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Greenheart to test new ship rig design

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The **Greenheart Project** has informed Sustainable Shipping it will be testing a new ship rig design on fishing boats in Japan to help "remove debris from shipping channels and small harbors and help get the boats and fishermen back to work in the area."

In March, the **biggest earthquake to hit Japan** since records began almost 150 years ago smashed into the country's northeast coast, triggering tsunamis up to 23-feet high that swept away boats, cars and homes and killed hundreds of people.

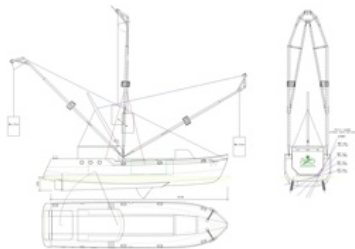
The Greenheart Project is a non-profit organisation looking to create a low-cost, zero-emissions small cargo ship that uses environmentally clean and sustainable sail and solar power, "to provide needy coastal communities around the world with an affordable means of transport."

The latest project will see 12 metre and 30 metre sailing rigs attached to fishing boats in the Tohoku area to give them a heavy lift capacity. The rigs will also help reduce fuel consumption and therefore costs.

"This project needs funding so we can test the first rig quickly, we will then be moving ahead with supplying multiple rigs throughout the area," Gavin Allwright, Commercial Director at the Greenheart Project told Sustainable Shipping on Tuesday.

"We appreciate that many organisations have already given generously to relief efforts and volunteer activities, but any help with this longer term project would be appreciated," Allright added.

For more information on the Greenheart Project visit www.greenheartproject.org



The Greenheart Project uses sail and solar power to cut emissions and fuel

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