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PRE-EVENT REPORT

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RESPONSIBLE ENTITY NAME	GoSea Pty Ltd trading as World Surfari Events
NAME OF EVENT	Noosa Festival of Surfing
EVENT DATE(S)	8-17 th March 2024
DECLARATION	<p><i>To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.</i></p> 
	Name of signatory: John Finlay Position of signatory: Director Date: 12 October 2023



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**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	250 tCO ₂ -e
OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Dee Cartmel, Registered Consultant on behalf of Ecovantage
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	N/A

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

- Event name: Noosa Festival of Surfing 2024
- Event dates: 8 – 17 March 2024
- Event location: Noosa Heads, Main Beach
- Expected attendees: 500

Activity data collected from previous occurrences of this event has informed the preparation of this carbon inventory.

Event description

The Noosa Festival of Surfing (NFOS) is the responsibility of GoSea Pty Ltd and managed by World Surfari Pty Ltd on behalf of the Noosa Malibu Club since 2019. Both World Surfari and the Club hold environmental and social responsibility as key to the operation, development and future of the event, not only for the local Noosa community but also for surfing culture globally.

The festival is an 8 day program, being held from 8th to 17th March 2024 at First Point and Main Beach, Noosa, Queensland. Attracting approximately 500 unique attendees (surfing competitors, employees and volunteers) from the local region, interstate and overseas. NFOS is classed as a Small Event and has not previously been certified. Other events that coincide with the festival and promoted by NFOS are not included in the carbon neutral certification as these associated events are outside the control of the responsible entity.

As per The Event Standard, developed and administered by the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources adapted from the GHG Protocol – Corporate Standard (WBCSD and WRI, 2004)), the following emissions sources are deemed to be relevant:

- All electricity associated with operating the event
- Attendee travel (e.g. ground and air transport of staff, volunteers, presenters and surfing participants)
- Food and drink consumed at the event
- Accommodation (when applicable)

These emissions are considered significant emissions and must always be quantified regardless of materiality. All other emissions identified as arising as a consequence of an event are assessed for relevance.

For more information, please visit <https://www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com/>

3. EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

Quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory.

Non-quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

Outside the emissions boundary

Excluded emissions are those that have been assessed as not relevant to the event's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary		Outside emission boundary
<u>Quantified</u>	<u>Non-quantified</u>	<u>Excluded</u>
Accommodation and facilities		N/A
Electricity		
Food & drinks		
Stationary energy (liquid fuels)		
Transport (air)		
Transport (land)		
Waste		
Water		
Merchandise		

Data collection

Emission source	Data collection method	Assumptions / conservative approach taken
Competitor travel	Survey collected on the online entry form	Amount will be similar to previous year
Competitor accommodation	Survey collected on the online entry form	Amount will be similar to previous year
Food and drinks	Catering Invoices	Amount will be similar to previous year
Electricity	Meter readings	Amount will be similar to previous year
Waste	Daily visual audits	Amount will be similar to previous year
Fuel	Invoices for generator fuel used to power the judges' equipment at remote locations	Amount will be similar to previous year
Merchandise	Invoices	Amount will be similar to previous year

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction measures

NFOS attendees come to enjoy the iconic coastline, natural beaches, dunes and tidal ecosystems, coastal parks, all part of the UNESCO listed Noosa Biosphere Reserve which locals are passionate in preserving. Noosa encourages all visitors to tread lightly and be conscious travellers when staying and playing in our pristine marine, waterways, hinterland, parks and wilderness. Our surf culture is embedded in this uniquely environmentally sensitive ethos.

The surrounding coastline, in particular First Point at Main Beach is one of just 10 World Surfing Reserves. It has significant cultural, social and historical meaning to the traditional custodians, the Kabi-Kabi peoples, residents and surfers around the world. The Festival recognises its event management activities and operations on the beach and in the water and travel have the potential to have both positive and negative environmental, economic and social impact. The Festival commits to continually improve the environmental and social sustainability performance and annual benchmarking targets. Our sustainable event management principles are Stewardship, Inclusivity, Integrity and Transparency.

In 2024, we will:

- Measure our use and production of energy, water and waste and
- Encourage participation from our local coastal environmental and surfing conservation community organisations and charities.
- Continue to eliminate all single use plastic at our event and will encourage visitors and contestants to BYO water bottle, coffee cups and reusable plateware.
- Aim for 75% diversion of waste from landfill
- Offer 4 x waste stream bin stations including commercially compostable organics, refundable containers, landfill and recycling.
- Work with Plastic Free Noosa to keep our Plastic Free Champion status and choose suppliers and vendors who adhere to these criteria
- Ensure our Gage Roads Beach Bar is Zero Waste to landfill.
- Support the \$1/paid ticket to the local reforestation project “Trees for Tourism” with Landcare and Tourism Noosa to ensure the habitat of our koalas and other at-risk species are replaced within Noosa Shire.

The Festival will comply with all relevant legislation and regulations within the permit by Noosa Council and strive to achieve international best practice on environmental and sustainability matters. Special consideration will be given to promoting local businesses and wherever possible, eco-accredited products and services will be sourced. World Surfaris will once again appoint a Sustainability Officer and present a Sustainability report with ongoing environmental performance, identification of risk, recording and monitoring of impacts and targets for improvement.

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

N/A

Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a location-based approach.

Emission category	Sum of total emissions (t CO ₂ -e)
Accommodation and facilities	18.46
Electricity	0.92
Food	6.25
Products	0.47
Stationary energy (liquid fuels)	0.06
Transport (air)	188.42
Transport (land and sea)	30.52
Waste	4.41
Water	0.21
Total emissions	249.70

Uplift factors

An uplift factor is an upwards adjustment to the total carbon inventory to account for relevant emissions, which can't be reasonably quantified or estimated. This conservative accounting approach helps ensure the integrity of the carbon neutral claim.

Reason for uplift factor	tCO ₂ -e
N/A	
Total of all uplift factors	
Total footprint to offset <i>(total net emissions from summary table + total uplifts)</i>	

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Eligible offsets retirement summary

This is a pre-event report. Any eligible offsets allocated to this event will be reconciled as part of the post-event report.

Offsets retired for Climate Active carbon neutral certification

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity retired (tCO ₂ -e)
Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project	VCU	VERRA	20 January 2024	14477-599554507-599554756-VCS-VCU-263-VER-KH-14-1748-01012021-31122021-1	2021	0	250
Total eligible offsets							
Total eligible offsets retired and banked for							

Type of offset units	Eligible quantity (used for this reporting period)	Percentage
VCU	250	100%

Co-benefits

The SeaTrees Token restores multiple ecosystems to sequester more CO₂ than you emit. The result is a positive impact on the ocean and the life it supports. For every ton of carbon dioxide emitted from the event, one ton of CO₂ with carbon credits from either the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project in Cambodia or the Colombia Pacific Watershed Projects is retired. The event aims to become “ocean positive” by the additional support of restoring mangrove forests when SeaTrees plants three mangrove trees in Mida Creek, Kenya which has the potential to sequester an additional ton of CO₂. See more at <https://sea-trees.org/pages/southern-cardamom-forest>

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Certificate of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement

Verra, in its capacity as administrator of the Verra Registry, does hereby certify that on 20 Jan 2024, 250 Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) were retired on behalf of:

Noosa Festival of Surfing 2024

Project Name

Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project

VCU Serial Number

14477-599554507-599554756-VCS-VCU-263-VER-KH-14-1748-01012021-31122021-1

Additional Certifications

CCB-Biodiversity Gold; CCB-Climate Gold

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APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **location-based approach**.

Market Based Approach Summary			
Market Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO2-e)	Renewable Percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid electricity	0	0	0%
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	196	0	0%
Residual Electricity	846	0	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	196	0	0%
Total grid electricity	1,042	0	0%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	1,042	0	0%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	846	0	
Scope 2	747	0	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	99	0	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	18.80%
Mandatory	18.80%
Voluntary	0.00%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO2-e)	0.71
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO2-e)	0.09
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	0.71
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	0.09
Total emissions liability (t CO2-e)	0.81

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location Based Approach Summary						
Location Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCo ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qld	1,042	1,042	761	156	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	1,042	1,042	761	156	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
Vic	0	0	0	0		
Qld	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
Tas	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	1,042					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	0.76
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	0.16
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	0.76
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	0.16
Total emissions liability	0.92

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. These emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
N/A	

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the event's electricity.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the event's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** The emissions from a particular source are deemed relevant by key stakeholders.
5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities that were previously undertaken within the event's boundary or from outsourced activities that are typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable events.

Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
N/A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	<p>Size:</p> <p>Influence:</p> <p>Risk:</p> <p>Stakeholders:</p> <p>Outsourcing:</p>





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