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**PROTEUS OCEAN GROUP PARTNERS WITH GLOBAL MARINE CONSERVANCY,
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Partnership Advances Efforts to Progress Ocean Science and Research in Portugal

LISBON, PORTUGAL—January 22, 2025—[Proteus Ocean Group](#) and the [Mirpuri Foundation](#) are partnering to provide leadership in research and science in Portugal through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Proteus Ocean Group is a for-profit, social enterprise developing a global “smart ocean” platform which will include multiple PROTEUS™ subsea habitats, ocean monitoring systems, blue carbon management tools, a robust media business to amplify ocean storytelling in multiple jurisdictions, and a venture division driving strategic investments to accelerate innovation.

The signing of this MOU represents a significant milestone for Proteus Ocean Group, expanding its reach to accelerate solutions to some of the world’s most pressing issues. Together, the two organizations will begin to explore opportunities to launch a Smart Ocean Tech Platform in Portugal. The collaboration will include shared scientific, environmental, and technology projects and efforts focused on climate change mitigation, pollution and ocean conservation, ocean storytelling, and sustainable marine management.

“Proteus Ocean Group offers a groundbreaking platform to drive innovation in the blue economy, amplify ocean storytelling, and enable research to address pressing global issues, and collaborating with Mirpuri Foundation will be instrumental in realizing our objectives in Portugal,” said Fabien Cousteau, founder of Proteus Ocean Group. “With its rich marine biodiversity and commitment to sustainability, Portugal provides an ideal environment for research and innovation. Together, we will pave the way for a more sustainable future, not just for our ocean, but for our planet as a whole.”

Together, the organizations will utilize their combined expertise and leadership in the ocean space to promote a sustainable maritime economy, harness the power of Portugal's abundant coastal resources, and grow knowledge and awareness by facilitating scientific research, technology and innovation, education, and ocean literacy and media.

“We believe that our collaboration with Proteus Ocean Group in Portugal will allow us to explore new avenues in marine conservation and sustainable innovation,” said Dr Paulo Mirpuri,

President and CEO of the Mirpuri Foundation. “Together, we aim to identify impactful ways to protect our oceans and inspire responsible stewardship of our blue resources.”

To learn more about Proteus Ocean Group, PROTEUS™, and its partners, visit proteusoceangroup.com.

To learn more about Mirpuri Foundation programs, visit mirpurifoundation.org/programs.

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About Proteus Ocean Group:

Proteus Ocean Group (POG) is a for-profit social enterprise building a global smart ocean platform. The environment includes multiple subsea habitats, which are laboratories where researchers and others can live and work 24/7 underwater, ocean monitoring systems, blue carbon management tools, a robust media business to amplify ocean storytelling in multiple jurisdictions, and a venture division driving strategic investments to accelerate innovation.

POG’s core project is building “The International Space Station of the Ocean”, PROTEUS™, the world’s first modular, multipurpose undersea habitat. A high-tech home, research and development center, PROTEUS™ will revolutionize ocean science, discovery, exploration, and adventure, driving global engagement while accelerating planetary solutions. Imagine a submerged laboratory for scientists, researchers, astronauts, academics, data scientists, filmmakers, aquanauts, engineers, and entrepreneurs, along with a multi-media plan for robust storytelling about everything the company does on a variety of platforms. Alongside the habitat effort is an ambitious data collection and analysis endeavor, a technology ecosystem aimed at supporting blue carbon, aquaculture, and many other ocean sectors.

About Mirpuri Foundation:

Mirpuri Foundation, headquartered in Lisbon, Portugal, is a global institution dedicated to fostering a sustainable future through collaborative action and innovation. Established with a mission to bridge the gap between people and nature, the foundation leverages science, partnerships, and advocacy to address some of the most urgent environmental and social challenges of our time.

The Mirpuri Foundation is committed to creating lasting change by uniting governments, businesses, communities, and individuals in the pursuit of a healthier planet. Its work spans international boundaries, with projects that aim to inspire, educate, and drive progress toward a harmonious and prosperous world. Guided by core values of equity, innovation, and ecological stewardship, the Mirpuri Foundation is a leader in impactful solutions that enhance the well-being of people and ecosystems alike.

