

An aerial photograph of a dense forest, likely a coniferous forest, with a mix of green and golden-brown trees. The image is overlaid with a grid of semi-transparent circular highlights that focus on individual trees or small groups of trees. The overall color palette is dominated by greens and yellows, suggesting an autumn or late summer setting.

ACR

AT WINROCK INTERNATIONAL

Ambitious Climate Results

ACR is an internationally recognized carbon crediting program that operates in global compliance and voluntary carbon markets. A nonprofit enterprise of Winrock International, ACR was founded in 1996 as the first private greenhouse gas (GHG) registry in the world with the mission of harnessing the power of markets to improve the environment.

ACR has long pioneered science-based methodologies for activities that reduce and remove GHG emissions in the forestry and land use, energy and industrial sectors. ACR methodologies are built on the ACR Standard, which is rooted in sound science to ensure the emission reduction and removal credits we issue are real, additional, permanent and independently verified. Approved ACR methodologies include:

INDUSTRIAL

- *Advanced Refrigeration Systems*
- *Capturing and Destroying Methane from Coal and Trona Mines*
- *Carbon Capture and Storage*
- *Certified Reclaimed HFC Refrigerants, Propellants, and Fire Suppressants*
- *Destruction of Ozone Depleting Substances*
- *Landfill Gas Destruction and Beneficial Use*
- *Plugging Orphaned Oil and Gas Wells*
- *Transition to Advanced Formulation Blowing Agents in Foam Manufacturing and Use*

LAND USE, LAND USE CHANGE, AND FORESTRY

- *Active Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forests*
- *Afforestation and Reforestation of Degraded Lands*
- *Avoided Conversion of Grasslands and Shrublands*
- *Improved Forest Management*
- *Restoration of Wetlands*

ACR issues serialized credits on a publicly available registry that tracks the carbon projects, as well as all credits issued, retired and canceled.



A Global Leader in Compliance and Voluntary Carbon Markets

ACR operates as a trusted partner with those sourcing carbon credits to meet regulatory or voluntary climate commitments. Buyers can be confident that ACR-issued credits represent real, credible, verified emission reductions and removals with strong safeguards and sustainable development co-benefits.

OUR MARKETS



Voluntary Carbon Market

In the global voluntary carbon market, ACR is a trusted source of high-integrity credits for companies on the path to meet science-aligned targets, abatement goals and net-zero emissions. ACR focuses on crediting emission reductions and removals where we can ensure environmental and social integrity, make a positive impact at a meaningful scale, and have strong in-house expertise. Innovation is in our DNA. For example, our methodologies to reduce methane and high Global Warming Potential refrigerant gasses, as well as for Improved Forest Management and Carbon Capture and Storage all broke new ground, offering solutions to the market that were not previously available.



International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

ACR is approved by the ICAO Council to supply emission reduction and removals credits to airlines for use towards their obligations under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). As a result of our commitment to ensure no double counting with the Paris Agreement, ACR and Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART) – our sister crediting program at Environmental Resources Trust – were the first (and currently the only) crediting programs approved by ICAO to supply post-2020 credits for the 2021-2023 CORSIA period as well as for the first CORSIA compliance period 2024-2026.



Government of Singapore

ACR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Singapore's National Environment Agency, as part of the country's efforts to operationalize Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Starting in 2024, Singapore-based companies can offset up to 5% of their taxable emissions by acquiring eligible high-quality carbon credits issued by ACR.



California Cap-and-Trade

Since 2012, ACR has operated as the leading Offset Project Registry (OPR) for the California Cap-and-Trade program, where we have issued over two thirds of the credits used by regulated entities toward their emissions reduction requirements.



Washington State Cap-and-Invest

In 2023, ACR was approved as one of the first Offset Project Registries (OPRs) for the State of Washington's Cap-and-Invest Program.



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