarbon's engagement with practical methodological development in the water sector and supports broader objectives related to climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development.

For a more detailed overview of BioCarbon's current alliances and initiatives, please visit the Alliances and Initiatives page on the BioCarbon website.

Communications, visibility and external engagement

In 2025, BioCarbon's communications focused on presenting the evolution of its programs, standards, methodologies, and institutional developments across different audiences and regions. Throughout the year, communications efforts were used not only to share updates on the organization's work, but also to support broader visibility for the carbon, biodiversity, and water programs in contexts relevant to environmental markets, technical stakeholders, and project developers.

Particular attention was given to the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard and to the dissemination of its conceptual and technical framework through workshops, presentations, and targeted communication activities. These efforts helped introduce the structure and purpose of the biodiversity program, explain its methodological basis, and support dialogue with stakeholders interested in emerging biodiversity markets.

BioCarbon also gave visibility to the launch of the BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS) and its first methodology, presenting the new water program in different scenarios during the year. These communications highlighted the relevance of water-related project activities, the role of quantification methodologies in this area, and the broader potential of the program within the BioCarbon framework.

In addition, BioCarbon carried out communication and engagement activities related to innovation and market infrastructure. This included a workshop held with Econat focused on rules and considerations for blockchain applications, contributing to discussions on digital infrastructure, traceability, and the operational evolution of environmental markets.

Communications during the year also reflected key program developments, including the launch of the BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS) and its first methodology for quantifying water-related outcomes, as well as updates to the BioCarbon Standard, its methodologies, and supporting tools.

Events and external engagement

In 2025, BioCarbon participated in climate and biodiversity forums across Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. These engagements supported the presentation of its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs and contributed to broader dialogue with stakeholders on the development of environmental standards, methodologies, and market approaches, including emerging work related to biodiversity and water.





Panels, Workshops & Webinar

Statement of financial position – BioCarbon Cert S.A.S.

During the period from 2024 to 2025, BioCarbon Cert strengthened its financial position, reflected in an increase in total assets from USD 2,446,941 in 2024 to USD 2,589,683 in 2025.

This growth is consistent with the progressive consolidation of the BioCarbon Standard and the expansion of its operational activities. The increase in assets reflects the normal development of program operations and the scaling of administrative and technical functions required to support a growing portfolio of registered activities.

Throughout the reporting period, BioCarbon Cert maintained a prudent financial structure, characterized by a strong equity base, limited reliance on external liabilities, and sufficient liquidity to support ongoing operations.

The organization continues to operate under a controlled and sustainable financial model, ensuring that resources are aligned with its core functions, including programs governance, technical oversight, and programs administration.

As at 31 December 2025

(Amounts expressed in United States Dollars (USD), for reference purposes only)

Item	USD
ASSETS	
Current assets	2,379,190
Non-current assets	210,493
Total assets	2,589,683
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	769,001
Non-current liabilities	21,285
Total liabilities	790,285
EQUITY	
Equity	1,799,398
Total liabilities and equity	2,589,683

Note: Amounts are presented in United States Dollars (USD) for reference purposes only, based on the exchange rate applied at the reporting date. The statutory financial statements of BioCarbon Cert S.A.S. are prepared in Colombian Pesos (COP).

Reporting entity

BioCarbon Cert S.A.S. is the entity responsible for the administration and operation of the BioCarbon Standard. Its functions include program governance, development and maintenance of methodologies and tools, oversight of validation and verification processes, coordination with conformity assessment bodies, and administration of the program's operational framework.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared:

- on a going concern basis;
- using historical cost principles; and
- in accordance with applicable financial reporting standards in Colombia.

USD figures are presented for reference purposes only and do not constitute functional currency reporting.

Financial position overview

As at 31 December 2025, BioCarbon Cert maintains a solid financial structure, with equity representing a significant proportion of total assets.

The organization demonstrates:

- strong capitalization;
- limited financial leverage; and
- sufficient operational resources to support program administration and development.

This financial position supports the continuity of the BioCarbon Standard and its associated governance, technical, and operational functions.

Assets

Current assets

Current assets consist of:

- cash and cash equivalents;
- operational receivables derived from program-related activities;
- tax-related balances; and
- prepaid and other short-term operational assets.

These assets reflect the normal operating cycle of the organization and support ongoing program activities.

Non-current assets

Non-current assets mainly correspond to:

- property, plant and equipment used for operational purposes; and
- deferred tax assets.

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Current liabilities include:

- trade and operational payables;
- tax obligations; and
- employee-related obligations.

Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities correspond to deferred tax obligations and are not material in relation to the overall financial structure.

Equity

Equity is composed of:

- share capital;
- accumulated results; and
- current year results.

The level of retained earnings reflects the progressive consolidation of the organization and its operational sustainability over time.

Financial governance and controls

BioCarbon Cert applies financial management practices intended to ensure:

- transparency and consistency in financial reporting;
- alignment between revenue generation and program administration;
- appropriate allocation of resources to governance and technical functions; and
- operational continuity of the standard.

The organization operates under a structured fee framework and does not rely on discretionary or non-transparent sources of income.

Operational revenue and fee structure

BioCarbon Cert generates operational revenue through the application of a predefined fee framework associated with activities registered under the BioCarbon Standard.

This framework includes:

- fixed fees for account opening, maintenance, and administrative services; and
- volume-based fees applied, where applicable, to project registration, verification registration, issuance of Verified Carbon Credits (VCCs), and credit retirement.

The applicable fees are publicly disclosed and are designed to support the operational sustainability and transparency of the Program.

Nature of operational revenues

Operational revenues arise from program administration and related services, including:

- registry-related processes;
- documentation review and processing;

- oversight of validation and verification cycles; and
- program-level administrative and compliance functions.

These revenues are recognized in accordance with the provision of services under the Program.

Safeguards on revenue neutrality and impartiality

BioCarbon Cert recognizes that volume-based fee structures require appropriate safeguards to ensure that financial considerations do not influence technical or programmatic decisions.

Accordingly, the program has implemented the following controls:

- all validation, verification, registration, and issuance decisions are based exclusively on compliance with applicable rules and methodologies;
- no individual involved in technical or decision-making functions receives compensation linked to the volume or value of credits;
- a clear separation of duties is maintained between financial administration and technical governance; and
- all relevant personnel are subject to conflict of interest and impartiality requirements.

In addition, BioCarbon Cert does not participate in the marketing, sale, brokerage, or promotion of Verified Carbon Credits and does not receive commissions or incentives from such activities.

Fee structure design

The fee framework has been structured to prevent the creation of incentives that could influence technical outcomes.

In particular, for AFOLU activities, a tiered fee structure is applied in which the marginal fee per unit decreases as the volume of Verified Carbon Credits increases.

This approach:

- improves proportionality across project scales; and
- reduces any potential financial incentive associated with higher issuance volumes.

Cost-recovery approach

BioCarbon Cert operates under a cost-recovery model. Fees are established to support the administration and operation of the BioCarbon Standard, including registry coordination, document processing, compliance oversight, and program governance.

The fee structure is not designed to maximize revenue from credit issuance, but to ensure the continuity, transparency, and integrity of program operations.

Transparency and public disclosure

These financial statements are disclosed as part of BioCarbon Cert's commitment to:

- institutional transparency;
- accountability to stakeholders; and
- alignment with international best practices in governance of environmental crediting programs.

Going concern

Based on its financial position as at 31 December 2025, BioCarbon Cert has sufficient resources to continue operating and fulfilling its functions in the foreseeable future.

Statement of responsibility

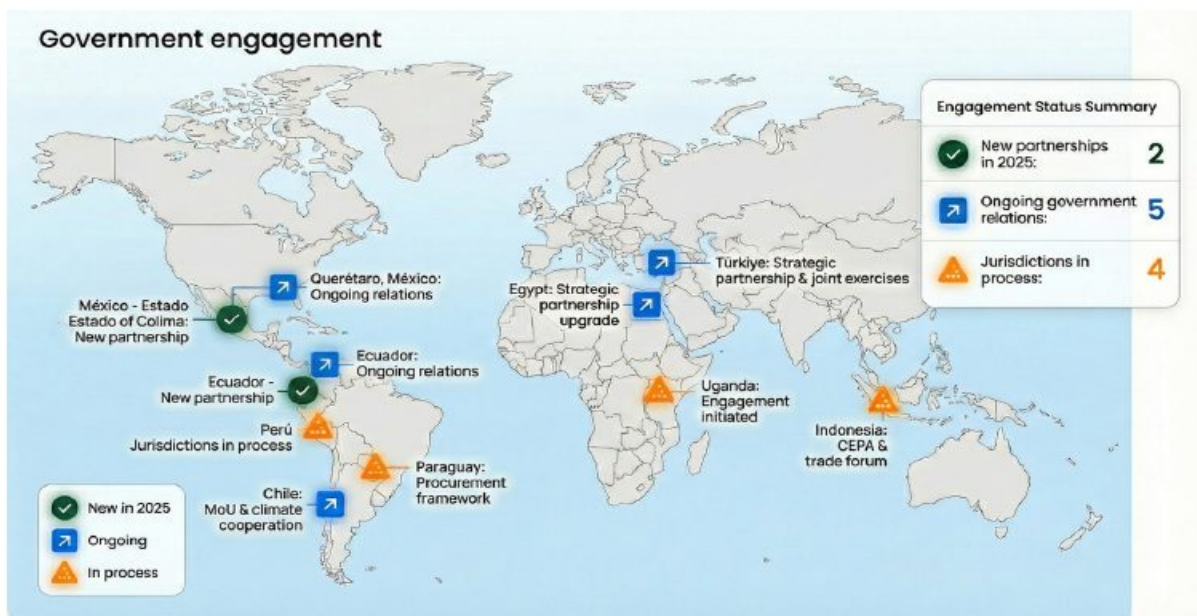
Management confirms that the information presented in these financial statements is accurate in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting and reporting principles.

Government and regulatory engagement

During 2025, BioCarbon continued strengthening its engagement with governments that are developing or refining carbon market frameworks, with particular attention to regulatory developments related to the Paris Agreement, Article 6, and emerging domestic market systems. These efforts supported dialogue on how projects developed under the BioCarbon Standard may interact with evolving national and subnational mitigation frameworks, while also helping ensure that BioCarbon's rules remain responsive to relevant regulatory developments in key jurisdictions.

BioCarbon's government engagement takes place in a context of uneven regulatory development. While some jurisdictions are advancing in the implementation of Article 6 and related market instruments, others continue to face practical challenges associated with MRV systems, host country authorization, corresponding adjustments, and NDC accounting. In this context, BioCarbon seeks to contribute as a technical partner through the development of robust methodologies, procedures, tools, and related guidance designed to support implementation under different national circumstances.

Throughout the year, BioCarbon also maintained and deepened its existing government-facing relationships in Egypt, Chile, and Türkiye, supporting continued dialogue on carbon market development, regulatory approaches, and the potential application of the BioCarbon Standard in those contexts. BioCarbon also initiated new government dialogues during the year, reflecting growing interest in the role that independent carbon standards may play as countries continue operationalizing their NDCs and related market instruments.



Governance, Ethics, and Compliance

Governance framework and oversight

BioCarbon’s governance structure is built on accountability, transparency, and integrity, with a clear separation between strategic and operational management.

Key Governance Bodies and Roles

Board of Directors: The highest governing body responsible for strategic direction, policy approval, risk oversight, and safeguarding the organization’s long-term interests. The Board operates independently from day-to-day management.

Standing Committees: To ensure expert oversight, the Board delegates specific authorities to four permanent committees:

- Governance & Nominations Committee (GNRC)
- Audit, Finance & Risk Committee (AFRC)
- Technical & Methodology Committee (TMC)
- Ethics, Compliance & Integrity Committee (ECIC)

Executive Management: Led by the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Management is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the organization, the implementation of strategic decisions adopted by the Board, and the overall coordination of operational functions.

Independent Advisory Group: Provides specialized technical input on emerging regulations and market trends to support informed decision-making.

This governance framework reinforces BioCarbon’s commitment to independence and impartiality, supporting informed decision-making, robust risk management, and compliance with regulatory, social, and environmental obligations.

Ethics, Compliance and Risk Oversight

In 2025, BioCarbon further strengthened its ethics and compliance model as a core component of its institutional framework. Rather than operating through isolated policies, BioCarbon maintains an integrated system of ethical standards, compliance procedures, control measures, and reporting mechanisms designed to promote responsible conduct, prevent misconduct, and support the credibility of its programs, processes, and systems. This framework applies across the organization and extends to directors, employees, contractors, service providers, project participants, and other relevant third parties.

This model addresses key areas including ethical conduct, conflict of interest management, anti-corruption controls, financial integrity, impartiality, complaints handling, and internal and external reporting channels. During 2025, BioCarbon continued updating and consolidating the main instruments that support this framework, reinforcing consistency in the way legal, operational, reputational, and governance-related risks are identified, managed, and overseen.

The following policies and instruments formed part of this framework in their updated versions during 2025.

Policy / Instrument	Version	Purpose
Code of Ethics	v 4.0	Defines the core ethical principles, values, and rules of conduct applicable across BioCarbon’s activities and relationships. It defines standards on integrity, transparency, human rights, stakeholder engagement, conflicts of interest, anti-corruption, data protection, AML/CFT, non-retaliation, and responsible workplace conduct.
Sexual Harassment Prevention in the Workplace	v 1.0	Sets out the preventive, protective, reporting, investigation, and response measures applicable to sexual harassment in the workplace. It defines procedures, guarantees, and protection mechanisms for alleged victims, while reinforcing equality, non-discrimination, due process, confidentiality, and a workplace free from violence.
Anti-Corruption Policy and Procedures	v 3.0	Establishes the principles, responsibilities, and procedures through which BioCarbon prevents, detects, and addresses bribery, corruption, undue influence, and conflicts of interest. It also includes safeguards on institutional independence, gifts and hospitality, sponsorships and donations, facilitation payments, reporting mechanisms, and integrity controls.
AML/CFT Policy	v 1.0	Provides the risk-based controls and procedures applied by BioCarbon to prevent money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. It includes customer due diligence, screening, source-of-funds review, sanctions compliance, suspicious transaction reporting, and governance and training measures.
Whistleblowing Policy and Internal Investigations Manual	v 4.0	Defines the framework for confidential or anonymous reporting of suspected misconduct and for the fair, timely, and impartial handling of internal investigations. It defines reportable matters, investigation procedures, case closure, whistleblower protection, anti-retaliation safeguards, corrective measures, and monitoring responsibilities.
Complaints Handling Manual	v 2.2	Outlines the procedures for receiving, recording, investigating, resolving, and monitoring complaints related to BioCarbon’s crediting programs and services. It supports accessibility, fairness, transparency, confidentiality, and continuous improvement in the handling of stakeholder concerns.
Impartiality Management	v 3.0	Sets out the principles, responsibilities, and operational controls applied to ensure impartiality, independence, and the absence of undue influence in certification and registration processes. It includes safeguards on conflicts of interest, separation of functions, financial independence, market neutrality, stakeholder recusal procedures, and ongoing oversight.

Transparency mechanisms

BioCarbon maintains formal transparency mechanisms to ensure that concerns, complaints, and potential ethical breaches are addressed through accessible, impartial, and documented processes. These mechanisms support accountability across the organization and strengthen confidence in the way BioCarbon manages stakeholder interactions and internal oversight.

During 2025, the Petitions, Complaints, and Claims (PQR) System remained the main channel for the receipt and handling of stakeholder concerns. All submissions received during the year were reviewed and resolved in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.

BioCarbon maintains its Ethics and Compliance Channel as a dedicated mechanism for reporting potential ethical violations. During 2025, one report was received, investigated, and addressed through the corresponding corrective actions.

Privacy and data protection

In 2025, BioCarbon strengthened its data protection framework to reinforce responsible data handling and safeguard stakeholder information. This included the formalization of internal policies and procedures governing the processing of personal and sensitive data, as well as the continued implementation of data protection provisions in agreements with relevant third parties that may access or process such information.

Global commitments and certifications

BioCarbon's commitment to transparency, sustainability, and global accountability is demonstrated through its active engagement in key international initiatives.

UN Global Compact

BioCarbon is a proud [member](#) of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. In 2025, BioCarbon successfully completed its Communication on Progress (CoP), reaffirming its commitment to the Ten Principles in human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. This report demonstrates ongoing efforts to align operations and strategies with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and global best practices.

Eco-Friendly Web Alliance Certification

In 2025, BioCarbon achieved certification from the Eco-Friendly Web Alliance (EFWA), recognizing its commitment to reducing the digital carbon footprint of its online platforms. This certification underscores efforts to ensure that even the digital presence aligns with the mission of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

These achievements reinforce BioCarbon's broader commitment to transparency, sustainability, and responsible institutional practice, while supporting the continued development of its programs under clear technical and governance frameworks.

International recognition and alignment

BioCarbon Standard continued strengthening its international positioning during 2025 through ongoing recognition processes and alignment efforts relevant to environmental markets.

BioCarbon maintained its recognition by the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance (ICROA), following its initial recognition in 2023. This continued recognition provides external confirmation of BioCarbon Standard's participation in a recognized market framework and supports its broader international positioning.

During the same period, BioCarbon also advanced in other relevant international processes. These included continued progress toward alignment with the Core Carbon Principles (CCPs) of the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM), including entry into the assessment phase during the second half of 2025, as well as preparations for submission to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA), administered by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in early 2026.

BioCarbon also continued strengthening its international positioning in biodiversity markets through the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard (BBS). The development of BBS has been informed by the High-Level Principles to Guide the Biodiversity Credit Market promoted through the Biodiversity Credit Alliance (BCA), which provide an important reference point for the development of biodiversity crediting approaches and market practices.

Team and organizational culture

BioCarbon operates through an international team that brings together experience from different regional, cultural, and professional contexts. This diversity supports the organization's work across climate, biodiversity, and market-based environmental initiatives, while strengthening its ability to engage with stakeholders in different jurisdictions and operating environments.

The composition of the team also contributes to broader institutional capacity by combining technical, operational, and strategic perspectives across multiple regions. This international footprint supports informed decision-making and reinforces BioCarbon's ability to respond to evolving market, regulatory, and implementation contexts.

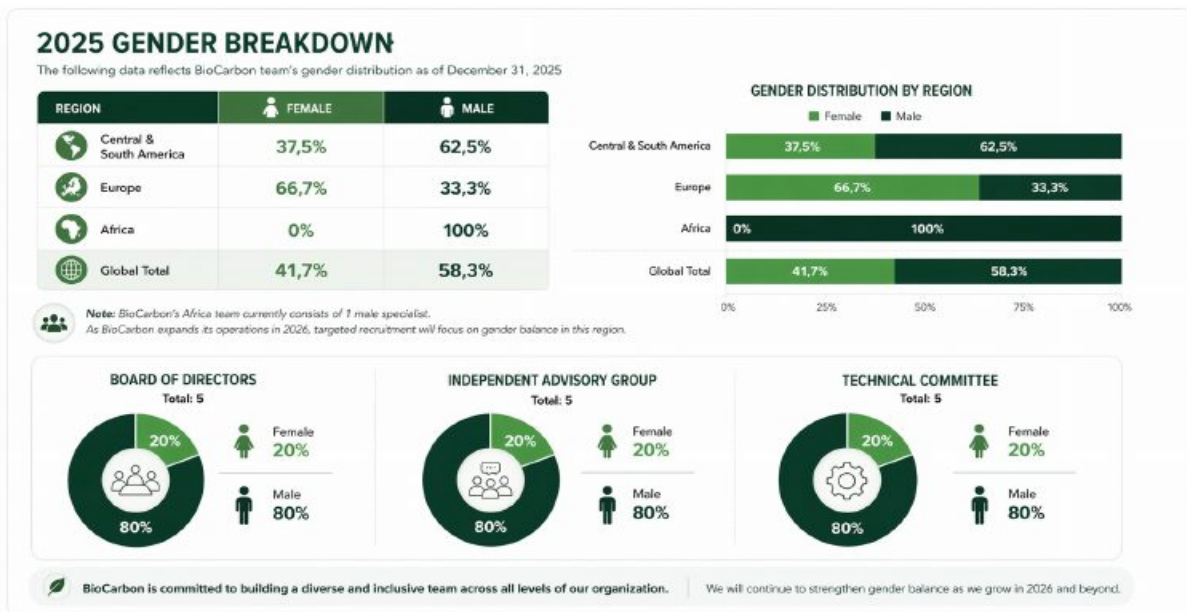
As of December 31, 2025, BioCarbon's team comprised 12 professionals across three continents, reflecting a multigenerational and multicultural organization. This composition supports the organization's current operations while providing a foundation for future growth.

BioCarbon recognizes gender equity as an important element of inclusive and sustainable action across climate, biodiversity, and water initiatives. BioCarbon was founded by women and maintains a commitment to gender equity across its operations, including the promotion of inclusive participation and leadership opportunities.

While current regulatory frameworks require binary reporting in certain contexts, BioCarbon maintains an institutional culture that recognizes and respects gender diversity.

2025 Gender Breakdown

The following data reflects BioCarbon team’s gender distribution as of December 31, 2025



Note: BioCarbon’s Africa team in 2025 consisted of 1 male specialist. As BioCarbon expands its operations in 2026, targeted recruitment will focus on gender balance in this region.

BioCarbon’s Commitment to Improvement

BioCarbon is a [signatory](#) of the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs), reinforcing its commitment to gender equality and women’s empowerment in the workplace, the marketplace, and the community.

While gender representation varies across regions and roles, BioCarbon continues to strengthen its approach to building a more inclusive organization. Current priorities include promoting diversity in recruitment, supporting professional development, and fostering an environment where different perspectives contribute to informed decision-making.

While current gender representation varies across regions and leadership levels, BioCarbon continues to strengthen its efforts to build a more balanced and inclusive organization. Its current areas of focus include:

- **Encouraging Diversity in Hiring:** Ensuring that BioCarbon’s recruitment processes attract and retain **talented professionals of all genders**, particularly in technical and leadership roles.
- **Supporting Career Growth:** Providing training, mentorship, and leadership development opportunities to help all team members advance in their careers.
- **Promoting Inclusive Culture:** Fostering a workplace where every voice is heard and valued, and where diverse perspectives contribute to stronger decision-making.

BioCarbon recognizes gender equity as an ongoing institutional priority and remains committed to making steady, measurable progress across the organization.

Age representation

BioCarbon’s 2025 age distribution analysis reflects a diverse global workforce, comprising full-time, part-time, and contract professionals. By monitoring representation across three key demographics, under 30, 30–50, and over 50 years of age, BioCarbon ensures a balanced and multigenerational organizational structure.

Looking Ahead: Strengthening BioCarbon’s Culture

In 2026, BioCarbon will continue investing in its team as a core foundation of its institutional strength and long-term impact. Internal cohesion, professional development, and shared purpose will remain central to the organization’s ability to respond effectively to evolving environmental and market contexts.

By strengthening its organizational culture from within, BioCarbon seeks to consolidate a team equipped to lead with consistency, credibility, and purpose.

Strategic priorities and forward outlook

As BioCarbon looks ahead, its strategic direction remains centered on the continued development of technically robust programs across carbon, biodiversity, and water. This next stage of growth is expected to combine methodological development, institutional strengthening, and broader engagement with evolving environmental markets and regulatory frameworks.

The organization’s forward-looking agenda is shaped by the need to maintain consistency, transparency, and technical rigor while responding to new opportunities in market infrastructure, digital systems, biodiversity finance, and international climate mechanisms. The specific priorities that will guide this work are outlined in the final section of this report.

Expansion of the water program

BioCarbon will continue advancing the BioCarbon Water Standard as part of its broader effort to support structured approaches to water security and resource management. This includes

further methodological development and the exploration of project applications across different regional contexts.

Development of the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard

BioCarbon will continue advancing the Biodiversity BioCarbon Standard, with a focus on moving from methodological development towards initial project implementation and credit issuance. This includes further refinement of quantification and monitoring approaches, as well as continued engagement with stakeholders involved in emerging biodiversity markets. In this context, BioCarbon aims to contribute to the development of structured approaches that support the measurement and recognition of biodiversity outcomes under consistent program rules.

Alignment with international frameworks

BioCarbon will continue advancing its alignment with key international frameworks relevant to environmental markets, including the Core Carbon Principles (CCPs) of the ICVCM, CORSIA eligibility requirements, and developments under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This work includes the ongoing refinement of its standards, methodologies, and program tools to ensure consistency with evolving expectations related to governance, transparency, additionality, permanence, and the avoidance of double counting. Strengthening this alignment is a key priority to support the recognition and use of credits issued under the BioCarbon Standard across different market mechanisms and jurisdictions.

Resource mobilization and institutional capacity

BioCarbon recognizes that the effective implementation of its standards depends on sustained technical, operational, and financial capacity. Strengthening internal expertise, program management capabilities, and access to resources remains a central priority to ensure consistency, quality, and long-term institutional resilience.

BioCarbon will continue investing in its team and fostering a collaborative, values-driven culture that supports innovation and integrity. By empowering people, BioCarbon aims to remain agile, responsive, and capable of delivering on its commitments.

Access to finance and market integration

Access to finance remains a key constraint in environmental markets, particularly in emerging economies. BioCarbon's multi-program approach is intended to support more structured linkages between project development, international demand, and climate finance mechanisms, including evolving frameworks under Article 6 and complementary revenue streams such as biodiversity and water-related outcomes.

Engagement with evolving regulatory frameworks

BioCarbon will continue engaging with governments and regulatory developments related to carbon markets, Article 6 implementation, and national climate strategies. This includes contributing to discussions on how independent standards can operate within diverse regulatory contexts while maintaining methodological consistency and transparency.

Digital MRV development

BioCarbon will continue exploring the role of digital monitoring, reporting, and verification (dMRV) as a complement to existing MRV systems. This work focuses on improving data management, traceability, and operational efficiency, while addressing challenges related to data governance, interoperability, and accessibility.

Institutional strengthening

BioCarbon recognizes that the continued development of its programs and its engagement with evolving environmental markets require strong institutional capacity. This includes the need to consolidate expertise in areas such as environmental markets, regulatory frameworks, digital technologies, and program development, in line with the organization's evolving needs.

Strengthening internal capabilities remains an important priority in light of the increasing technical and operational demands associated with carbon, biodiversity, and water markets. This priority is closely linked to BioCarbon's ability to support consistent program implementation, respond to regulatory and market developments, and engage effectively with a wide range of stakeholders.

Expanding BioCarbon's Global Reach

Expanding the application of BioCarbon's standards across new regions through targeted partnerships and market engagement. This expansion aligns with growing demand for transparent, science-backed solutions that address local and global sustainability challenges.

Deepening community engagement and safeguards

BioCarbon is committed to scaling structured engagement frameworks to ensure communities are not just beneficiaries but active partners in shaping climate and sustainability action. By proactively listening to and collaborating with IPs and LCs, BioCarbon aligns its programs with their needs and priorities, while respecting applicable safeguards. This approach strengthens the equity and effectiveness of solutions, setting a benchmark for inclusive, community-driven impact.

Enhancing visibility and transparency

BioCarbon will continue to highlight the improvements and advancements in its programs, ensuring progress is clear, accessible, and aligned with global standards. By maintaining clear and accessible communication on program developments, BioCarbon aims to strengthen market understanding of its standards and their application.

A vision for interconnected impact

BioCarbon's carbon, biodiversity, and water programs address interrelated challenges linked to climate change, ecosystem degradation, and resource management. While each program operates independently, together they reflect a broader institutional approach grounded in technical rigor, measurable outcomes, and the recognition that environmental markets are becoming increasingly interconnected.

Looking ahead, BioCarbon sees important opportunities to strengthen the complementarity of these programs through continued methodological development, broader market engagement, and the gradual incorporation of new tools and approaches. Through this evolution, BioCarbon aims to contribute to more structured and responsive environmental markets across carbon, biodiversity, and water.

These priorities guide BioCarbon's approach to program development, market engagement, and institutional growth, supporting its role as a standard-setter in evolving environmental markets.

About BioCarbon

Our role

BioCarbon is a standard-setter focused on climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable water resource management. Through its carbon, biodiversity, and water programs, BioCarbon develops and administers standards, methodologies, and program tools that support the quantification, assessment, and recognition of environmental outcomes under clear technical and procedural requirements.

Its work is grounded in technical rigor, structured governance, and the application of transparent program rules across different environmental markets and contexts.

What BioCarbon does

BioCarbon designs and maintains program frameworks that define how environmental outcomes are quantified, assessed, verified, and recognized. These frameworks include standards, methodologies, tools, and procedures that are applied by project holders, independent auditors, and other stakeholders across the project lifecycle.

Through this approach, BioCarbon supports the development of projects and initiatives that contribute to climate mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and water resource management, while ensuring that results are measurable, verifiable, and supported by consistent methodologies and monitoring requirements.

Our programs

BioCarbon operates through three complementary programs.

BioCarbon Standard (GHG Crediting Program)

Provides the requirements, methodologies and program rules for projects that reduce and/or remove greenhouse gas emissions. The program supports the generation of Verified Carbon Credits (VCCs) from activities across sectors such as AFOLU, energy, transport, and waste, based on structured methodologies and standardized tools.

BioCarbon Biodiversity Standard (BBS)

Establishes a framework for the assessment and recognition of biodiversity outcomes associated with conservation, restoration, and sustainable use activities. The program is based on measurable indicators, structured monitoring, and independent audit processes, ensuring that biodiversity results are attributable and supported by verifiable evidence.

BioCarbon Water Standard (BWS)

Provides the framework for projects that contribute to the sustainable management and conservation of water resources. The program supports the generation of Verified Water

Credits (VWCs) based on measurable improvements in water availability, quality, and regulation, using defined methodologies and monitoring approaches.

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