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Colombia eyeing renewable energy potential on the high seas

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Colombian state oil company **Ecopetrol** and the country's navy have announced joint plans to investigate the potential of offshore renewable energy.

The expeditions will cover 24,272 nautical miles (around 39,000km) in the Caribbean Sea, the Pacific Ocean and Antarctica, **Ecopetrol** said in a statement.

"During these scientific expeditions, the potential for clean energy generation will be analyzed through the application of augmented reality techniques and simulation of virtual scenarios," the statement reads.

It did not specify which types of renewable power generation would be analyzed.

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But **Ecopetrol** said it would impact the use of conventional and renewable marine diesel on the environment.

"The data collected will be used to design initiatives to leverage the energy transition and mitigate greenhouse gases," the company said.

It added that the initiative was aimed at identifying "clean energy sources in the open sea" that would contribute to Colombia's goal of zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

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