

A Sustainable Port



**SDGs,
CLIMATE AND
BIODIVERSITY**

30 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



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The **Grupo Puerto de Cartagena** understands sustainability as a corporate value that allows the creation of innovative solutions for the efficient use of resources, harmonizing economic growth with environmental preservation and the generation of conditions to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable through the provision of the highest quality public service.

Aware of the unique conditions of the Bay of Cartagena, Grupo Puerto de Cartagena aligns its investments with the adaptation of its operations to the challenges of climate change and also pursues social transformation through education with an impact on the most vulnerable communities. The efficient use of resources, strong investment in sustainable infrastructure, and innovative operations have led to historical recognition by the World Bank and Standard & Poor's as the top in port efficiency in the Americas and third among all ports worldwide.

The commitment of Grupo Puerto de Cartagena to the personal and professional growth of its employees builds a corporate culture increasingly aligned with sustainability. After 30 years of economic development and sustainability in Cartagena, the group is committed to further improving the country's competitiveness and the well-being of the community in line with the SDGs and ESG criteria.

Below is a summary of the third report on the contribution to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:



"The true excellence of a sustainable company is demonstrated by its ability to harmonize social, environmental, and economic aspects while providing efficient services that open a sea of opportunities for everyone"

Alfonso Salas Trujillo
General Manager



Environmental

E.

Natural resource management and impact minimization



Social

S.

Company's relationship with the local community and society

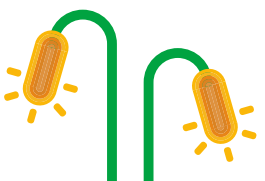
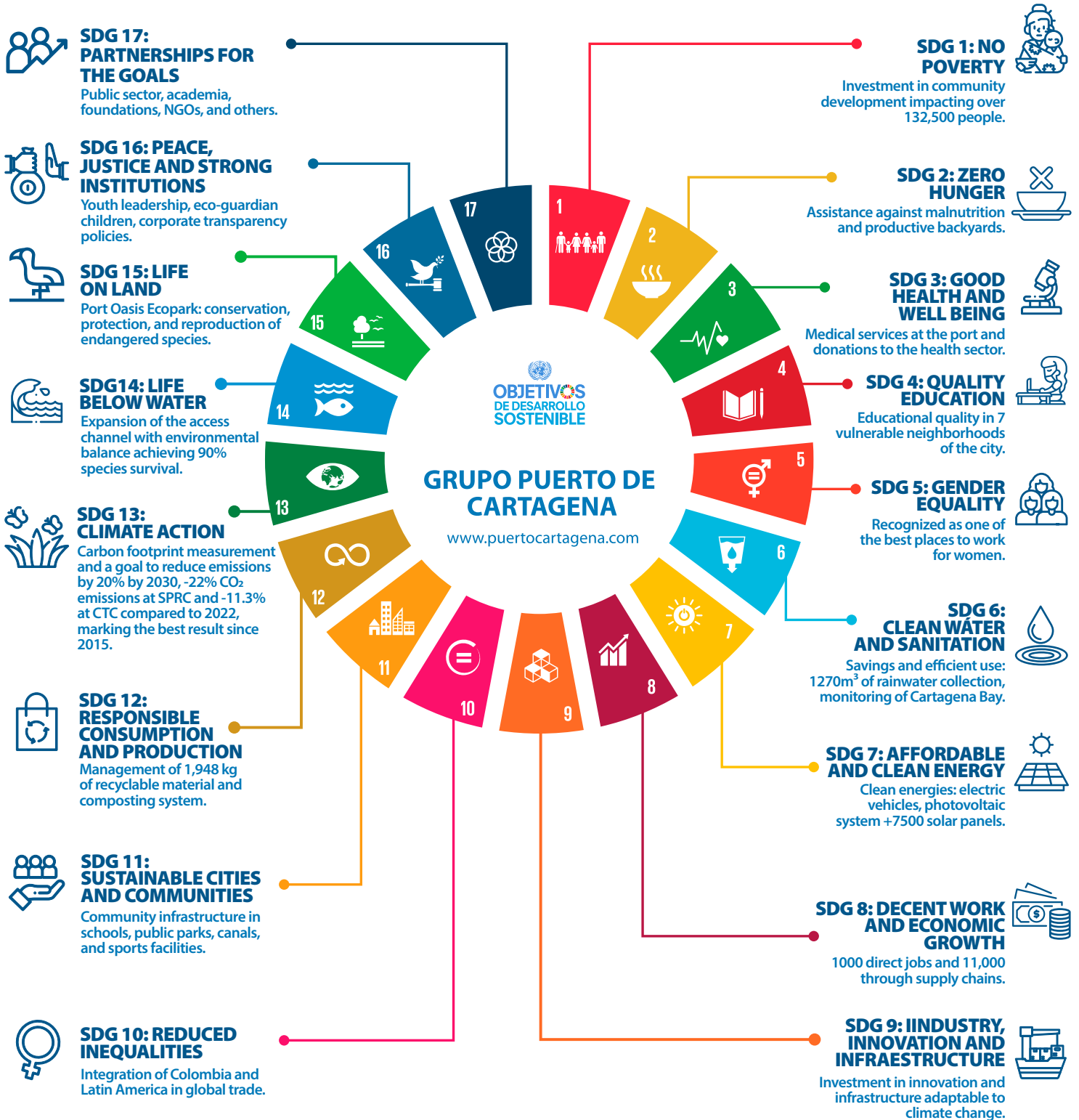


Governance

G.

Management and control of the company, including transparency and business ethics.

The Port of Cartagena contributes to the 17 SDGs and to more than 100 outlined targets



Contribution to the SDGs

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1 NO POVERTY



SDG 1

No poverty

46.3% of Cartagena's population is in poverty. GPC employs nearly

+1000 people
+ 2930 families

It has also invested over 9.73 million USD in community development, benefiting more than

+ 132.500 individuals



Employment, tourism, cruises, and revenues of over + USD \$500 million

between 2008 and 2020 to the national economy

2 ZERO HUNGER



SDG 2

Zero hunger



Two strategies to combat food insecurity which affects

+320,000 people

1.



Assistance actions against, hunger and malnutrition, donations + 3,780,339 million pesos

2.



The productive patios program, More than 90 households have received technical training and are engaged in marketing horticultural products grown in their home gardens.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



SDG 3

Good health and well being

Accumulated contribution of \$9.019.771.176 benefiting more than **3.630 families** in the city



For the well-being of its workers, GPC offers on-site medical services, including preventive medicine, pathology analysis, and training programs on health and disease prevention.

Pioneer in biosafety measures



The Cruz Esmeralda merit medal.



SDG 4 Quality education

Education in the company:

Corporate University, digital skills program, languages, national and international training, Smart Citizen, Portideas Innovation program, and SDGs courses

• **Saberes**
8.953
children

• **The Puerto Azul music school**
3.456
individuals

• **The Vive bien Scholarship**
383
recipients

Quality education in the city through FPC programs:



• **Smart School program**
1.339
students



impacting over
+7 vulnerable
neighborhoods



SDG 5 Gender equality



Women's leadership in the port sector, conditions of pay equity and access to opportunities for personal and professional growth. Training on women's rights and gender equity through the FPC.



SDG 6 Clean wáter and sanitation

Program for Efficient Use and Savings:

Consumption reduction and rainwater harvesting system. Monitoring, tracking, and periodic evaluation plans focused on water quality and port operations, emphasizing the prevention and preservation of natural resources.



1270 m³
Storage of
reusable water



SDG 7

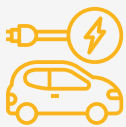
Affordable and clean energy

Technology as an ally to improve energy efficiency, increase the use of renewable energies and reduce the consumption of fossil fuels.

Photovoltaic system at Contecar

6.000

solar panels 22.000 m²



46 electric cars - Puerto ECOMOVIL.

- **15 electrified RTG** cranes at SPRC and 2 at CTC, which achieve a reduction of 4.046 tons of CO₂ and 510.000 gallons of diesel fuel per year.
- **New 22 additional RTG cranes** in progress with the goal of reducing the emission of 5.236 tons of CO₂ per year.
- **Energy efficiency program**
- **1.110 solar panels installed** on the inspection area shed covering 3.800 m² and the installation of 467 solar panels on the Cross docking covering an area of 1.800 m².



SDG 8

Decent work and economic growth

Great Place To Work®

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The GPC has contributed significantly to the city's economic growth by making Cartagena a great place to work and the most important cruise ship destination in Colombia. This has generated a great economic impact, as tourist spending is distributed along the service chain.

- **393 tour guide**, who report close to 10 thousand services in each cruise season.
- The port of Cartagena holds the utmost significance for Colombian exports, as it handles 52% of the total volume.

52.8 million USD

of foreign exchange irrigated to the economy of Cartagena and the country in the July 2023-june 2024 season.



+740 direct jobs

and 1886 indirect jobs from cruise tourism in seasons.



SDG 9

Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Modernization of infrastructure adapted to climate change is essential to ensure long-term functionality and competitiveness.

The accumulated investment of **\$240.000 USD** in sustainability and innovation includes:

- Modernization of the dock
- Photovoltaic cells
- Development of container yards
- Equipment for inspections
- Rainwater collection
- Expansion of refrigerated cross-docking
- Eco-mobile Port.

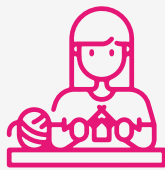


SDG 10 Reduced inequalities

• The integration of Colombia into global trade, reducing inequality in relation to Latin America.

• **Strengthening cultural entrepreneurs:**

Training and economic formalization of artisans by SENA generated over \$40 million in sales through local fairs, with more than



+700 crafts sold

• **Empowerment of fishermen:**



Strengthening of over 120 fishermen in Albornoz, Ceballos, and Zapatero through partnerships with local entities including the delivery of 800 fishing supply units and improvements in living conditions.

• **Colombia scored 3.8 for port infrastructure by the World Economic Forum (WEF).**



SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities

Improvement of urban environments, promoting civic coexistence and better quality of life, benefiting more than 44,800 people.

- Adaptation of the dining area at the IE Almirante Padilla.
- Maintenance of Las Colonias Park, multi-sport court, and green areas.

- Recovery of Santa Clara Park and the Ceballos sports court.
- Maintenance and adaptation of Albornoz Park, Nuevo Oriente Canal, and the Music Hall of Ceballos and Zapatero.
- Comprehensive cleaning of the Ceballos Canal with an investment of more than 2 million pesos.



+44.800 people.



SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production

Since 2021, GPC has managed to handle over 1,948 kg of recyclable material, achieving more than 4.7% in the last year. This material was later donated to recycling foundations for proper disposal and optimization as part of a commitment to a circular economy. Proper processing to extract compost has been achieved.

Currently, production includes:

+1940 kg
of recyclable material

+1220 kg
of organic compost



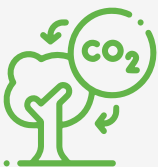


SDG 13

Climate action

- ✓ **Comprehensive environmental management policy**
- ✓ **Clean combustion**
- ✓ **Carbon footprint reduction**
- ✓ **Environmental management**
- ✓ **Climate change adaptation**
- ✓ **Carbon footprint measurement since 2015 through the Environmental Responsibility Report.**

- The **Environmental Responsibility Report** , It includes graphical comparisons of energy consumption and emissions to monitor their Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, expressed in kg of CO₂ equivalent per TEU (CO₂e/TEU)
- **Emission Reduction:** 22% decrease in CO₂ emissions at SPRC and 11.3% at CTC compared to 2022, marking the best results since 2015.



Efficiency Indicator

10,2 kg
CO₂e/TEU at **SPRC**

10,12 kg
CO₂e/TEU at **CTC**



- **Cumulative CO₂ Reductions:** Over the last eight years, a total of 45,506 tons of CO₂ have been reduced, equivalent to the carbon emitted by the annual operation of 503 tractor-trailers.
- **Diesel Fuel Reduction:** From 2015 to 2023, GPC decreased its diesel fuel consumption by more than 2.4 million gallons, equivalent to the vehicle fuel consumption of Cartagena for 27 days.
- **Particulate Matter Prevention:** Over the past eight years, GPC has successfully prevented the emission of 2.8 tons of particles smaller than 10 micrometers into the atmosphere, equivalent to two years of emissions from an oil-based thermal power plant.
- **Certifications:** ISO 14001:2015, Ecoports certification and GRI



SDG 14

Life below water

The Grupo Puerto de Cartagena has actively engaged with the **UN Global Compact's Sustainable Ocean Principles**, demonstrating leadership in maritime sustainability by adopting the Practical Guidance for Ports. This initiative has allowed the group to implement effective environmental strategies, setting benchmarks for operational excellence and sustainability in the maritime industry. The commitment

is further reflected in their adherence to best practices and the use of practical tools, inspiring other companies to prioritize sustainability in their business operations.

One significant achievement is the **Bay Access Canal Expansion project**, which successfully deepened the canal to 20.5 meters while maintaining an environmental balance,

achieving coral survival rates exceeding **90%**



This initiative has allowed the group to implement effective environmental strategies...

The **GPC leads programs and strategies to promote the sustainable use of ecosystems**, including the conservation of biological diversity and the protection of endangered species, as well as the fight against deforestation and poaching. This is achieved through initiatives such as the **Port Oasis Ecopark**, the port's recognition as a Sustainable Destination and the **"Ecoguardians"** program, led by FPC.

Ecoguardianes:

+1.450
beneficiaries

Planting of
587 species
in public spaces

- Environmental innovation in automated irrigation and clean energies, and environmental impact sessions



- 415 births of various species such as sloths, howler monkeys, mallard ducks, and Orinoco geese from 2020 to 2024.

The **Port Oasis Ecopark** houses a total of

+1.344
specimens

+74
different species



123
births in 2024.



Conclusions

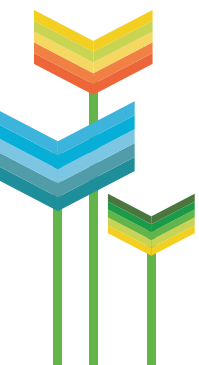
The Grupo Puerto de Cartagena demonstrates its commitment to sustainability as a leader in the Caribbean region, with three decades of hard work consolidating exemplary port service in collaboration with its employees, partners, local communities, and institutions.

More than 300 young people have benefited from scholarships, 8,300 children are promoting education and environmental awareness, and an impact on more than 110,000 people in seven vulnerable neighborhoods of the city, all of which are proof of the construction of a legacy of social transformation in education, sports, welfare, art, culture, and environmental protection for the city of Cartagena.

Sustainability, as a fundamental axis, allows for innovation in resource use, strengthening of relationships, and expansion towards increasingly conscious markets. Recognized for its port efficiency, GPC invests in sustainable infrastructures and adopts innovative technologies while preserving local ecosystems, earning awards for its environmental respect.

From 75 targets in 2023, GPC has significantly contributed to the fulfillment of more than 100 SDG targets and has adopted ESG standards as part of its commitment to sustainability and corporate responsibility. Its 30-year legacy is reflected in resilient and competitive infrastructure, in the training and education of leaders, and in its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, positioning Cartagena as a sustainable tourism destination.

Looking to the future, GPC is committed to continuing to build a more just and sustainable future, aligned with Colombia's environmental and social goals and the global agendas on climate change, biodiversity, and SDGs.



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