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Swiss-Italian dry bulk ship operator **Nova Marine Carriers** undertook its first carbon neutral voyage last week, offsetting the CO2 emitted by its vessel MV [Sider Rodi](#) by voluntarily purchasing carbon credits for a Madagascan solar farm project. The Ambatolampy solar power plant provides green electricity and a stable power supply to around 50,000 Malagasy households. The project developer GreenYellow recently announced plans to significantly expand Ambatolampy's output.



Caption: General cargo ship Sider Rodi - Image courtesy of Dario Bonazza

The 8,063 dwt general cargo vessel MV Sider Rodi had been chartered by a major European power utility company to deliver 3,395 tonnes of woodchip from [Livorno](#) to [Porto Vesme](#) in Italy, in the process consuming 28.2 tonnes of marine gas oil and low sulphur fuel oil, equating to 94 tonnes of CO2. This figure includes the vessel's ballast leg from Genoa to Livorno to undertake the charter as well as the fuel consumed in port during loading and discharge operations.