

ERS – Ecosystem Restoration Standard



Agenda

- 2024 Milestones
- Secretariat Updates
- Certification Pipeline
- Next steps

2024 *Milestones*

We applied for the 3 key accreditations



We tested our apps with developers in the field, greatly enhancing the certification journey for both project developers and our teams



We published an updated version of the Standard (v1.1) with significant improvements



We secured over **1 million** hectares in certification



We raised a **\$5M** seed extension to power our next stage of growth



We released our new Registry on APX



Secretariat *Updates*

01

Accreditations

- ICVCM: first PCR answered in November, awaiting second PCR early February
- ICROA: need to issue VRUs on 2 projects to get final approval
- CORSIA: application was “not assessed”. ERS will be reapplying in 2026

02

v1.2

- RP003 approved by the TAB in Q4-2024. A following RP is expected mid-February
- Public consultations on Secondary Forest Growth & PRUs will be launched next week (03/02)
- v1.2 is expected to be released by end of Q1/beginning of Q2-2025

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Upcoming Methodologies

- M002 - Agroforestry (early Q3 release)
- M003 - Mangrove Restoration (Q3 release)
- M004 - Landscape-scale Restoration (Q4 release)

Secretariat *Updates*

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Symbiosis Coalition

- + 5 projects from our pipeline will be applying to the coalition
- We aim to release a Mangrove methodology to allow ERS-certified projects to participate in their second RFP (expected H2-2025)

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VVBs

- First Validation & Verification took place in January (Verifit)
- 3 VVBs active and listed on the website
- 2 VVBs trained and in contracting
- 6 VVBs in the process: Aster Global [SGS], SustainCERT, TÜV SÜD, NovaCert, EcoLance, Mutu

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Secretariat Team

- Hannah Robinson joined as Director of Secretariat in January
- Currently hiring a Secretariat Agent, a Methodology Lead, and a Mangrove Specialist
- Henry Brabant moving to the product team
- Parted ways with Maria-Fernanda Buitrago at the end of Q4-2024

Project *Pipeline*



Feasibility

17 projects
+980k ha



Project Design

7 projects
≈18k ha

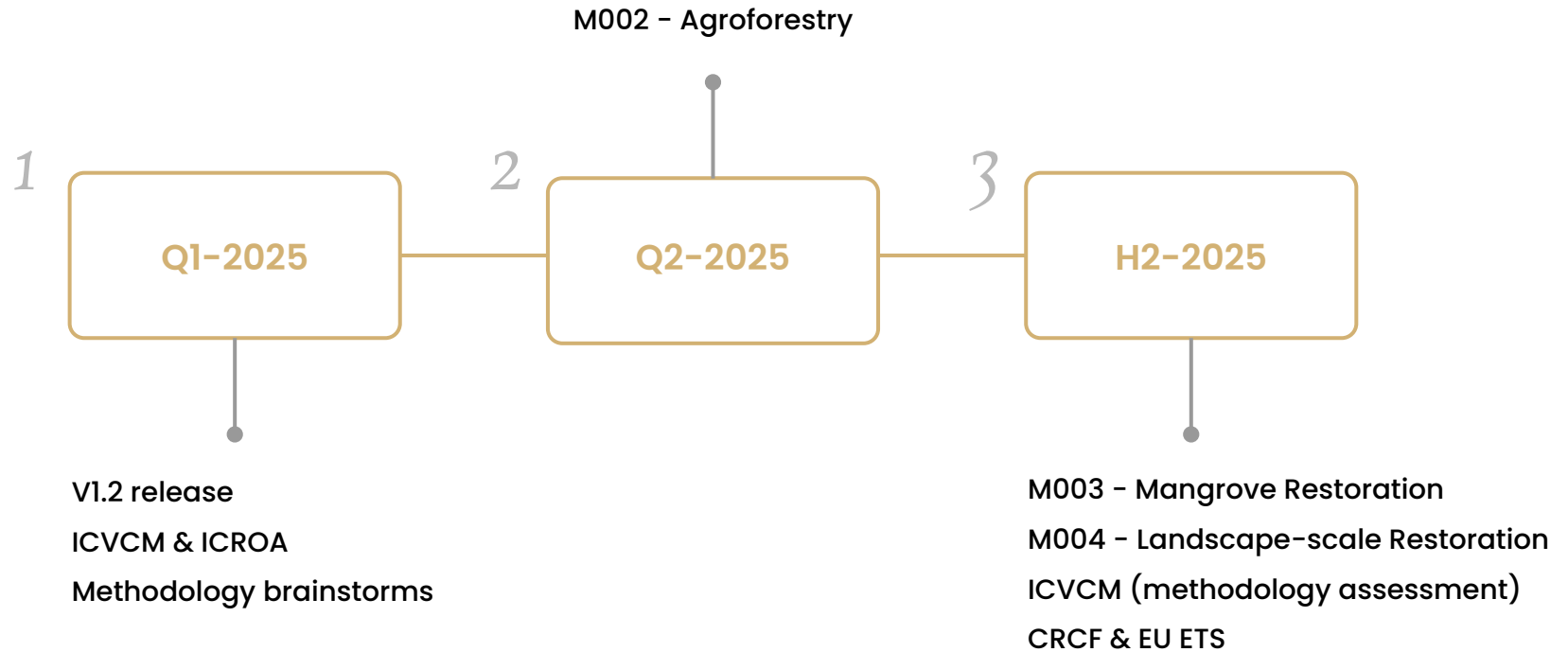


**Validation &
Verification**

1 project
45 ha

ERS expects 5 projects to validate and/or verify by the end of Q1-2025.
Our pipeline is now available on our website at <https://www.ers.org/projects-pipe>.

Next *Steps*





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