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ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY: IMPACTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SHIPPING AGENCIES.

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# THE EVOLUTION AND CURRENT SCENARIO OF A SHIPPING AGENCY

<u>1 Evolution of Ship Agent Role</u>: Ship agents have evolved their role over time, adapting to changes in the global maritime transport industry.

<u>2 Initial Responsibilities</u>: Initially, ship agencies were primarily responsible for operational tasks, such as managing shipping operations and coordinating port activities.

<u>3 Expanded Functions</u>: With advancements in technology and increasing complexity in marine operations, ship agents have taken on a broader range of functions.

<u>4 Current Role</u>: Today, ship agents serve as intermediaries and logistics experts, connecting shipowners, port authorities, customers, and regulatory institutions. They also provide services like consulting, risk management, digital solutions, and compliance support.

<u>5 ESG Influence</u>: Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) concerns have significantly impacted the ship agent's importance. Ship agents now play a crucial role in promoting sustainability, environmental compliance, cleaner technologies, transparency, and socially responsible practices within the maritime industry.



CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES OF ESG (ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE)

<u>ESG</u> as an Integrated Approach: ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) represents an integrated approach that combines environmental, social, and corporate governance aspects into sustainable development and business management. It emphasizes the significance of positive performance in these areas for long-term value creation and their impact on stakeholders.

<u>Response to Global Challenges</u>: ESG emerged in response to growing global concerns regarding environmental, social, and governance challenges faced by companies. It addresses issues like climate change, pollution, social inequalities, corruption, and unethical practices by integrating these factors into business decision-making.

<u>Benefits of ESG</u>: The relevance of ESG for companies is evident in its potential to enhance reputation, attract investments, support risk management, and ensure long-term sustainability. Companies adopting sustainable practices can gain competitive advantages, access new markets, and engage socially conscious customers, while also contributing to social well-being, environmental preservation, and ethical standards on a global scale.



## BENEFITS OF ADOPTING ESG PRACTICES FOR MARITIME AGENCIES



#### Reputation and Positive Image

- Adoption of ESG practices enhances a company's reputation and fosters an image of responsibility and commitment to sustainability and governance.
- This builds trust with customers, business partners, and investors, making the company more attractive in the market.



#### **Access to Business Opportunities**

 ESG-aligned companies gain access to opportunities that prioritize sustainability and social responsibility, potentially leading to participation in projects and contracts with high ESG standards.



#### Reducing Operational and Financial Risks

 ESG practices help identify and mitigate operational and financial risks, including environmental damage, fines, reputational damage, and improved resource and safety management.

## BENEFITS OF ADOPTING ESG PRACTICES FOR MARITIME AGENCIES



#### **Attracting and Retaining Talent**

- Younger professionals value companies committed to sustainability and social responsibility.
- Adopting ESG practices attracts and retains skilled talent, resulting in more engaged and motivated teams.



### **Operational Efficiency**

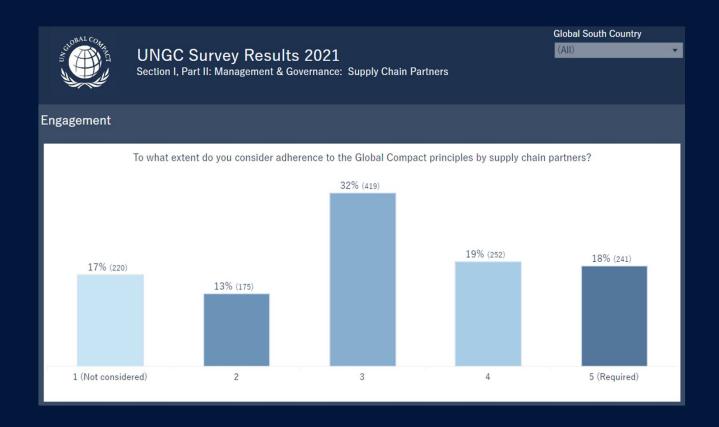
 Implementing ESG practices often improves operational efficiency, including reducing energy consumption, adopting cleaner technologies, optimizing processes, and reducing waste.



#### Stakeholder Relationship Management

- Incorporating ESG into stakeholder relationships strengthens ties with customers, suppliers, communities, and regulatory authorities.
- This leads to stronger partnerships and new collaboration opportunities

# BENEFITS OF ADOPTING ESG PRACTICES FOR MARITIME AGENCIES



## UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - UN GLOBAL COMPACT



2018 Unimar became aware of the UN initiative called the Global Compact. Then our actions were directed towards adhering to the programme that certified the actions of Unimar, awarding the certification as Participants in the Global Compact and with actions registered in its 17 SDGs - Objectives Sustainable Development.

## UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES

Founded in 1995 in Santos, Brazil, near the largest port in Latin America.

Specialized in shipping agency services for both regular lines and tramp ships.

The company has expanded and now operates in 11 Brazilian states with 14 offices.

Unimar began to focus on its environmental role and responsibilities around 2017.

This shift in focus came as the concept of sustainability gained prominence, prompting the company to seek ways to contribute to environmental efforts.



# UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - ENVIRONMENT

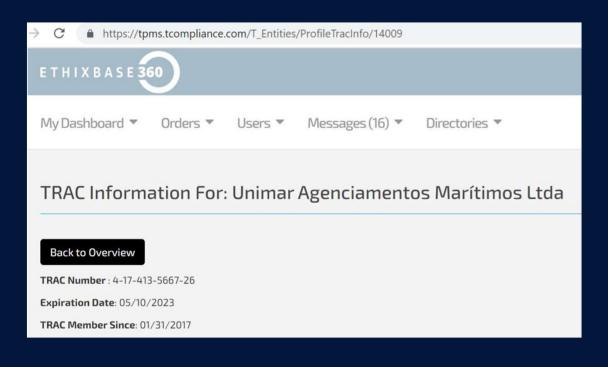


2017 - Reuse water project, which consisted of capturing rainwater to reuse in the maintenance of the Headquarters building, generating a saving of 783,000 litres of water since then.



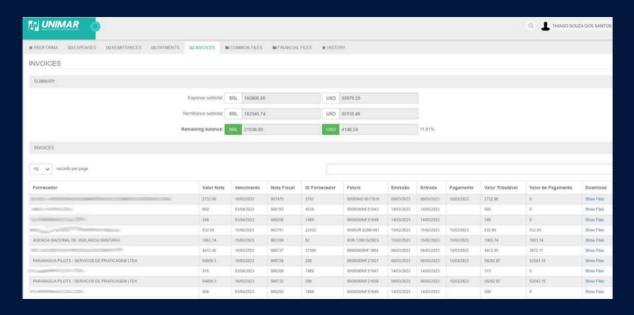
2018 - Unimar joined its green electricity consumption project, which essentially involves using solar energy in 100% of its energy consumption. By joining a cooperative, Unimar was one of the first companies in the sector at the national level to embrace this practice, preventing the emission of 56,563 kilograms of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere.

## UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - GOVERNANCE



2017 Unimar joined the certification process of its compliance policies by TRACE, one of the main anti-corruption seals that attest to the governance of the company's operations providing maximum transparency and ethics for its partners and customers.

# UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - PAPERLESS & IT



Unimar took action to eliminate paper in response to its ESG policy and the digitalization of the sector to generate costing accounts (Disbursements Accounts). As a result, currently, a development system internally in the company provides 100% of the data of its services in electronic/digital format, thus presenting a cutting-edge tool for the market.

## UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - TALENT AQUISITION



Unimar seeks to provide young students with a gateway to the Maritime/Port Sector. In this way, our constant goal is to influence them on the importance of the sector and how careers can be built for professionals from diverse backgrounds. In this sense, we have established partnerships with the primary educational institutions in our location and established our Young Talent program, where a web platform that is also available on smartphones was internally created and developed to capture these profiles during the presentations and events held by Unimar

## UNIMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AND ITS ESG PRACTICES - SOCIAL & EDUCATION





Unimar was invited by the Santos Commercial Association (an institution founded in 1870) to promote the Maritime Agency sector in a contest in March 2023. On the occasion, 9 educational institutions of Santos took part in a marathon, where Unimar presented the market problem and the young students had the support of our professionals and teachers to develop business solutions.

The winning solution received an award provided by the Santos Commercial Association. The event was attended by more than 220 young people, besides the teams of Unimar professionals from different areas like technology, HR, new business, quality/processes, and more

### **CONCLUSION**

#### Strengthened Brand and Market Position

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- Unimar strengthened its brand and gained prominence in the market by adopting ESG practices.
- Customers, partners, and employees recognized Unimar's strategic role in pursuing an ethical logistics chain focused on well-being and social responsibility.

#### Collaborative Effort Across the Logistics Chain



- Implementing ESG policies is a collaborative effort involving the entire logistics chain.
- Shipping agencies play a crucial role in influencing the practices of suppliers, customers, and partners, fostering ethics, sustainability, and well-being

#### Debunking Myths about ESG



 Unimar's experience disproves myths associated with ESG practices, showing that they don't hinder business success but rather enhance a company's reputation and relationships with stakeholders.

#### Importance of ESG Implementation

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- Companies should see ESG policies as an opportunity for positive transformation, strengthening their brands, gaining competitive advantages, attracting investments, and contributing to a more sustainable and fair future.
  - Collaboration among companies in the logistics chain is vital for sustainability and social responsibility, and sharing good practices can lead to a more ethical and sustainable economy.





### THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!

