

## Woodland Carbon Code

The Woodland Carbon Code is a voluntary certification scheme that predicts and monitors the carbon sequestration in new woodlands. This provides assurance to carbon buyers that the schemes they have invested in are achievable and realistic.

There are three stages to the process; Registration, Validation and Verification. If you are in receipt of Glastir Woodland Creation – Native Woodland Carbon grant, you must register your project within 2 years of planting. Registration fulfils your obligations and you are not required to go any further. If you wish to sell your carbon credits in the future then you will need to go through the Validation and Verification processes.

### Registration

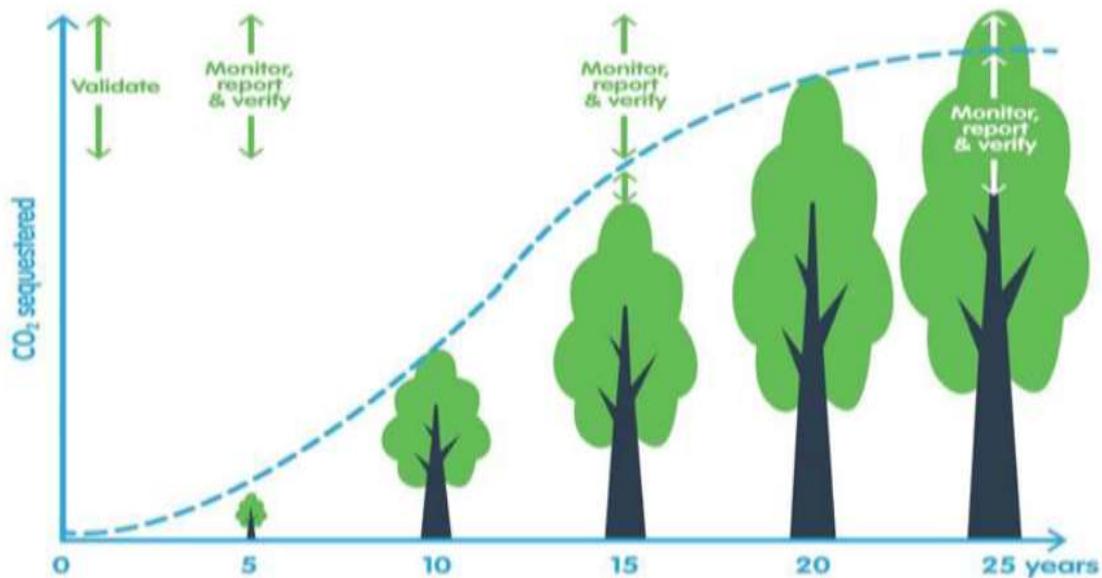
We register our own clients' schemes free of charge. Please contact us to discuss if your scheme was prepared by an external agent.

### Validation

Following Project Registration, if you wish to have the option to sell the carbon units sequestered by your new woodland you need to Validate your project. A Project Design Document detailing your project is reviewed by a third party validator. Your project will be issued a number of PIUs (Pending Issuance Unit) which equate to the amount of carbon that your project is *expected* to sequester over its lifetime.

### Verification

Each project then needs to be Verified at Year 5, and then at 10 yearly intervals. A progress report is sent to third party verifiers, who will undertake sampling surveys to confirm that your woodland is growing as expected, and that the predicted amount of carbon has been sequestered. After each Verification, your predicted carbon units are confirmed/adjusted as necessary and are converted in to confirmed 'Woodland Carbon Units' (i.e. your PIUs are converted to WCUs).



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Grouping schemes together offers a cost saving in preparing and validating the initial Project Design Document, and the subsequent verification stages. In addition there are further benefits to be gained from joining the group;

- Collation of all information required and liaison with third party validators
- First two Monitoring surveys and Project Progress Reports undertaken (years 5 and 15) and submitted for the group
- The potential in the future to market the scheme as a whole with a view of obtaining a higher price for your carbon through targeted marketing and liaison with potential carbon buyers on your behalf

If you are interested in joining our group scheme then contact us on [elen@coed.cymru](mailto:elen@coed.cymru)