

# SUSTAINABILITY IN PORT CONSTRUCTION

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# WORLD BUILDERS

## WATER

From developing the world's most vital waterways to protecting our delicate shores.

## LAND

From carrying out ingenious construction projects to breathing new life into contaminated sites.

## ENERGY

From connecting national energy grids to building large-scale offshore wind farms.



## OUR EXPERTISE



### **Offshore Energy**

We contribute to the energy transition with offshore infrastructure for renewable energy.



### **Dredging Solutions**

We focus on nature-inclusive solutions to build future-proof harbours and protect our coastlines in a changing world.



### **Construction Projects**

We design and construct buildings and mobility infrastructure with innovative and sustainable techniques.



### **Planet Redevelopment**

We offer circular solutions to redevelop polluted sites to create new space for the next generations.

# DREDGING SOLUTIONS

We focus on nature-inclusive solutions to build future-proof ports and protect our coastlines in a changing world.



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# Our expertise

## DREDGING SOLUTIONS



### **Future-proof ports**

We modernise and expand existing ports or build new ones from scratch.



### **Clean and safe waterways**

We maintain, deepen or widen waterways.



### **Land reclamation**

We create new beaches and develop new land.



### **Reinforced and extended coastlines**

We maintain coastlines and install protective structures to prevent flooding and erosion.





# SUSTAINABILITY GREEN PORTS WHY?

As a global leader on water, land and energy, our projects tend to have a global impact. The goal of our sustainability program is to make sure this impact is a **positive one**.



# TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE

There is a global fear for a decline in our quality of life. We have the ambition to improve this for the next generations, tackling some of the greatest challenges of our time:

- We fight climate change by building the transition to renewable energy.
- We protect our shores against the rising sea.
- We clean up soil polluted by chemicals like PFAS.
- We create smooth mobility and the buildings of tomorrow.

And so much more...



# OUR SUSTAINABLE WAY FORWARD

IN  
PORT  
CONSTRUCTION







## OUR SUSTAINABLE WAY FORWARD



### Minimise emissions

We drive the transition to renewable energy and commit to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2035.



### Boost biodiversity

We protect biodiversity in our activities and look for opportunities to create or enrich ecosystems.



### Think circular

We remediate contaminated soil, give new purpose to polluted sites and increase the use of recycled materials in our projects.



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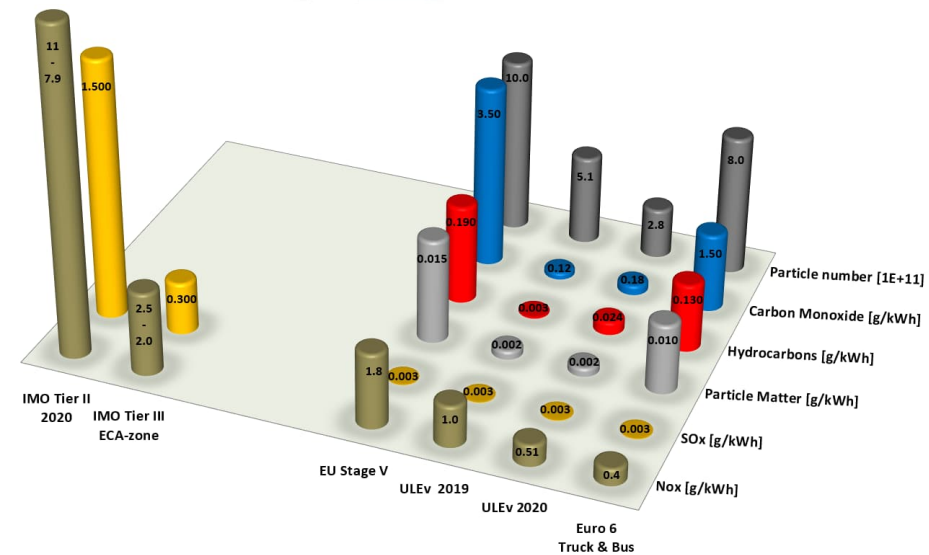
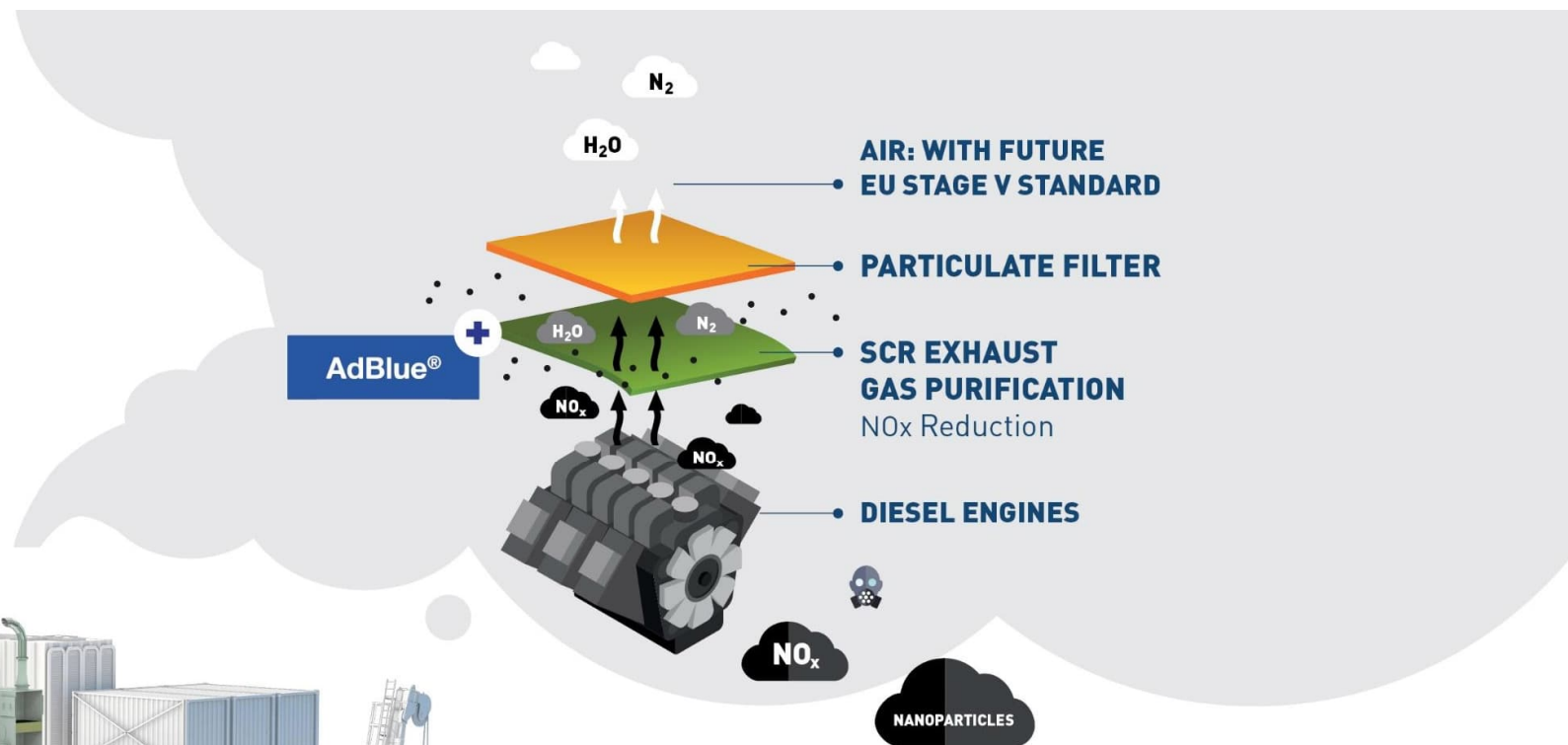
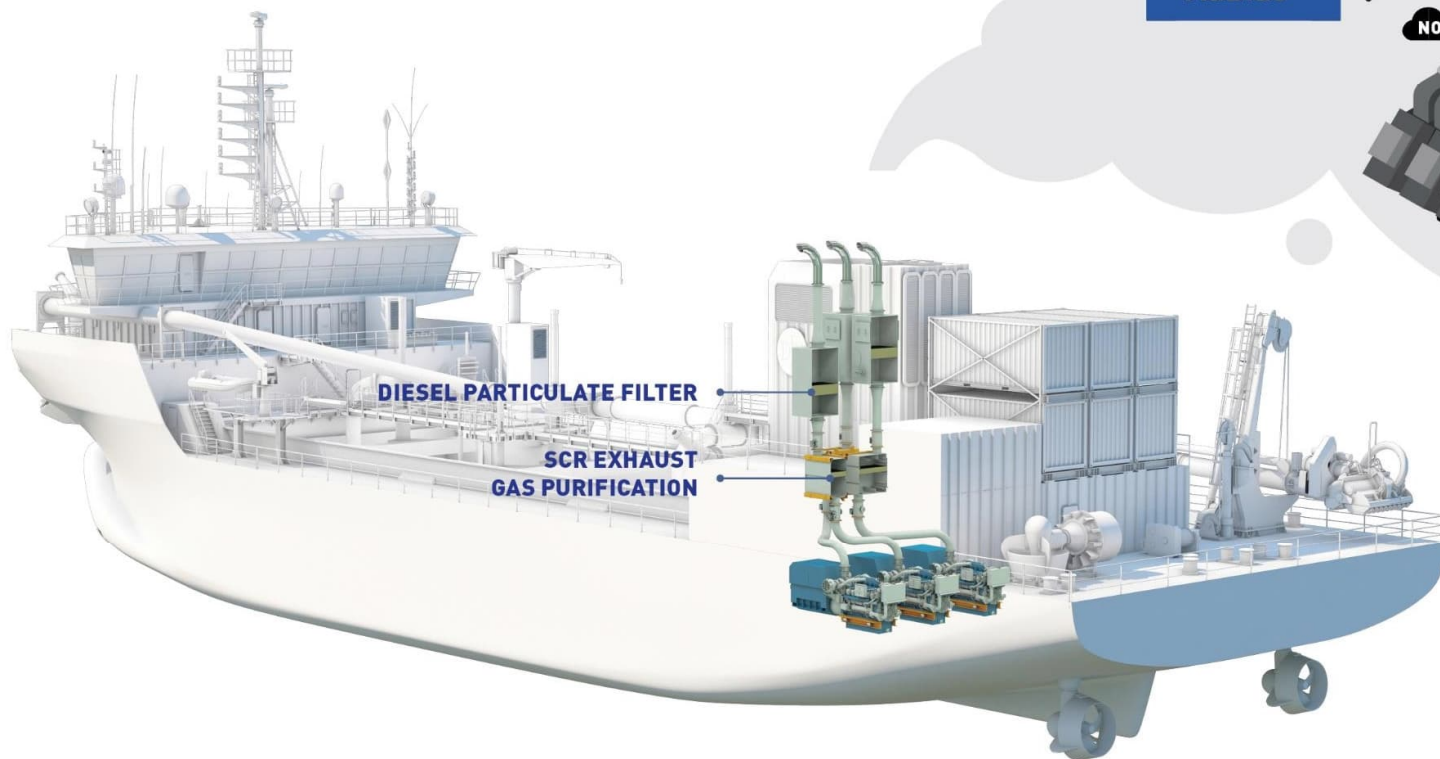
# HOW TO REDUCE?

1. Energy efficiency
2. Exhaust Filter Systems (e.g. ULEV)
3. Renewable low carbon fuels
  - Biofuel
  - (Green) Methanol
  - (Green) Ammonia
4. Green electricity – Locally produced solar/wind
5. Electrification of vessels and equipment

**CLIENTS/PORT AUTHORITIES  
TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR  
OPERATORS AND CONTRATORS**



**ULEV**  
ULTRA-LOW EMISSION





### Plug-in hybrid dredger

2,000 m<sup>3</sup> TSHD

Ordered in June 2024



This DC hybrid plug-in vessel has a very low ecological footprint.

It is equipped with ULEv-technology (Ultra Low Emission vessel) and a EURO 6 engine that can run on biofuel.

It is tailor-made to perform in small ports in densely populated areas, agile and flexible, silent and low in emissions.

Design of the deck battery (+/- 10 MWh) and supporting systems is ongoing.

Will be able to operate a full working day on batteries alone.





## INVESTMENTS – LAND-BASED EQUIPMENT



### Electrically powered bulldozer

2022/2023

Caterpillar D6 XE

It complies with the strictest and most recent emission standards in Europe, the Stage V standards.

25% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



### Hybrid sieving machine

Titan 1800 hybride

Used for screening contaminated soil (up to 700 tones per hour), semi-mobile design  
20-40% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



### Telescopic crane with electric battery

2023/2024

Sennebogen are balance cranes (they consume less fuel). The block at the back provides counterweight, making the crane's engine a lot lighter

No on-site CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



### All-electric excavator

Volvo JEC230 Electric

First time that an all-electric excavator of this type is used on Belgian construction sites

Total lifetime emissions 80% lower than diesel machines





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## BLUEPRINT FOR MANGROVE RESTORATION

NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

## FROM DREDGED SEDIMENTS TO MANGROVE: A CIRCULAR REUSE APPROACH

**Pilot for new Nature-based-Solutions,**  
targeting climate  
actions for mitigation  
and adaptation in  
the **Guayas River  
delta in Ecuador.**



1 – 3 years



10 - 15 years



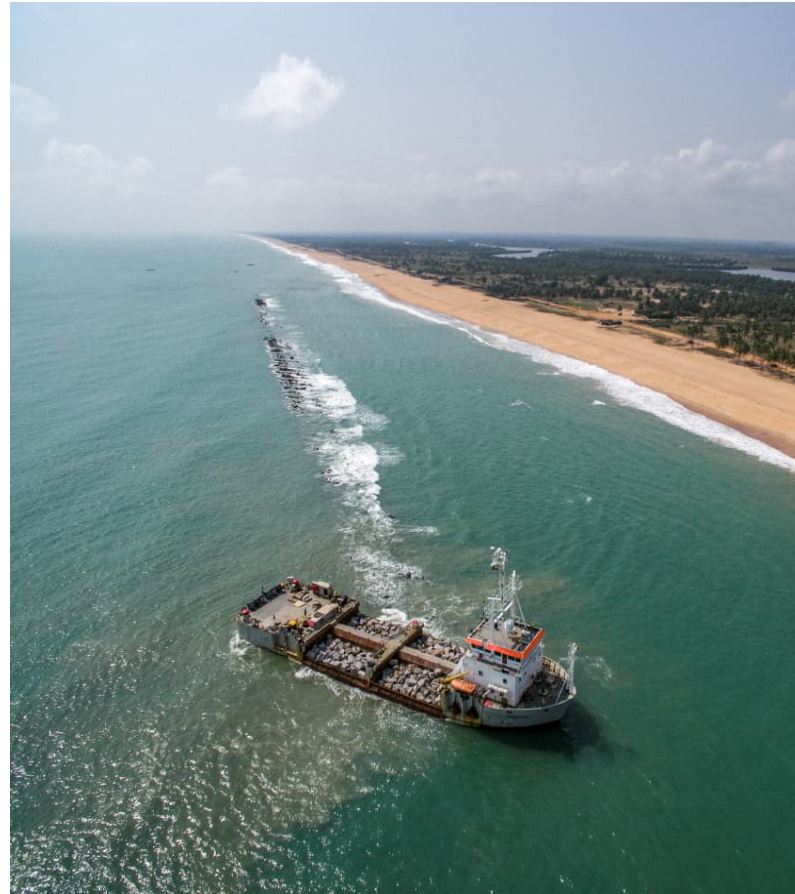
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# Benin Nature-inspired Breakwater

## Innovative Coastal Protection

- Artisanal fishing community & Local research institute
- Interviews with fishermen
  - Their perception?
  - Their observations?
- Nature-inspired breakwater  
→ positive contributor





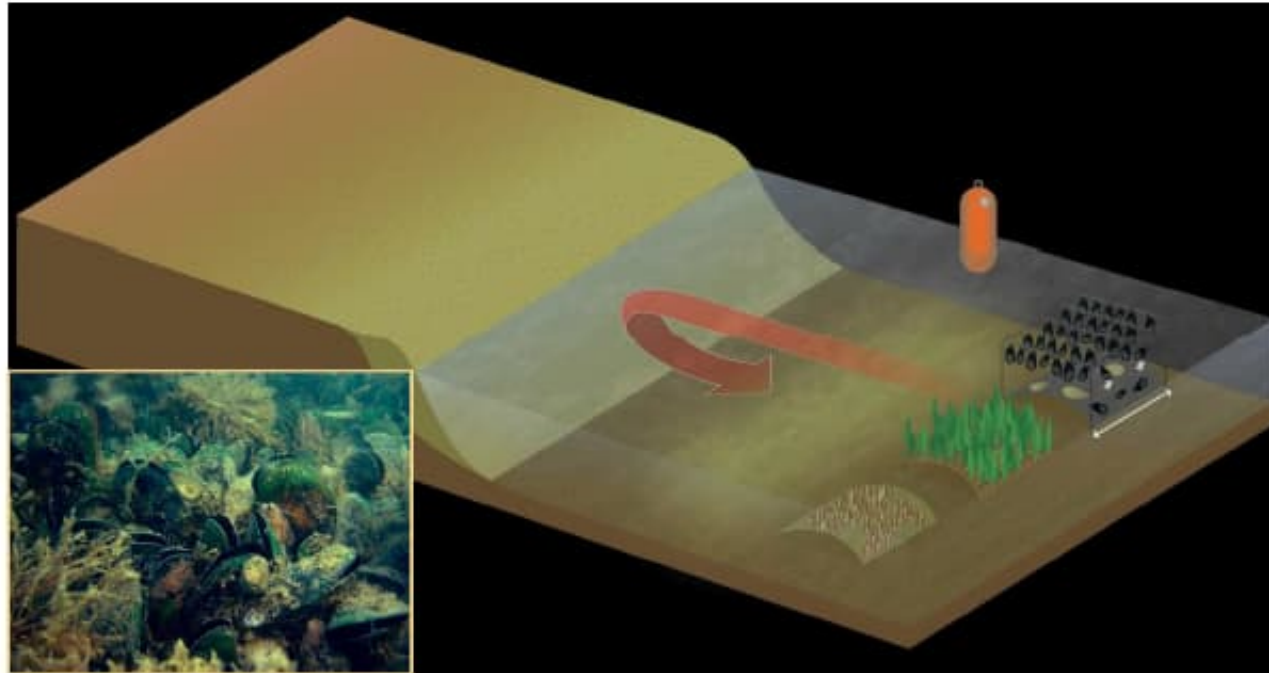
# Coastbusters

## Coastal protection systems that work with nature

Marine Flora Reef (seaweed / seagrass)

Lanice Reef (sand building tube worms)

Bivalve Reef (oyster/mussel reefs)



ACTIVE RESTORATION





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Worldwide **cement and concrete** production generate as much as **9%** of all human CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



# KEY RESOURCES OF PORT CONSTRUCTION

- FUEL
- STEEL
- CEMENT
- ROCK

We aim to increase the **non-virgin** inflow of our key resources:

## REDUCE

- Steel
- Cement
- Cement-like mixtures
- Bricks

## REUSE

- Steel
- Soil
- Rocks
- Glass
- Wood
- Granulates

## RECYCLE

- Steel
- Cement
- Cement-like mixtures
- Glass
- Wood
- Copper







## 2GW: We use recycled copper

Together with our partners and client, we decided to use HVDC cables that contain no less than 68% recycled copper, instead of the required 25%. A first in this industry. For a total route length of 1198 kilometres, this has an enormous impact on reducing our emissions and the extraction of new materials.



## We use recycled aggregates in concrete.

In February 2024, we launched a pilot in Antwerp using up to 55% recycled aggregates in concrete — more than double the typical 25%. The goal is to test how this mix can be processed.



## We started a project to recycle glass.

In Kortrijk, Belgium, we launched a pilot project to process different types of glass with an equivalent product as end result.

This saved us 3.52 tonnes in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and 6.03 tonnes in raw materials.



An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road curves through a green field where a flock of sheep is grazing. To the left, there's a construction site with some structures and a body of water. The middle ground is dominated by a large, flat area of yellowish-brown reeds or marshland. In the background, a large body of blue water stretches to the horizon, with several wind turbines visible on the right side. The sky is clear and blue.

AS A TEAM OF WORLD BUILDERS,  
WE REALISE THE THINGS  
WE DREAM OF AS INDIVIDUALS.



