



PRESS RELEASE

d'Amico Group and Ogyre promote the "Fishing for litter" ocean conservation project

2023 Target: to recover and dispose of 3,500 kg of waste collected at sea (out of close to 10,500 kg

expected over 3 years)

The project marks an important milestone on the sustainability path undertaken by d'Amico Group, as part of a broader CSR programme, and aims to further strengthen its commitment to the protection of marine ecosystems.

November 23rd 2023 – d'Amico Società di Navigazione S.p.A, a world leader in maritime transport in the dry cargo and product tanker sectors, confirms its commitment to sustainability by announcing a three-year partnership with **Ogyre** (<u>Home | Ogyre</u>), the first global *"Fishing for litter"* platform dedicated to the collection of waste from our oceans thanks to the help of fishermen.

d'Amico Group's partnership with Ogyre started in June 2023 and has already recorded 1,000 kg of rubbish collected from our seas and oceans with the aim to collect 10,500 kg over the next three years. This project was born from a common commitment to protect the marine ecosystem and meets Goal 14 of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: "Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources".

In order to accomplish this, Ogyre relies on a model that involves a fleet of fishermen operating in Italy, Brazil and Indonesia, who collect waste while fishing and record it on a blockchain platform to guarantee full transparency of the entire collection and disposal cycle. Each individual "fishing" campaign is certified by SGS, one of the world's top providers of inspection, testing, analysis and certification services, such as to guarantee both the transparency of the process, as well as the proper execution of all operations.

"We are proud to promote this important project for ocean conservation. Ogyre's values and commitment to tackle the critical and current issue of marine pollution aligns perfectly with the values of our Group, which has always been committed to protecting the seas", stated Antonia d'Amico, ESG Director at d'Amico Group. "The ocean plays a crucial role in the health of the biosphere, generating 50% of the oxygen we need and absorbing 25% of all carbon dioxide emissions and capturing 90% of the excess heat from all of these emissions. This is why safeguarding it must be a priority. Through this partnership, we want to have a positive impact on the environment and promote awareness on the conservation of marine ecosystems."

"Our mission is to rethink the consumption and business models between man and the environment, allowing everyone to act with full respect for the ocean," commented **Ogyre**. "By involving fishermen to bring marine waste back to land and compensating them with an economic contribution for their work, Ogyre can collect up to 22 tonnes of marine waste per day, while generating a direct and indirect economic benefit of around 3 million euros. All of this thanks to the technology that helps us make the process more direct, transparent and within everyone's reach."





With ports already active in Italy (Cesenatico, Santa Margherita Ligure, Marina di Ravenna), Brazil and Indonesia, today Ogyre has a network of 80 fishing boats on three continents, whose collaboration makes it possible to carry out sustainability projects that have an environmental as well as social impact, since Ogyre supports the communities of the local fishermen who participate in the "fishing trips".

d'Amico Group Profile

d'Amico Group is a leading Italian shipping company operating on a global scale. With the core business focusing on the management and operation of dry cargo and product tankers vessels, the Group also provides international shipping services. Since it was founded in 1936, d'Amico has sought to balance international development with its tradition as a family-run business, maintaining strong links with the various countries in which it operates. Experience, competence and increasing awareness to sustainability with particular attention to client needs, operational safety and concern for the environment represent the core values of d'Amico Group. Among its top priorities are the continuing professional development of its seafarers and on-shore personnel and the attention to investing in modern, efficient and eco-friendly vessels. Consistent with the vision expressed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, d'Amico Group considers its commitment to making a concrete contribution to sustainable development of businesses and economy to be crucial.

Ogyre

Ogyre is the first Italian platform of "fishing for litter," a practice that aims to clean up the seas of marine refish with the help of fishermen: these fishermen, who are regularly remunerated by Ogyre, recover waste from the sea and bring it back to land for disposal. Ogyre involves people and businesses in its mission, thanks to a technological platform that allows people to contribute to the sea by financing directly the flots of fishing boats engaged in collection projects, or through the purchase of products made from reclaimed materials, such as swimsuits or quilts.

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