

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.



Construction Projects

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



Dredging Solutions

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

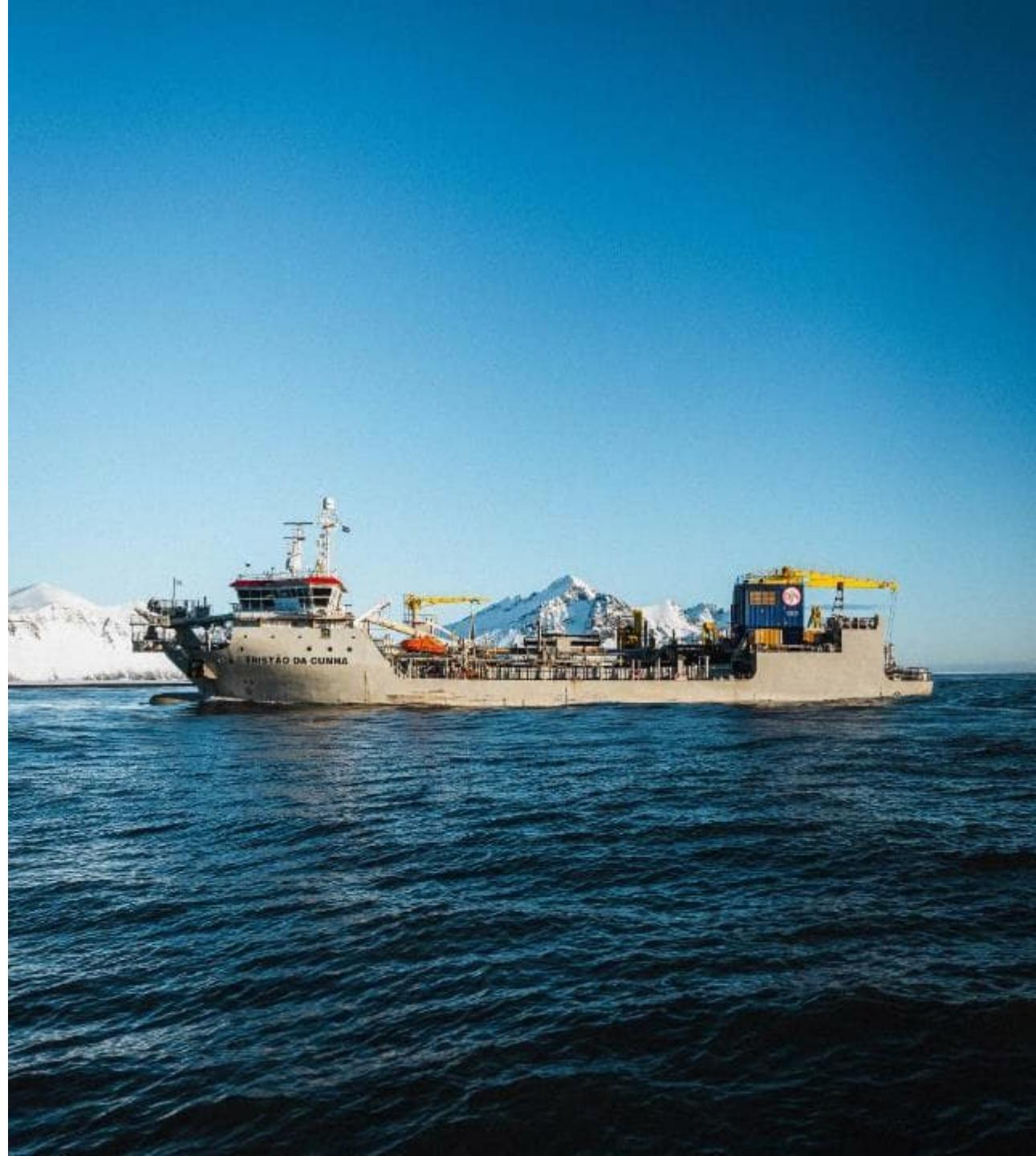


Planet Redevelopment

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.





Future-proof ports

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



Land reclamation

We create new beaches and develop new land.



Clean and safe waterways

We maintain, deepen or widen waterways.



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





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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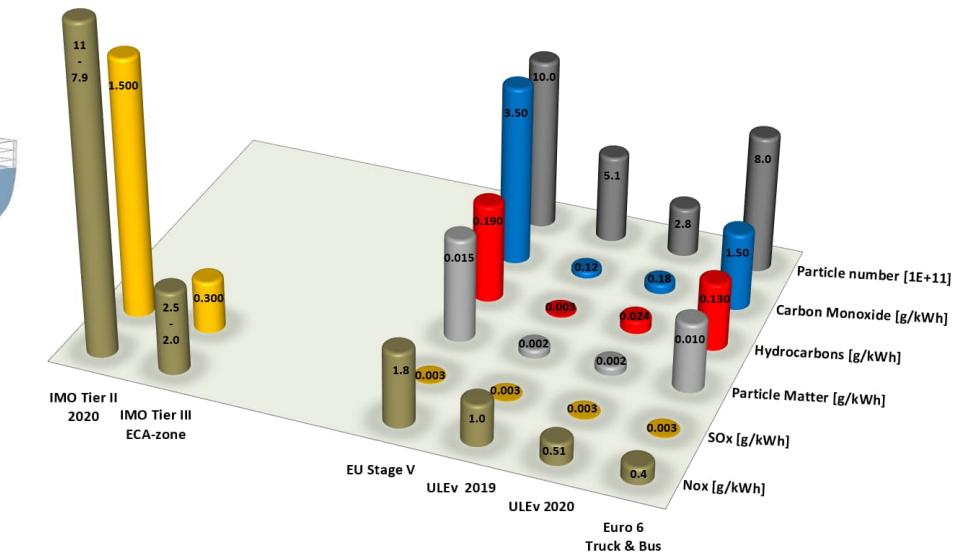
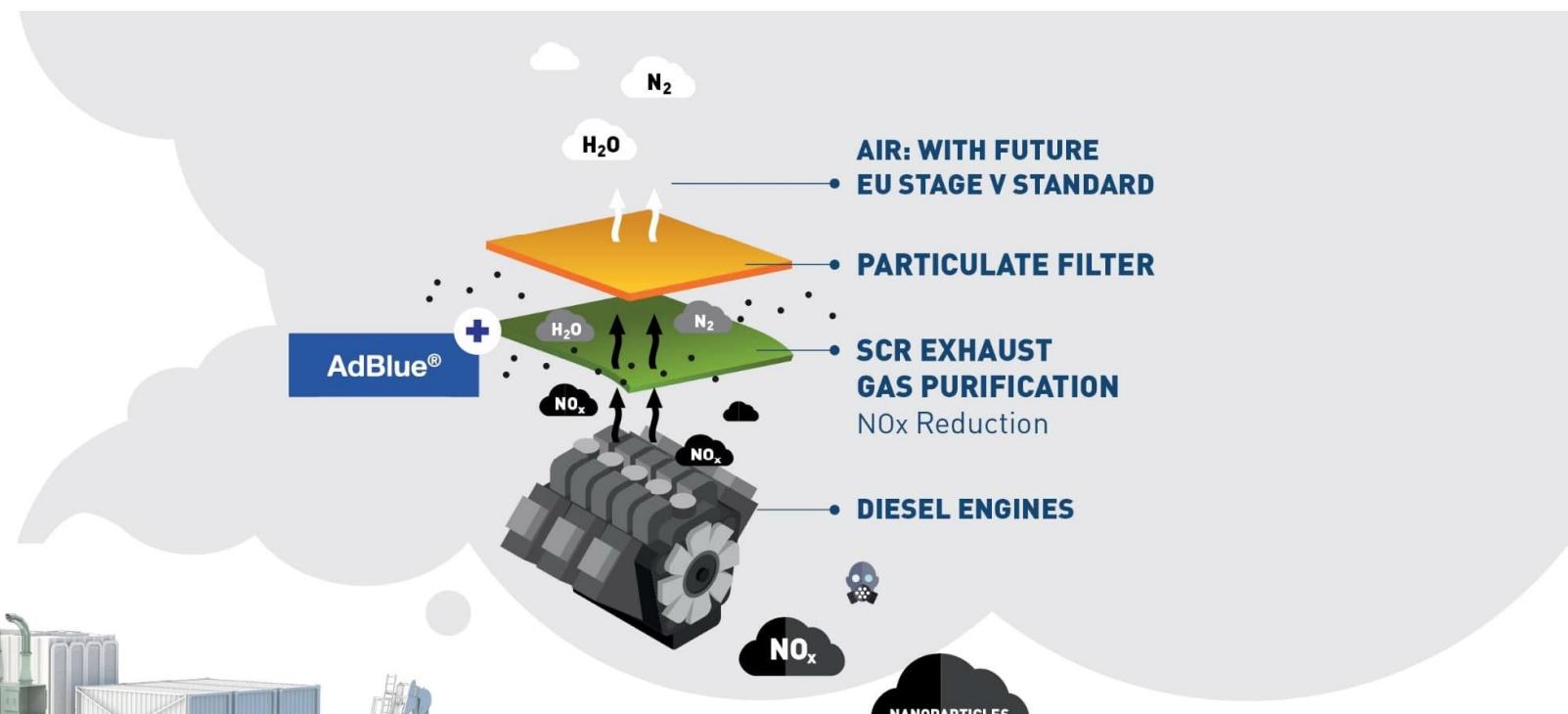
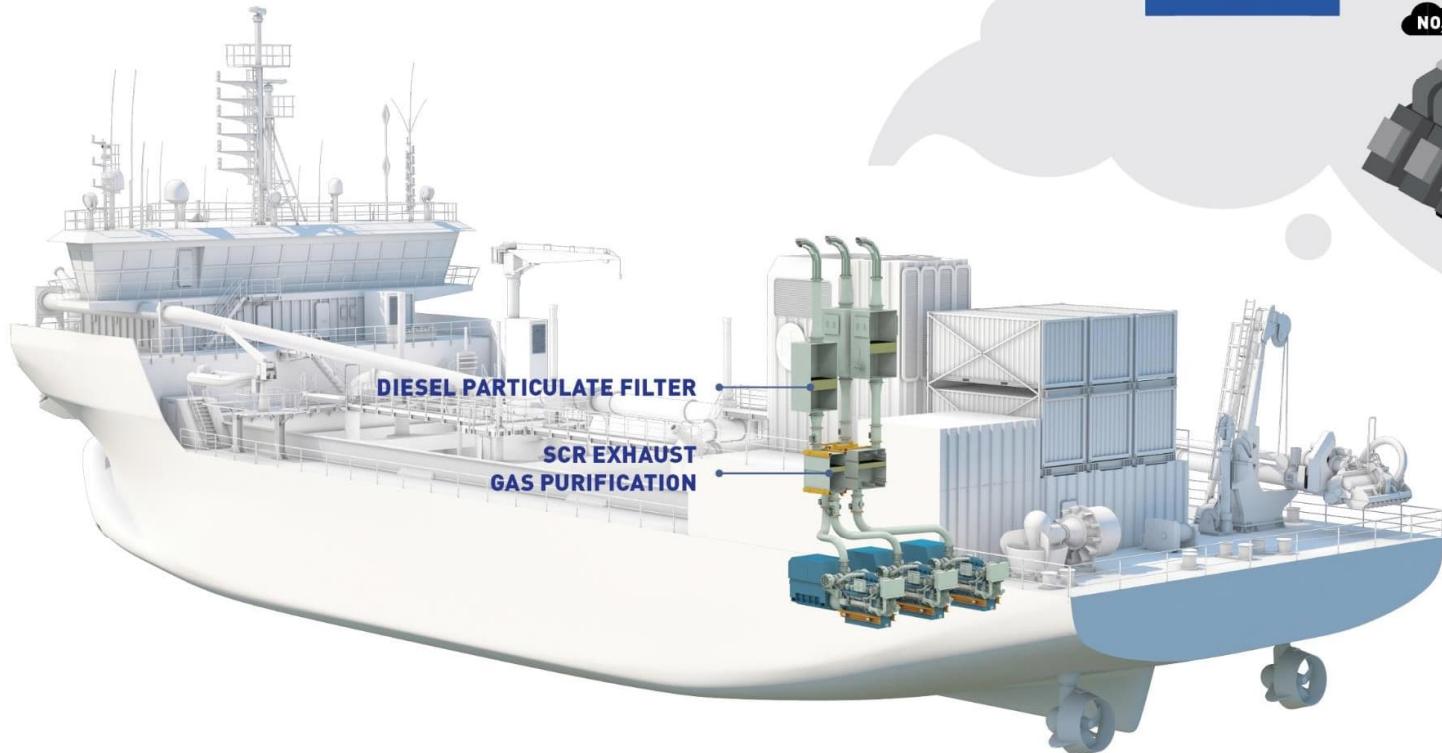
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HOW TO REDUCE?

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 CONTRACTORS**





Plug-in hybrid dredger

2,000 m³ TSHD

Ordered in June 2024

INVESTMENTS - VESSELS



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.





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% CO₂ reduction



Hybrid sieving machine

Titan 1800 hybride

Used for screening contaminated soil (up to 700 tones per hour), semi-mobile design
20-40% CO₂ 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 CO₂ 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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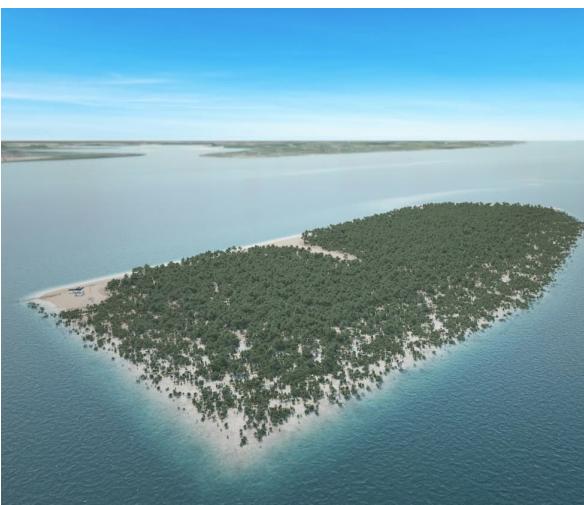


BOOST
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1 – 3 years



10 - 15 years



NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

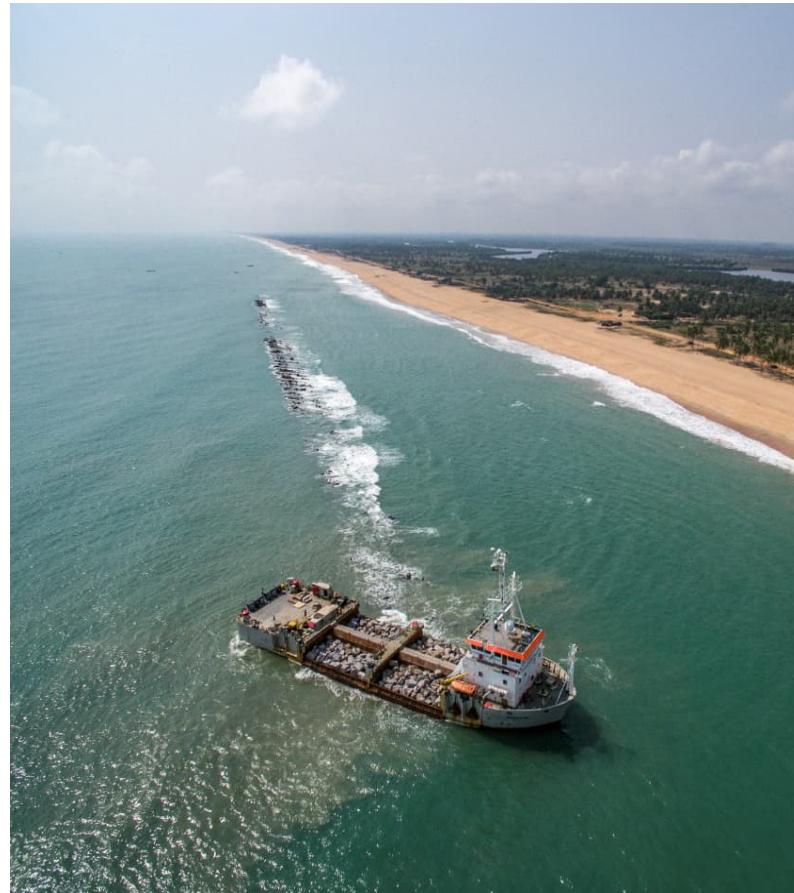
FROM DREDGED SEDIMENTS TO MANGROVE: A CIRCULAR REUSE APPROACH

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

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

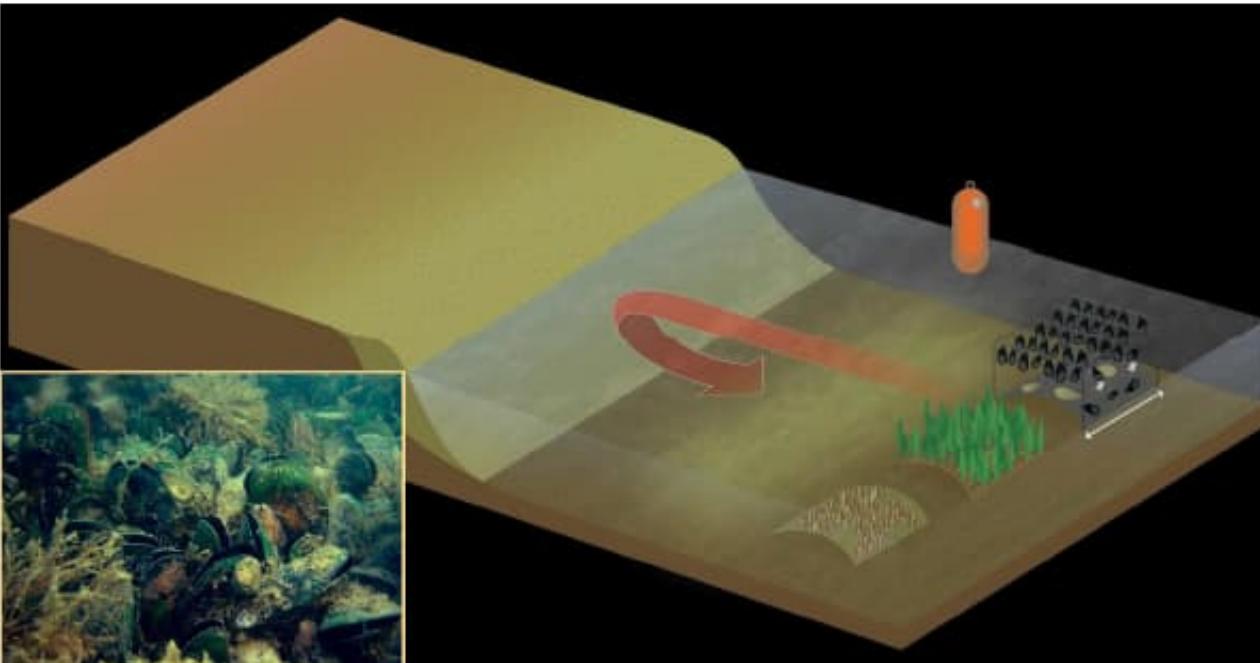
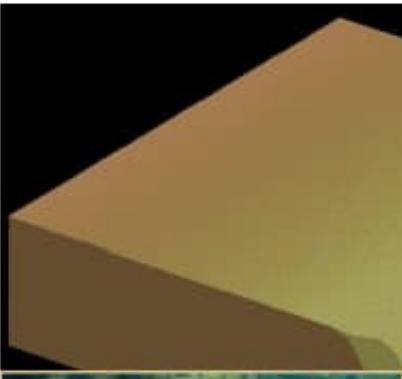
Coastal protection systems that work with nature

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 CO₂ 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 CO₂ emissions and 6.03 tonnes in raw materials.

An aerial photograph of a coastal wetland. The landscape is dominated by large, irregular patches of dry, golden-brown vegetation, likely salt marshes or reed beds. A network of narrow, winding dirt roads cuts through these fields, some leading towards a larger body of water on the right side of the frame. The water is a deep blue and appears calm. In the far distance, a few small structures or boats are visible on the horizon under a clear, light blue sky.

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

