



PROADEC Portugal

CARBON NEUTRAL COMPANY

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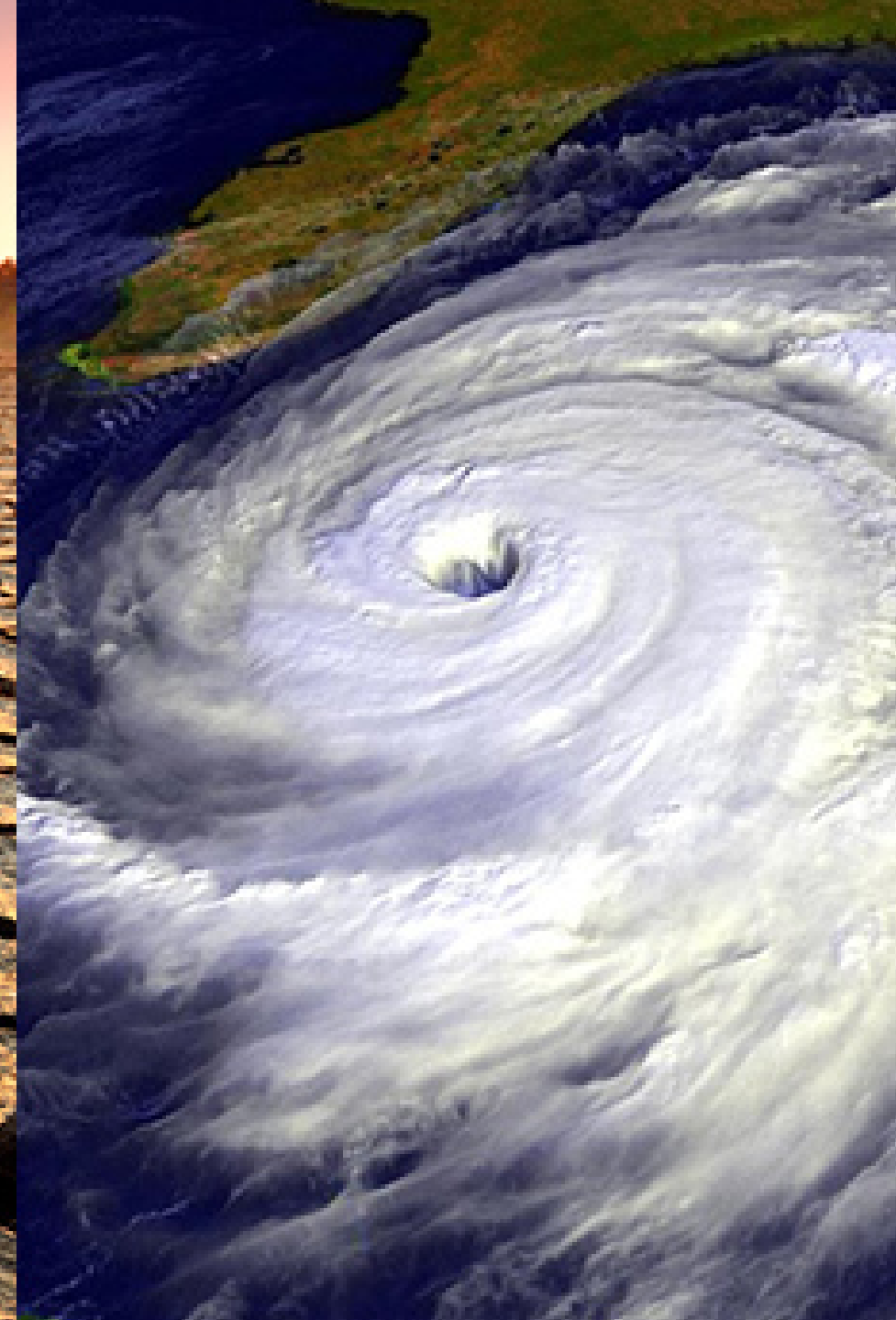
SURTECO GROUP

The challenges posed to industries are to a large extent due to the fact that production and consumption systems are not sustainable.



We know our business operations have impact
on the climate and the environment.

The effects of climate change are being felt on all continents across the world and are predicted to become more frequent and more intense in the coming decades.



Glaciers are melting at a record rate, accelerated sea level rise, more intense heat waves, longer periods of drought, duration and intensity of tropical storms, etc.

CLIMATE
CHANGE
IS REAL

If humanity changed the climate by mistake,
we can change it by intention.



We don't stand by,
watching the planet's plea.
We are running out of time...

PROADEC Portugal

We are doing our part...





Coming earlier to carbon neutrality is our contribution to our planet and future generations...

We are honoured to inform that
from 1st January 2022
PROADEC Portugal is a
CARBON NEUTRAL COMPANY!

PROADEC Portugal is on the
way to zero carbon emissions.



Carbon neutral
Company

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ClimatePartner's label "Carbon Neutral"
certifies that unavoidable greenhouse
gas emissions are being offset.

The collaboration with ClimatePartner is a great
support and help us on our path to full
carbon neutrality.

Because we believe
in a world where
PLANET matters.

Because we may not all
speak the same
language, but we all do
LIVE on the same
PLANET.



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What is a carbon neutral company?

A carbon neutral company is an organization that is seriously committed to reducing its impact on the climate, reducing the amount of CO₂ it is emitting into the atmosphere and balancing the rest of the emissions through offsetting, with the goal of zero emissions.

How do companies become carbon neutral?

Companies are carbon neutral if their carbon emissions have been calculated, reduced and offset by supporting internationally verified carbon offset projects.

SURTECO GROUP



We believe in a world where PLANET MATTERS!

Our business activities have impact on the climate and the environment.

This is a result not only of the products we manufacture, but also of our business operations.

Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint

Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring our operation does not have a harmful impact on the environment.

how?

measure

reduce

offset

measure

It all starts with calculating our CO₂ footprint. Every year, we calculate the amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) that are directly or indirectly released into the atmosphere throughout our operations.

reduce

We set up a strategy for reducing emissions where possible through a combination of efficient in-house measures.

offset

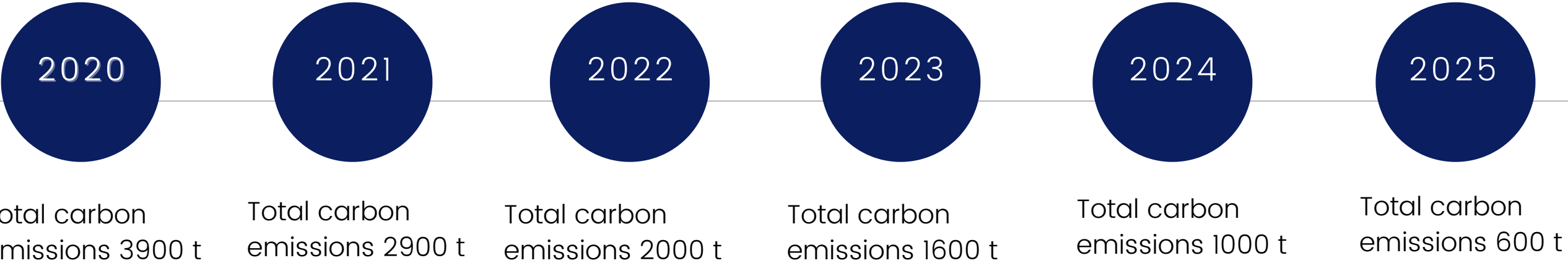
The unavoidable emissions we cannot eliminate yet, we offset via two certified carbon offset projects, one in Colombia and other in Uganda.



OUR GOAL IS TO REDUCE
BY 85% OUR
GREENHOUSE GASES
(GHG) EMISSIONS BY
2025

measure

Electricity, heating and solvents and staff commuting are the main sources of greenhouse gases.



ON OUR WAY TO
NET ZERO CO₂
EMISSIONS

reduce

Sustainable in-house actions to reduce CO₂ emissions are already implemented with visible effects.



GREEN ENERGY

Since July 2021, all electricity purchased comes from 100% renewable sources only, and covers 100% of our electricity needs.



PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

In 2019, we have installed over 1000 photovoltaic systems on the roofs, already covering 4,3% of our energy needs. Since then, 1129 MWh of electricity has been produced and 282 tons of CO emissions have been avoided, the equivalent absorption of 12 832 trees.



SOLVENT-FREE

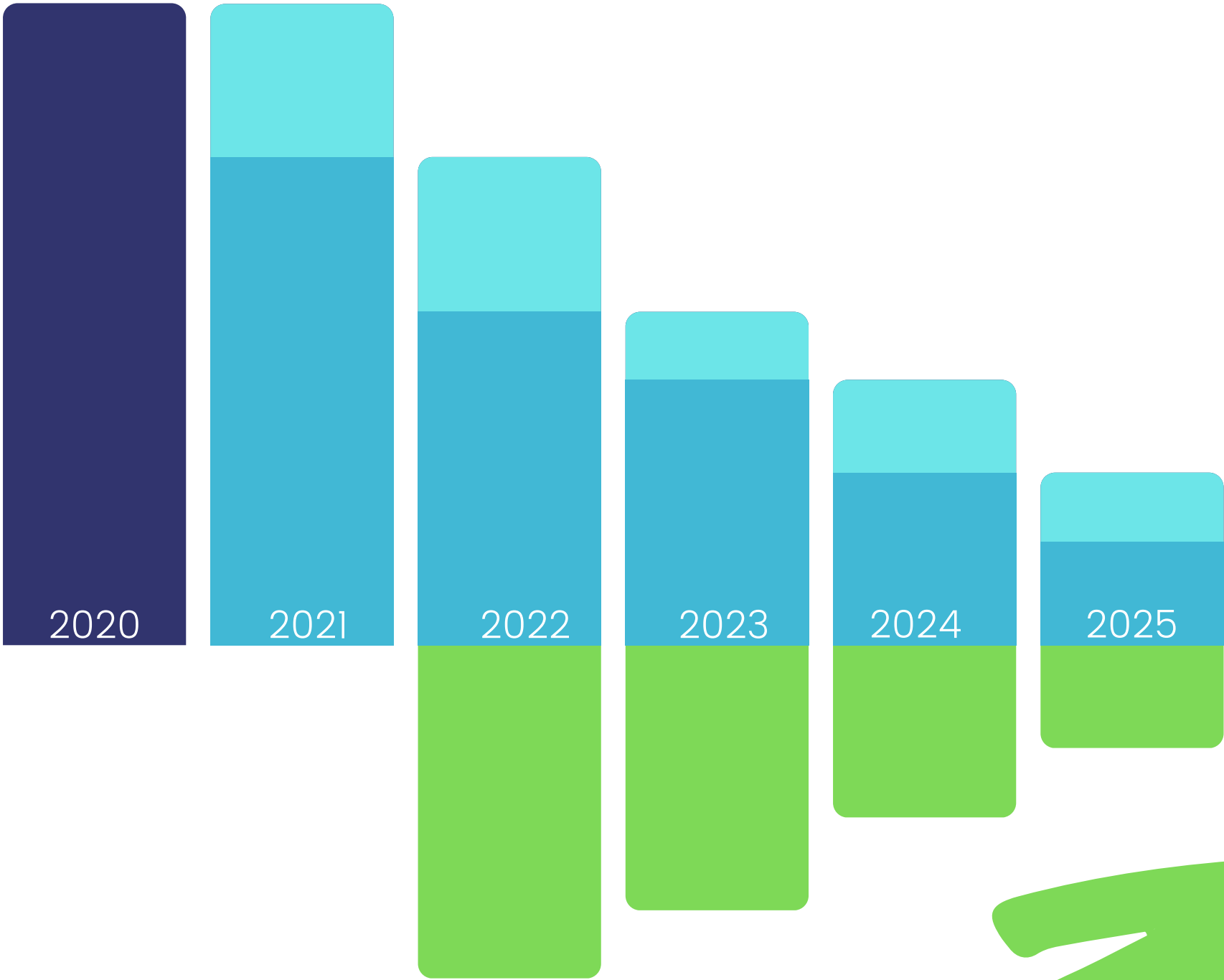
The use of solvents is another source of carbon emissions that influences our ability to achieve our climate protection goals, but we are already working on this. In 2022 we will begin to study and test solvent-free formulas, with the aim of being solvent-free by 2025.



STAFF COMMUTING

We will install electric service stations in our premises to encourage the use of electric vehicles and the company's car fleet will exclusively consist of electric cars.

ON OUR WAY TO NET ZERO CO₂ EMISSIONS



- Starting Point
- Unavoidable
- Reducible
- Compensated

CARBON
NEUTRAL



NET
ZERO

UNAVOIDABLE EMISSIONS

offset

Proadec Portugal is offsetting its unavoidable carbon emissions in cooperation with ClimatePartner through the support of two certified offset projects, one in Colombia and another in Uganda.

What is a carbon offset project?

Carbon offset projects compensate for greenhouse gas emissions and make an important contribution to fighting global warming. As well as avoiding and reducing carbon emissions, offsetting is another crucial step in climate action.

In addition, offset projects promote sustainable development in the countries where the projects take place, as improving clean drinking water supplies, expanding local infrastructures, creating sustainable jobs, etc...

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

These projects in Colombia and Uganda also contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a globally acknowledged system for measuring the positive effects of offsetting projects, beyond climate protection.

These goals address the global challenges we face, including climate change, poverty, inequality, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

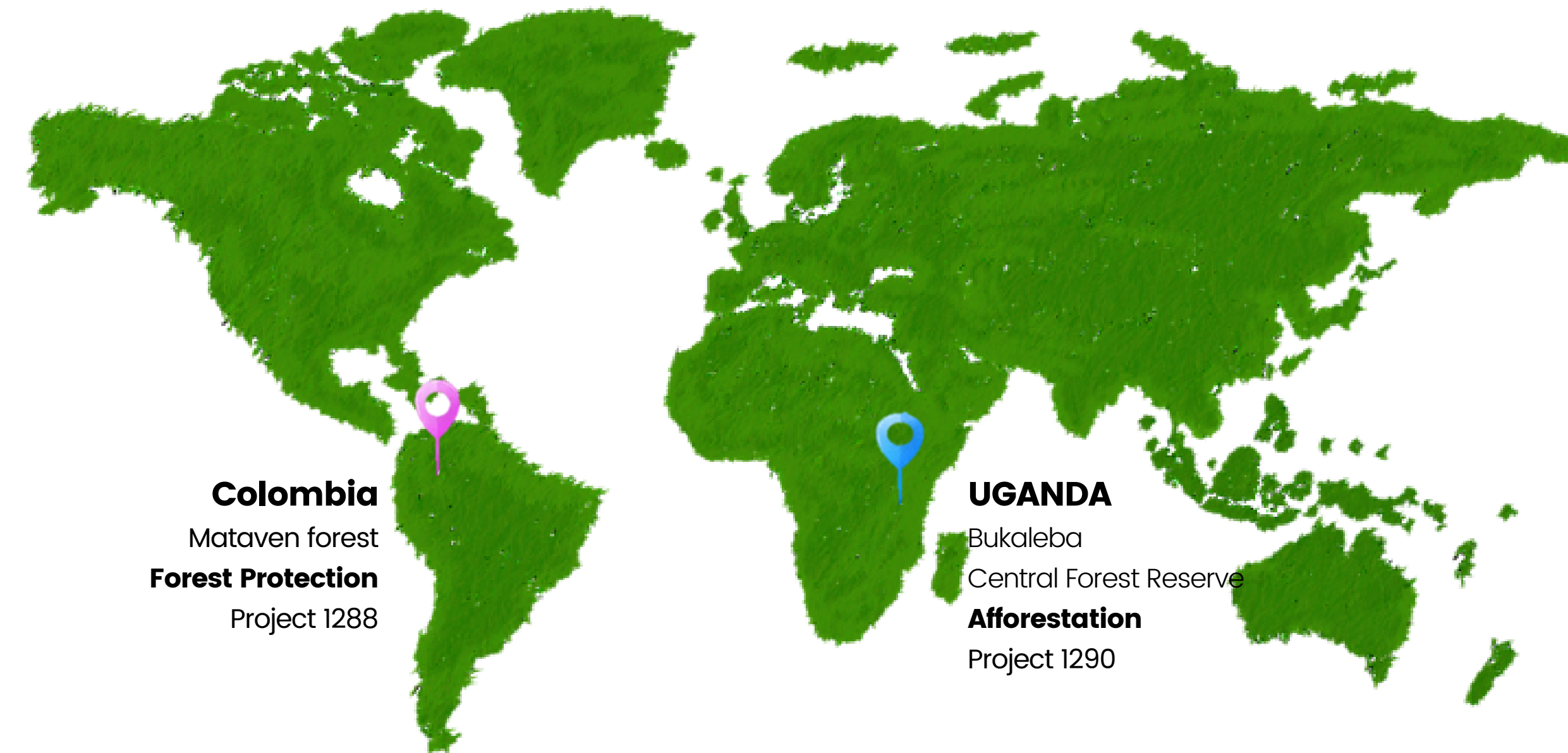
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

1 NO POVERTY 	2 NO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY 	8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE AND JUSTICE 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	 THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

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PROJECT 1

COLOMBIA

Mataven Forest

Annual volume

3,662,352 t CO₂



Colombia Mataven Forest

Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)

CCBS

Technology: Forest Protection

Validated by: Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification (ICONTEC)

Main goals of this project:

Supporting indigenous peoples to avoid deforestation.

Protect the rich biodiversity of the area.

Support local people to acquire official land titles to avoid land occupation and deforestation by loggers.

Supports local families to live with improved conditions, in an effort to preserve their way of living.





Forest Protection

As the biggest REDD+ Project in Colombia this initiative protects 1,150,200 hectares of tropical forests, safeguarding its biodiversity. It provides education, healthcare, sanitation, food security, nutrition, and further social benefits for 16,000 indigenous people. The project follows a holistic approach to make a lasting change in the behavior towards sustainable practices, forest protection, and conservation. The different scopes of the project focus on reducing the vulnerability of indigenous territory through strengthening governance through the communities, improving surveillance and control of the territory, as well as the system of communication and transportation. Besides, the project helps improve food self-sufficiency for six different ethnic groups.

Fighting global warming

Forests are home to an enormous diversity of species and are the livelihood for all people. Forest protection projects ensure that forests are preserved in the long term and that the protection of forests is given a higher value than their deforestation. Together with the local population, project participants protect the area from negative influences. To allow for this the projects create alternative sources of income and educational opportunities. Depending on the project region, forests store varying amounts of carbon per hectare. Particularly high amounts of carbon are stored in the vegetation and soil of tropical swamp forests, primary rainforests or mangroves.

Colombia project contributes to 8 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):





PROJECT 2

UGANDA

Central Forest Reserve

Annual volume

11 903 t CO₂



Uganda, Bukaleba Central Forest Reserve Size (hectare): 2061

Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)

Technology: Afforestation

Validated by: Det Norske Veritas Climate Change Services AS (DNV)

Main goals of this project:

Our project benefits the forestry sector through an increase in timber supply from responsible resources and thus help reduce pressure on natural forests.

The project supports the socio-economic development of local communities according to UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Afforestation is an important contribution to increasing the biosphere's carbon storage capacity.





Afforestation

Uganda had one of the highest deforestation rates in the world. The objective of the project is to help mitigate climate change while meeting the growing demand for quality wood products and timber supply from well managed plantation forests and contribute to sustainable environmental management and poverty mitigation in Uganda. It supports socio-economic development of local communities and infrastructure improvements. It establishes and manages exotic and indigenous reforestation of degraded shrub and grassland.

Fighting global warming

Forests are not only among the planet's most important carbon reservoirs. They also are home to an enormous diversity of species and are the livelihood for all people. The afforestation of new or reforestation of degraded areas is an important contribution to increasing the biosphere's carbon storage capacity. Sustainable forestry is able to absorb large quantities of carbon due to the use of fast-growing species. New forests create habitats for animal and plant species and opportunities for local people.

Uganda project contributes to 10 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):



Certificate

Partner in
climate action

PROADEC PORTUGAL S.A.

Climate neutral company

This certificate confirms the offset
of carbon emissions by additional
carbon offset projects.

CO₂-equivalents
2,054,000 kg

Supported offset project
Multiple projects

ClimatePartner-ID
16949-2112-1001

Use the following URL for more
information about the offset and the
supported carbon offset project:

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Becoming a Carbon
Neutral Company is a
huge milestone for us.

A photograph of a wind farm with several white wind turbines in the background. The foreground is filled with a field of wildflowers, including red poppies and yellow daisies, growing in a grassy field. The sky is overcast and grey.

However, we do not stop here.
Reducing our carbon footprint is one of
our key priorities and we are
continuously working towards our goal
of zero emissions.

PROADEC Portugal

Will You Join Us?

PROADEC Portugal



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