



## Great Bear Forest Carbon Project



The Great Bear Rainforest is home to the largest intact coastal temperate rainforest remaining in the world. The resources of the Great Bear are vast and valuable to Coastal First Nations, environmental groups, forest companies and governments. Together, these groups have adopted an Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) approach that values the forest not as a source of lumber alone, but as a balanced system that sustains biodiversity and an enriched community.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

The Great Bear Forest Carbon Project is an Improved Forest Management project. The project activities include changes in land-use legislation and regulation that result in increased carbon stocks by converting forests that were previously designated, sanctioned, or approved for commercial logging to protected forests. Emissions caused by harvesting, road building and other forestry operations are also prevented. It is a landmark project for balancing human well-being and ecological integrity through carbon finance, and is the first carbon project in North America on traditional territory with unextinguished Aboriginal rights and title.

### **CARBON OFFSETS MADE IT HAPPEN**

Without offset funds, the protected areas would not have been established and harvest levels would not have been reduced. The GBR



is unique in that it is the only Improved Forest Management project of its scale that has equal involvement with the First Nations and the BC Government, strong legal and policy foundations, and robust data to support the quantification of ecosystem services. This is not simply a conservation project; it is a model for sustainable development in an economically valuable but ecologically and culturally vulnerable area.

## **OTHER BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT**

Funds from the sale of carbon offsets in the GBR will go towards creating jobs within the First Nations Communities in the Project area. By creating a conservation economy that puts a dollar value on carbon absorption, funds are returned to the original stewards of this land. Returning forest management to the Coastal First Nations addresses longstanding concerns about new employment at home for First Nations in the Great Bear region.

## **INVEST IN A CONSERVATION ECONOMY**

The Great Bear Forest Carbon Project is available through purchase of our [Synergy Portfolio Offsets](#).

### Project At A Glance

Project Location: North and Central-Mid Coast & Haida Gwaii, BC Canada

Project Type: Improved Forest Management

Standard: BC Forest Carbon Offset Protocol (FCOP)

Credits Generated per Year: up to 1,000,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Equivalent # of cars up to 208,333 ([Based on](#)



removed from the road annually:	<a href="#">EPA GHG Equivalency Calculator)</a>
Validator:	Stantec
Verifier:	KPMG
Project Start Dates:	2009/2011
Project Lifetime:	25 years