

# Voluntary Ship Notations Indicating Environmental Performance Beyond Statutory Requirements.

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# Industry Drivers

- **Regulatory:** IMO policies are requiring reduced carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- **Social:** Societal pressures on companies to operate sustainably in all aspects
- **Financial:** Requiring sustainability initiatives to reduce long-term risk in investments
- **Corporate Governance and Shareholders:** Board rooms are pushing for targeted strategies to reduce emissions
- **Charterers:** Looking for assurance that vessels will be compliant and as efficient as possible
- **Other Stakeholders:** Regional authorities, insurers, brokers, etc.

Regulatory



Social



Financial



Corporate



Charterers



Others



Builders



Owners



Operators



# The Vision of Sustainability

ABS offers solutions for addressing the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) sustainable development goals (SDGs) as they relate to vessels, fleets and managing organizations.



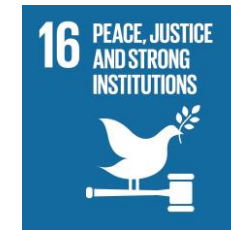
## Environmental Excellence



## Social Responsibility

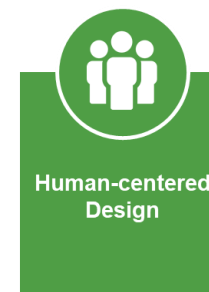
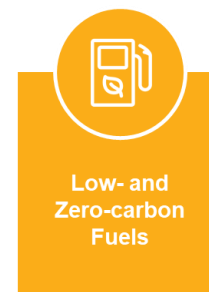


## Governance – Operational Excellence



# ABS Guide for Sustainability Notations

- ABS Guide for Sustainability Notations - published December 2020
- Updated Guide in September 2022 – offshore related
- Developed the industry's first Sustainability Class Notations:
  - SUSTAIN-1 & SUSTAIN-2
  - Future development of SUSTAIN-3
- Provides practical suggestions to improve Sustainable elements of Classed vessel
- Enables link to Company and/or Project ESG Plans
- Alignment of Notations to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



# SUSTAIN-1 & SUSTAIN-2

- The *Guide for Sustainability Notations* currently offers two Class Notations, a third is under development
- **SUSTAIN-1:**
  - For vessels & offshore units going beyond MARPOL / statutory requirements to demonstrate sustainability
- **SUSTAIN-2:**
  - For vessels using low- or zero-carbon fuels and addressing the social aspects of sustainability through the incorporation of human element considerations in their design
- **ENVIRO vs SUSTAIN Notations:**
  - SUSTAIN offers additional elements to align with a Company's ESG and/or UN SDGs. Demonstratable action, supporting industry advancement in Sustainable practices

ITEM	TOPIC	SDG	SUSTAIN-1 (2020)	SUSTAIN-2 (2020)
1	Oil and Chemical Pollution	 		
2	Waste Streams	 		
3	Coastal and Marine Ecosystems			
4	Air Emissions	   		
5	Efficiency and Performance Monitoring	  		
6	Ship Recycling	 		
7	Low-Carbon Fuels	 		
8	Human-Centered Design	 		

# Thank You

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