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Mirpuri Foundation sets sail for a better world

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On Sunday 29 January, the VOR70 Mirpuri Foundation (formally Green Dragon) left the Cape Verde Island of Sao Vicente to sail the 2,300 nm to Barbados, in the Caribbean.



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Skipped by Portuguese businessman Paulo Mirpuri, the initial voyage signals the start of his ambitious sailing project to sponsor a Portuguese team in the 2020 Volvo Ocean Race.

The Mirpuri Foundation left Sao Vicente following a press conference and the presentation of the video "Eleventh hour wakeup call - Save the Ocean Program", produced by the Mirpuri Foundation to raise awareness to the question of the preservation of the oceans.

As Paulo Mirpuri explained, *"This ocean crossing will promote this work of the Mirpuri Foundation and the choice of Cape Verde as a starting point for this voyage was not by chance."*

"We know that a substantial part of the island's economy is based on the oceans, with artisanal fishing, and we would like to sensitize the local authorities to an involvement in the preservation of this universal patrimony that is the ocean."

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Co-skipper and project manager, Johannes Schwarz described the conditions as:

"Perfect, with a high-pressure system stationary in the middle of the North Atlantic, producing a steady stream of northeastern trade winds that will allow a downwind navigation virtually all the way to Barbados."

The Mirpuri Foundation is expected to arrive in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday 4 February after a crossing of 4 to 5 days.

Mirpuri Foundation "Eleventh hour wake up call" - Save the Ocean Progr... [↗](#)



The Mirpuri Foundation is a non-profit foundation set up in Portugal by the businessman and philanthropist Paulo Mirpuri as a vehicle to manage his family's charitable donations and to support specific projects in aerospace, medical research, marine conservation, wildlife conservation and social responsibility.