

# Official Statement No. 01

## Extension of the 'Innovation Phase' of Cercarbono Biodiversity Certification Programme

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Cercarbono informs all stakeholders and interested parties that the **Biodiversity Programme** began its *Innovation Phase* on March 22, 2024, with the official publication of the Protocol.

During this stage, the first pilot project, **Savimbo Biodiversity Putumayo**, was registered on September 20, 2024, and certified on August 14, 2025, enabling the issuance of the first **Innovation Voluntary Biodiversity Credits (iVBCs)**. This milestone marked a key step in the implementation of the Program.

The experience gained from this initial pilot has highlighted the importance of developing additional pilot projects in different contexts, in order to strengthen the robustness of the Program and its ability to adapt to the dynamic biodiversity credit market. Therefore, and in line with the provisions of the Protocol, Cercarbono has decided to **extend the Innovation Phase for an additional year**, starting from the certification date of the first project (August 14, 2025).

It is important to note that, pursuant to the Protocol, **revisions and updates to the CBCP may be carried out on a continuous basis** when necessary adjustments are identified, or in response to significant changes in regulations, science, or technology. All updated versions will be communicated in a timely manner to the relevant stakeholders.

With this decision, Cercarbono seeks to ensure the **continuous improvement, technical integrity, and effectiveness** of the Program, reaffirming its commitment to innovative solutions that promote the **conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development**.



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