



## **PROTEGO® Success Stories**

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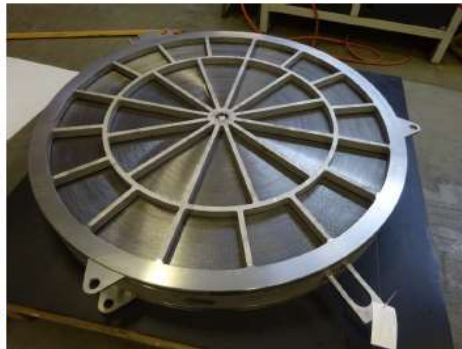


# 1. PROTEGO France

## 1.1. Flame Arrester Replacement Shell Bonga FPSO



### PROTEGO Flame Arrester Replacement Shell Bonga FPSO



Supplied Arrester Types:

- 3pc DA-SB-1200/600-IIA-P1,1
- 1pc DA-SB-1200/300-IIA-P1,1

Features:

- Easy maintenance flame arrester unit with individual flame filter discs
- Stabilized filter discs for easy handling of large disc
- Flanged condensate drain connections

In 2023 PROTEGO® delivered 4pcs stable detonation flame arrester + 1 pc spare flame arrester unit to Shell Nigeria Exploration & Production Co for the Bonga FPSO development.

The devices replaced competitor's model (*Amal Type IRDB*) which showed challenges in cleaning and maintenance

## Challenges

- 4 Existing Flame Arresters on a FPSO
- Creating too much pressure losses
- Not easy to clean, and cleaning efficiency bad → Stop of production every month
- Cleaning request crane to handle the devices and during the cleaning process.
- Due to the long cleaning time process, the job was done on an onshore workshop



## PROTEGO Flame Arrester Replacement

S/N	Basis for comparison	Old Arrester (Just Before replacement)
1	Frequency of cleaning	1 month
2	Duration of work required to achieve proper cleaning	2days
3	Manpower (no. of men involved) in the actual cleaning process	2
4	Materials and Equipment in use for the cleaning	Bath-up for soaking, Metal Brite, Blasting hanger, High pressure jetting machine.
5	Delays in the cleaning process	2 Weeks minimum
6	Efficiency of the cleaning process	Very poor even after been cleaned. (30-40%)
7	Cost of cleaning and logistics	Availability of Supply vessel, Focal person ashore, AGO cost and Port Charges
8	Rigging and lifting operations required.	Same number of personnel (6)
9	Handling/cleaning cost	Required Contract to be set up for onshore cleaning and return.
10	Sparing	No spare arrester was provided
11	Safety/Risk involved	Transporting from FPSO to PSV possess lifting Hazards (Drop objects, lifting equipment failure, etc.). Same for returning from ashore to Bonga.
12	Weather/ Sea state	Required calm sea as specified in the adverse weather policy for a PSV to come alongside.



## PROTEGO Flame Arrester Replacement

▪ **RESULTS:**

S/N	Basis for comparison	Old Arrester (Just Before replacement)	New Arrester (PROTEGO)
1	Frequency of cleaning.	1 month	6 months
2	Duration of work required to achieve proper cleaning.	2days	6 hours
3	Manpower (no. of men involved) in the actual cleaning process	2	1
4	Materials and Equipment in use for the cleaning	Both-up for soaking, Metal Brite, Blasting hanger, High pressure jetting machine.	1 air hose with plant air pressure (øbarg)
5	Delays in the cleaning process	2 Weeks minimum	1 day
6	Efficiency of the cleaning process	Very poor even after been cleaned. (30-40%)	Very High (90-95%)
7	Cost of cleaning and logistics	Availability of Supply vessel, Focal person ashore, AGO cost and Port Charges	Cleaning is done on board Bonga
8	Rigging and lifting operations required.	Same number of personnel (6)	Same number of personnel (6)
9	Handling/cleaning cost	Required Contract to be set up for onshore cleaning and return.	Cleaning is done on Board using FPSO core crew.
10	Sparing	No spare arrester was provided	Availability of one complete spare
11	Safety/Risk involved	Transporting from FPSO to PSV possess lifting Hazards (Drop objects, lifting equipment failure, et cetera)	No Vessel transfers.
12	Weather/ Sea state	Same for returning from ashore to Bonga.	No vessel transfers.
		Required calm sea as specified in the adverse weather policy for a PSV to come alongside.	No vessel transfers.

- Better cleaning Frequency
- Better cleaning Efficiency
- Shorter cleaning Duration
- Cleaning service offshore with less manpower and no risk of vessel transfer



## PROJECT TEAM FEEDBACK

Dear Sébastien,

Bonne Année! 🎉

Trust you and your team are doing well. Nkechi and I are glad to hear from you and hope we can explore the opportunity to meet whenever you are available in Nigeria on other trips.

On the feedback for the newly installed flame arrester units, we had waited to monitor the performance over 6 months and receive direct feedback from the user team offshore, who were in the best position to provide this.

See excerpt of mail shared on behalf of the offshore user team for your records:



## PROJECT TEAM FEEDBACK

Following this, we are indeed delighted to have this outcome which indicates significantly improved performance and maintenance experience, including safety conditions offered by the arrestors. This attests to the high quality, standards, and excellent performance which the installed units have been designed to deliver.

Well done to the team and congratulations to **PROTEGO** in partnership with **IKOSH** for the remarkable delivery which has provided not just performance success, but business value regarding high OPEX cost reduction and schedule benefits, sustaining the Bonga asset integrity and safety desired.

Cordialement,

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