



Yacht Carbon Offset

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Galapagos renewable project for Yacht Carbon Offset

Yacht Carbon Offset has secured carbon credits from a renewable power station in the Galapagos Islands. These are available now on a first come first served basis for allocation to yachts that wish to select this project for their offset programme. Interested clients are invited to contact the company for a no-obligation quotation.

The small project consists of three wind turbines, with a combined generating capacity of 2.4MW, on the island of San Cristóbal in the Galapagos Islands. The units displace the use of diesel-fuelled generation units, and in the first year of operation (2007-08) they provided 31% of the island's electricity supply. The first 3km of power lines has been placed underground to minimise the hazard to the endangered indigenous Galapagos Petrel, and other bird species.

Yacht Carbon Offset's Managing Director Mark Robinson said: *"For those that have an affinity for the Galapagos, this is a great opportunity. The project has taken account of the extreme ecological sensitivity, and contributes to a reduction in the frequency of fuel deliveries required by the island, with a corresponding reduction in the risk of spillages. Importantly, the project meets our stringent requirements for independent verification (in this instance by TÜV Nord) so Owners and Charter Clients can have full confidence that their carbon offset is based on real, measurable greenhouse gas reductions."*

Yacht Carbon Offset provides a fully-documented service for those that own and enjoy the world's leading superyachts and has Lloyds Register Quality Assurance Certification. For details and to take action to balance your yacht's greenhouse gas emissions, visit www.yachtcarbonoffset.com

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San Cristóbal Wind project

The project comprises three wind turbines, with a combined generating capacity of 2.4MW, in an agricultural area on the island of San Cristóbal in the Galapagos Islands. The units have been integrated into an existing diesel-fuelled generating system. The first 3km of power lines have been placed underground to minimise the hazard to the endangered indigenous Galapagos Petrel, and other bird species.

This project delivers reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by displacing the use of diesel fuel by the existing generation plant on the island. In its first year of operation, output of the San Cristóbal Wind project represented 31% of the total island electricity supply.

Reduction in the requirement for fuel oil deliveries to the Islands is an important additional benefit in this ecologically sensitive location. The community and the ecosystem have suffered in the past from oil pollution, notably the significant spillage of diesel and fuel oil from the M.V Jessica which was wrecked on the Island in January 2001.

During the verification period from 1 October 2007 to 12 May 2008, total greenhouse gas reductions by this project amounted to 970 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent. Carbon credits were verified to the Voluntary Carbon Standard (2007) in February 2011 by TÜV Nord (documentation available upon request). This project has subsequently been validated and registered under the United Nations Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) programme.

The project was developed and implemented by the Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership. Further information about the project is available on request.

Yacht Carbon Offset

Yacht Carbon Offset provides a clear, auditable way to balance out the carbon footprint of a vessel's engines and generators. Tonne for tonne, the yacht's emissions are offset by equivalent greenhouse gas reductions from projects such as renewable power. Each project depends on the carbon funding, and Yacht Carbon Offset has Lloyds Register Quality Assurance Certification, so Clients know that their action makes a real impact on net emissions.

The "pay as you go" service is calculated from the fuel quantities specified, whether a single passage or for the whole season's cruising. There's no onboard equipment and there is no long term obligation for the yacht.

Carbon Offsetting is of potential interest to owners or charterers wishing to take practical steps to minimise environmental impact, and also may be welcomed by prominent individuals or businesses that carefully position their "brand". It is particularly relevant when cruising in environmentally sensitive areas.

Further details are available on www.yachtcarbonoffset.com