

Oceanwide Expeditions 2026 ESG Report

Our Efforts, Our Impact, and Our Future



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Our mission is simple, yet we set ourselves a high bar: to make an impact on people's lives.

Every voyage we design, every person we hire, and every decision we make should inspire people to reconnect with nature, broaden their perspective, and create memories and experiences that stay with them for life. That is our promise.

For more than 30 years, we have had the privilege of exploring some of the world's most extraordinary places. During that time, we have also witnessed environmental change firsthand. Operating in these remarkable environments comes with responsibility and privilege, and as such, a simple principle guides everything we do:

Do the right thing and do things right.

It is a simple philosophy, but not always an easy one. It means putting safety first, acting with integrity, respecting the regions we visit, thinking long term, and continually improving.

What makes Oceanwide Expeditions special is the passion, professionalism, and commitment of our people. Exceptional expeditions begin with exceptional people, which is why we invest in their safety, wellbeing, professional development, and opportunities to build long and rewarding careers.

The passion our expedition teams have for the polar world, and the knowledge they share so generously, often leave as lasting an impression on our guests as the landscapes and wildlife themselves. Through education, responsible field practices, and genuine respect for these fragile environments, we hope our guests return home with a deeper understanding of the Arctic and Antarctica.

Our experience also helps shape our future. In 2026, we announced the signing of a Letter of Intent for two next-generation Eco-Sail expedition vessels, planned to join our fleet from 2029. They represent an important step in reducing our environmental footprint over the long term. We continue to invest in our existing fleet through efficiency improvements, emissions reductions, responsible sourcing, and new technologies.

Our commitment also extends beyond the polar regions. In 2023, we acquired more than 1,600 hectares of degraded Amazon rainforest and began a long-term restoration program. Through this reforestation and stewardship project, we are restoring native ecosystems, supporting biodiversity, and creating opportunity.

Exploration has always been about curiosity and discovery. We bring that same mindset to sustainability. Every season teaches us something new. Technologies improve, and our understanding continues to grow. We recognize there is still much more to do.

As a proudly independent, family-owned company, we have the freedom to make long-term decisions, while remaining true to who we are and the experiences we promise our guests.

This report reflects the progress we have made so far and the direction we will continue to follow. I thank our crews, expedition teams, colleagues ashore, partners, and guests for their professionalism, passion, and commitment. Together, they are Oceanwide Expeditions, and help ensure that future generations can continue to experience the wonder of the polar world.

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Rémi Bouysset
CEO, Oceanwide Expeditions





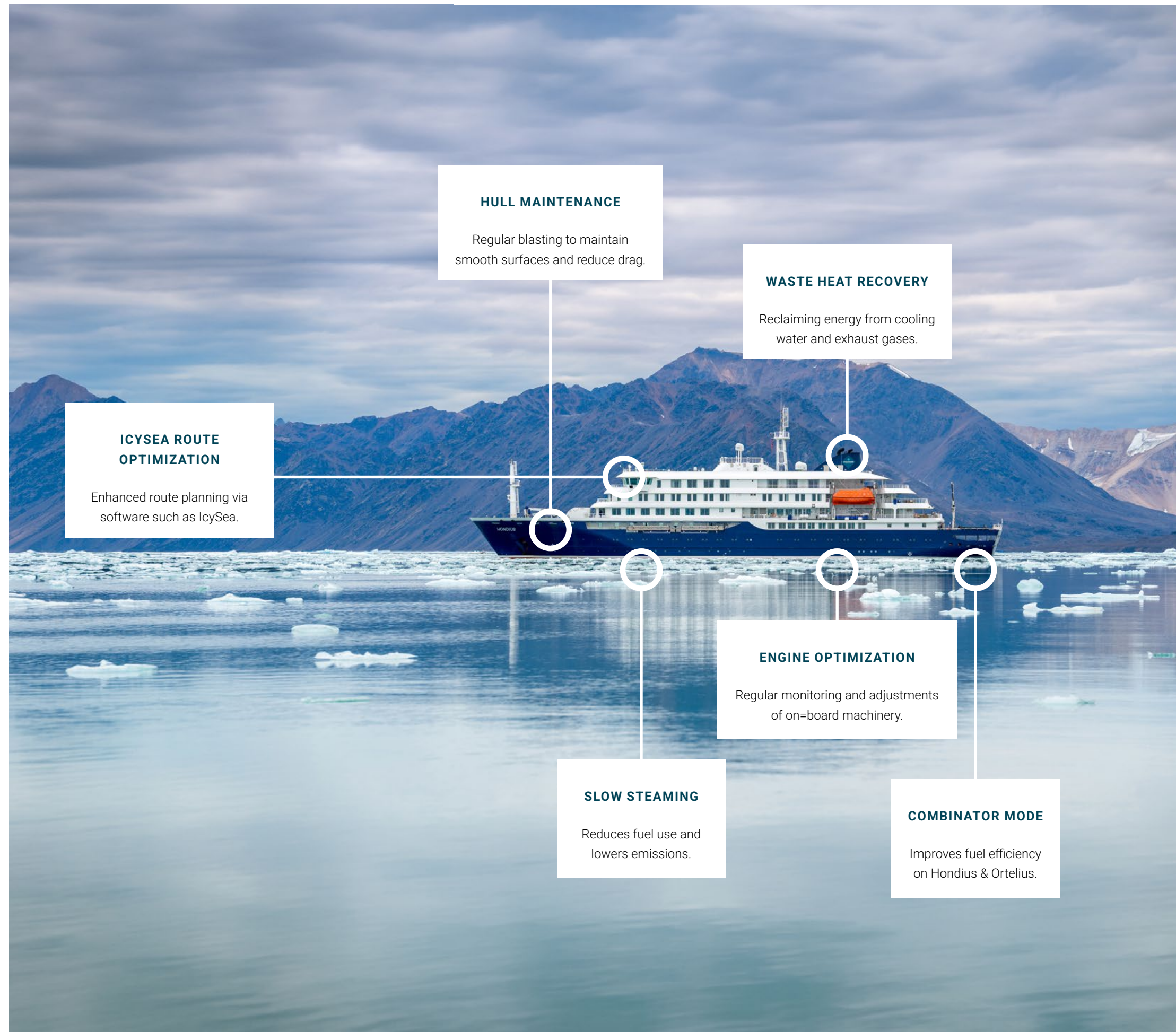
Resource & Waste Reduction



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Operating in remote polar environments carries significant responsibility for effective waste management and resource efficiency. Across our vessel operations, we have taken steps to both reduce and amplify our impact, from energy consumption and eliminating single use plastics, to vessel upgrades and improving our supply chain. Where possible, we utilize shore power to reduce our overall fuel consumption.

Vessel Operations





95%
PLASTIC
REDUCTION



80%
SOAP
REDUCTION



2000
BEER CANS
ELIMINATED



50%
MID-SEASON
SHIPMENT
REDUCTION



REUSABLE
DISPENSERS



SUSTAINABLY
DESALINATED
WATER

Catering & Hotel

We aim to reduce food and material wastage, eliminating single-use plastics where possible. We have transitioned from single-use to reusable tableware in the form of linen napkins, palm oil-free buffet spreads in refillable dispensers with glass cups, and refillable salt & pepper shakers in place of single-use packaging. Our team manages food waste onboard, avoids overstocking buffet items, and, where possible, eliminates wastage by incorporating unplated and unstocked items into planned menus.

We installed a beer tap on Hondius and Ortelius, reducing can consumption by up to 2000 cans per season. Our Hotel Team has switched from single-use soap and bathroom products to refillable dispensers from ADA Cosmetics. We are also making logistical improvements, cutting our mid-season shipments between Vlissingen and Ushuaia by 50% (1 in our 2025/2026 Antarctic season as opposed to 2), through more detailed and overhauled logistical planning.

Our vessels utilize reverse osmosis desalination systems to provide clean and safe drinking water, eliminating the need for packaged water.

To support regional communities and reduce the carbon footprint of our catering logistics, we increasingly source supplies locally from sustainable, traceable suppliers. We have expanded our range of vegetarian options, and once per trip we serve a fully vegetarian dinner, raising awareness of the environmental and health benefits of plant-based meals.

In May 2025, our team of head chefs took part in sustainability & vegetarian cooking training, conducted by Luc Kusters, head chef and owner of Bolenius Restaurant, Amsterdam, focusing on plant-based menu development and sustainable ingredient use.

Environmental Impact

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We are committed to protecting what we explore. We not only dare, but we truly care. Our initiatives directly touch the polar world, and extend beyond the Arctic and Antarctica, positively impacting our global environment. We have a strict no-drone commercial policy and a no smoking and vaping policy while on land. We follow all distance and noise regulations regarding wildlife, not because they are required, but because it is the right thing to do.

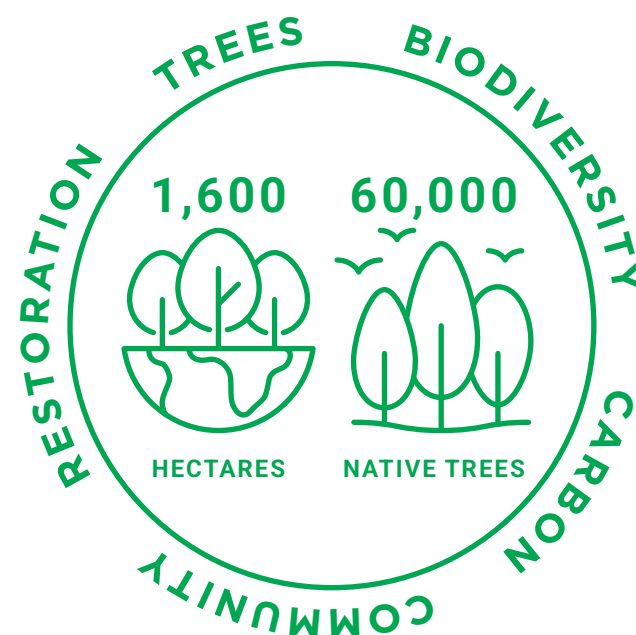
Bird's eye view of a section of protected rainforest.

Our Reforestation & Stewardship Project

In 2023, we acquired over **1,600 hectares (4,000 acres)** of degraded Amazonian rainforest - land previously affected by illegal logging and fire damage. In 2024, we began reforestation efforts, including planting **60,000 native trees** on an annual basis.

This long-term, self-managed project will directly remove carbon from the atmosphere via carbon sequestration, support biodiversity, and restore critical ecosystems. Under the current project scope, we forecast and aim for significant compensation of all scope 1 emissions associated with our expedition cruises by 2035.

[Click here to read more about our reforestation project](#)



We proudly support several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:





Eco-Sail Vessels

In 2026, we announced the signing of a Letter of Intent for two eco-sail vessels to join our expedition fleet from 2029. These two new vessels will bring modern maritime technologies to our expedition experience and support our goals of a more sustainable future for polar tourism. Both vessels will utilize hybrid technologies, including diesel-electric energy storage systems. We will share more information about these vessels and how they will help reduce our carbon intensity in 2027.

As standard, our expedition fleet uses low sulfur marine gas oil (LSMGO), instead of the industry-standard heavy fuel oil. We are actively investigating the potential for the use of biofuel.



2026
Signed LOI



2027-28
Design &
Development



2029
Fleet Entry



2030+
Fully
Operational





LOCAL SUPPLIERS



LOWER TRANSPORT EMISSIONS



MORE VEGETARIAN OPTIONS



PLANT-BASED CLEANING



BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS



REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Catering & Hotel

Our Hotel Team utilize the SURE product line by Diversey. This is a plant-based, 100% biodegradable cleaning product line, formulated with the lowest hazard classification. Our crew polo shirts are biodegradable, and we aim to increase this over time. Starting with our Arctic 2026 season, we have partnered with Gloovy Eco to recycle all disposable gloves used by our Hotel Teams. 90% of all bin liners used on board are biodegradable. We have partnered with CoffeeB to introduce in-room espresso machines without capsule waste.

Our Reforestation Project

Our reforestation project supports several UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focused on environmental protection and impact, including Life on Land and Life Below Water.



Expedition Operations

Our expedition guides are required to complete IAATO and AECO field training and certification on an annual basis. Shore-based personnel are also assessed prior to each season. We are also transitioning towards external certification for all expedition guides covering a range of topics. All shore and sea-based activities are performed to the standards and regulations of AECO and IAATO.

We have investigated how the use of electric outboard motors may be integrated into our Zodiac operations in the future, and actively make use of practical planning to minimize fuel and energy usage in line with AECO and IAATO guidelines.

We are actively seeking to recruit a Citizen Science Coordinator to expand and enhance our Citizen Science and environmental initiatives across our operations.

ECN Responsible Expedition Framework

We're proud to have achieved 'embedded' status (level 4/5) under the inaugural ECN Responsible Expedition Framework. This recognizes our strengths in environmental operations, guest education, and long-term habitat restoration, while identifying practical priorities for improvement, factored into our future ESG approach.





Employee Engagement and Wellbeing





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Employee Wellbeing

We are proudly Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) certified to industry standards. Proactively in advance of MLC changes, in 2024, we implemented a new Harassment and Bullying Policy, supporting our vessel teams in raising issues and feeling safe in the workplace. We have a zero-tolerance policy regarding drug use and breaches to our Harassment and Bullying Policy.

We encourage our vessel teams to join landings and Zodiac cruises where possible. During docking periods, we run an inter-vessel sports day.

Plancius, *Ortelius* and *Hondius* have gym spaces for crew use, and we offer a budget of €250 per month to support a crew-welfare fund, for items chosen by crew members. We also celebrate our hard-working vessel teams with monthly engagement events and annual celebrations.

Employee Training & Development

Cross training programs allow ratings to develop towards different roles and advance towards bridge roles. We actively encourage ratings to develop their skills through our training programme, creating opportunities to progress into officer and leadership roles on the bridge, in the engine room, or within the hotel department. We also work closely with the De Ruyter Training & Consultancy Centre (DRTC) to develop company-specific training programmes aligned with our operational requirements and the career development opportunities of our crew.

We invest in the growth of our people across all departments and support them in obtaining additional qualifications. For example, navigational officers are encouraged to obtain a Pilot Exemption Certificate (PEC) for the waters around Svalbard, enhancing their knowledge of local conditions and regulations and supporting safe and efficient operations. This specialized qualification is not commonly offered by expedition operators.

We also offer annual internship placements for students from Dutch maritime academies. Through intensive onboard guidance and practical training, they gain valuable experience in an international working environment and develop specialist expertise in polar operations at an early stage of their careers. Upon successfully completing their studies, these talented individuals are offered career opportunities within our organization, enabling them to start and further develop their maritime careers with us.

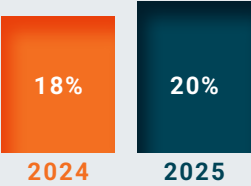
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

In 2024, we created the Supervisor position in our Dining Room and Housekeeping teams, providing further possibilities for development within our teams.

We continue to improve female representation in roles across our vessels.

Our Organization in numbers

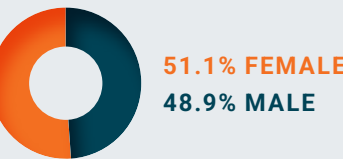
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NATIONALITIES



OFFICE SPLIT



Expedition Operations

Our guides all come from practical and academic backgrounds with direct relevance to our polar operations, many with field experience in those areas. Combined with their academic and field experience, we also certify our expedition guides with the following, using externally verified training complemented by our internal programs:

Polar boat training, British mountaineering hill skills and mountaineering skills courses, first aid at work, FREC 3 (college of surgeons approved course), Royal Yachting Association, VHF(SRC) course, D5L certification, powerboat qualification instructor courses, shared mentor model (incident management training). Firearms certificate & level 2 powerboat or equivalent.

We support advancement to Assistant Expedition Leader and Expedition Leader through a competency matrix and field experience process.



Community Relations



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We are dedicated to partnering with regional and local businesses to offer passengers ethically sourced products.

Our Suppliers

Arctic suppliers: Coop Longyearbyen, Eurosupply, Svalbard Bryggeri

Antarctic suppliers: Ushuaia Green, Transamerica Ship Supplies, Stanley Growers

Where possible, we work with local partners and local agents for our operations.

Our Community Projects

After each season, we donate near-expiry food items during docking in Vlissingen, the Netherlands. In 2024 and 2025, four pallets of food were donated to the Voedselbank.

We are actively involved in several community projects, including Clean Up Svalbard, a waste initiative with Falkland Growers using a food waste dehydrator on board m/v *Hondius*, planned to be expanded to include m/v *Ortelius*, the transport of potatoes from Tristan da Cunha to St Helena on behalf of Tristanian families, and donations and outreach sessions for St Mary's School on Tristan da Cunha.

Our Reforestation Project

We employ local communities and support projects that focus on local development, particularly in underserved areas, supporting the UN SDG for Decent Work and Economic Growth.



Citizen Science & Science Support

We encourage guests to actively engage in Citizen Science projects on our voyages, including: **Happywhale, Penguin Watch, GLOBE Clouds, FjordPhyto, ORCA OceanWatchers, E Bird, Observation.org**

We are in the process of recruiting a dedicated Citizen Science coordinator to expand, develop, and better track our Citizen Science initiatives. These range from data collection to getting hands on with nature through analysis, observation, and study.

We proudly continue to support scientific studies and field work in the Arctic and Antarctica. We provide space onboard for scientists and researchers, and scientific equipment, as well as providing hands-on support by our trained expedition staff with scientific sampling. In recent seasons, we have supported the University of Groningen and Wageningen University with field research projects, and the Dutch Meteorological Institute with the deployment of measurement devices.

We also work closely with organizations working to preserve heritage sites and local environments, including: **UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, South Georgia Heritage Trust, New Zealand Heritage Trust, National Museum of Greenland**



IN 2025 AND 2026
WE COMPLETED
THE FOLLOWING
PROJECTS:

FEBRUARY 2025

Graffiti removal on Deception Island in partnership with the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT).



JANUARY 2026

Transport of solar energy equipment to/from Port Lockroy in partnership with the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT).



JANUARY 2026

Maintenance & restorative work of historic Base Y (Horseshoe Island and Base E (Stonington Island) in partnership with the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT).



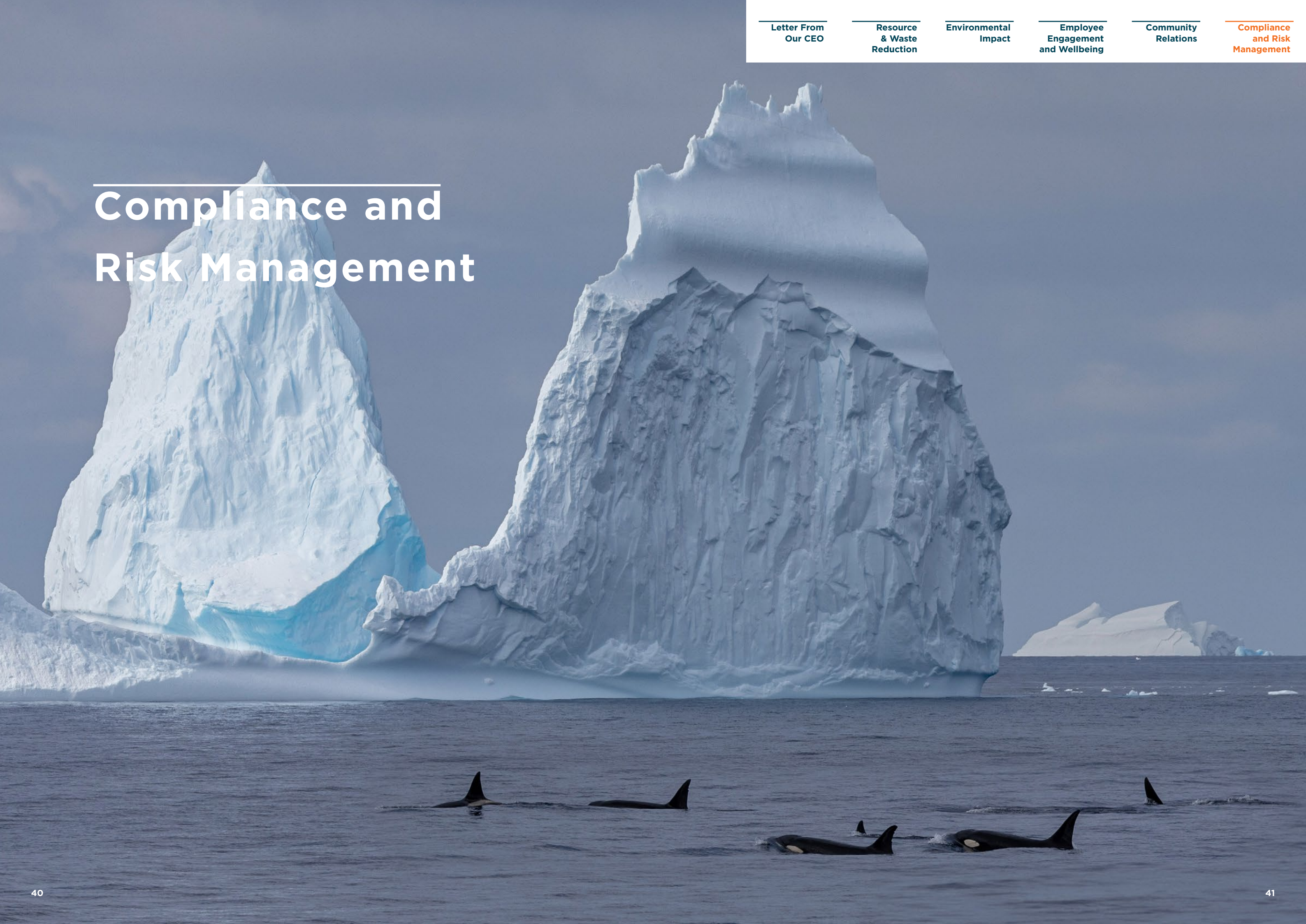
+
Ongoing logistical support for the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT).



+
Onboard fundraising for the South Georgia Heritage Trust.



Compliance and Risk Management



A large cruise ship, the MSC Meraviglia, is seen sailing through a natural ice archway in Antarctica. The ship is white with a dark hull and a red funnel. The ice arch is a massive, translucent blue structure. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. The ship is positioned centrally within the arch, creating a striking visual contrast between the man-made vessel and the natural ice formation.





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