

Prince Albert II Foundation, German Ocean Foundation and boot Düsseldorf present "ocean tribute" Award 2022

French company HelioRec scores with floating solar power plants

Düsseldorf Aquazoo is the backdrop for the award ceremony



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This year, the Düsseldorf Aquazoo with its maritime biodiversity provides a unique backdrop for the award ceremony of the "ocean tribute" award 2022. In front of the impressive panorama with a recreated coral reef, the Executive Board of the German Ocean Foundation, Frank Schweikert, and boot Project Director Petros Michelidakis present the winner of this year's "ocean tribute" award. In the run-up, the expert jury had selected five nominees from the 27 international applications. In a public voting, marine conservationists and boot fans then voted for their favorite.

"And the winner is: HelioRec," Petros Michelidakis announces in the award ceremony film. And his fellow competitor Frank Schweikert explains why both the jury and the public voted for HelioRec from Nantes: "The French company scores with its environmentally friendly electric charging stations (ECS) for the maritime sector based on floating solar power plants. Unused water is converted into a clean energy source through a floating offshore solar cell system. The main objectives of the project are to save land area in a port area, generate a clean energy source, establish fast charging stations for electric vehicles and electric boats in the port, and realize new digital services for data prediction and optimization. Other concepts of the project are fast charging stations for electric vehicles and electric boats in the port. Another goal is the circular economy approach: recycled plastic is used to manufacture floating systems, reducing system costs and carbon footprint."

In the award ceremony, which will be held digitally due to the pandemic cancellation of boot 2022, Michelidakis will present the "ocean tribute" award trophy and a check for the prize money of €20,000, provided by the Monaco-based Prince Albert II Foundation and Messe Düsseldorf. "Healthy oceans and clean waters are a top priority for all friends of water sports. Our oceans also play a major role in terms of the climate balance and therefore, with the "ocean tribute" award, we hope to attract further



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supporters for this important cause," the boot Director explains the commitment.

Since 2018, the "ocean tribute" award has been sponsored by the Prince Albert II Foundation, the German Ocean Foundation and boot Düsseldorf annually and awarded at boot Düsseldorf. Companies, institutions, associations, initiatives and research facilities that would like to apply for the 2023 award can do so on the website <https://oceantributeaward.boot.com> from May 2022. Public voting for the "ocean tribute" 2023 will start in autumn also on the award website.

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