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ABSTRACT

The EcoSave project represents a groundbreaking fusion of blockchain technology with environmental activism, aiming to tackle pressing global issues such as CO2 emissions, microplastic pollution, and the current state of recycling systems. By leveraging the innovative Eco-friendly Proof of Activity (EcoPoA) mechanism, EcoSave incentivizes individuals

and organizations to participate in sustainable practices by rewarding eco-conscious behaviors with EcoSave tokens. This system not only fosters a culture of environmental responsibility but also offers a tangible solution to enhance global recycling efforts, reduce carbon footprints, and combat the pervasive issue of microplastics. EcoSave envisions a future where blockchain technology serves as a catalyst for environmental sustainability, encouraging a shift towards more responsible consumption and production patterns worldwide.

Amidst escalating environmental crises, the EcoSave project emerges as a beacon of innovation and hope, aiming to raise awareness and engage individuals in the battle against some of the most daunting environmental challenges of our time. With CO2 emissions soaring to levels that threaten irreversible climate change, microplastics permeating every corner of our ecosystems, and recycling processes struggling to keep pace with waste generation, EcoSave proposes a novel approach to turn the tide. Through its Eco-friendly Proof of Activity (EcoPoA) system, EcoSave not only incentivizes sustainable living practices but also educates and mobilizes the global community to take actionable steps towards environmental stewardship. By rewarding participants with EcoSave tokens for their contributions to reducing emissions, minimizing plastic usage, and enhancing recycling efforts, the project aims

to build a vibrant, informed, and proactive community committed to safeguarding the planet for future generations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Our planet faces a multitude of environmental threats, each inextricably linked and posing a significant challenge for the future. Human activities, primarily fossil fuel combustion, are the primary driver of rising CO2 emissions, currently exceeding 420 parts per million (ppm) (Friedlingstein et al., 2023). This alarming increase directly fuels global warming, with projections suggesting a temperature rise of 2.6°C to 3.9°C by 2100 under a business-as-usual scenario (IPCC, 2021). The consequences are dire, including rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and disruptions to ecosystems and food security (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2018).

Microplastics, tiny plastic fragments less than 5 millimeters in size, have become a ubiquitous symptom of our reliance on fossil fuels and unsustainable consumption patterns. Their presence in the environment is a direct consequence of plastic production, often derived from fossil fuels, and inadequate waste management infrastructure. These tiny fragments infiltrate every corner of the environment, from the deepest ocean trenches to the peaks of mountains (Horton et al., 2017). Their presence disrupts ecosystems, harms wildlife, and potentially poses risks to human health (Wright et al., 2015). Projections estimate that plastic pollution in the oceans could outweigh fish biomass by 2050 if current trends continue (Jambeck et al., 2015).

While often touted as a solution, recycling faces significant challenges and exposes the limitations of our current linear economic model. Only a fraction of plastic waste is actually recycled, with the rest ending up in landfills or leaking into the environment, further exacerbating microplastic pollution (UNEP, 2021). Additionally, the recycling process itself can be energy-intensive and generate emissions, highlighting the need for a systemic shift towards a circular economy (Ghiat et al., 2018). This model emphasizes reducing plastic production and consumption at the source, designing products for reusability and recyclability, and investing in closed-loop systems that minimize waste generation.

The next 30 years present a critical window to mitigate environmental damage and chart a course towards a sustainable future. The "Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate" report by the IPCC warns of irreversible tipping points if we exceed 1.5°C of warming, highlighting the urgency of immediate action (IPCC, 2021). Transitioning to renewable energy sources, adopting sustainable practices in agriculture and industry, and investing in innovative technologies for waste management and material science are essential steps. All environmental challenges we face demand a multifaceted approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of these issues. By prioritizing collective action, embracing a circular economy, and fostering innovation, we can unravel the tangled web of environmental threats and weave a future where humanity and nature can thrive in harmony.

The EcoSave token represents a pioneering approach in the intersection of blockchain technology and environmental sustainability. Designed with the dual purpose of incentivizing financial growth and promoting eco-conscious behaviors, EcoSave introduces a novel mechanism to encourage token holders to both invest in the long-term health of our planet and benefit from their commitment to sustainability.

Further strengthening its commitment to environmental sustainability, EcoSave introduces the Eco-Friendly Proof of Activity (EcoPoA) system. Through partnerships with reputable

environmental organizations, token holders can earn additional tokens by demonstrating verifiable contributions to eco-friendly initiatives, such as investing in renewable energy sources, participating in recycling programs, or supporting conservation projects. This verification process ensures that rewards are accurately distributed to those genuinely contributing to environmental sustainability.

Expanding its vision to encompass the cutting-edge intersection of blockchain technology and scientific research, EcoSave is proud to introduce support for decentralized science (DeSci) as a core component of its ecosystem. Recognizing the critical need for innovation and research in environmental sciences, EcoSave commits to utilizing its platform and resources to aid and support research on environmental subjects. By allocating a portion of staking rewards, or dedicated funds within its ecosystem, EcoSave aims to finance projects, studies, and experiments that address crucial environmental challenges, from climate change mitigation to biodiversity conservation.

This initiative opens a new avenue for scientists, researchers, and environmental experts to secure funding and support for their work directly through the EcoSave community and tokenomics. Leveraging the transparency and efficiency of blockchain technology, EcoSave will facilitate a direct link between contributors and research endeavors, ensuring that funds are used efficiently and progress is reported back to the community. This support for DeSci not only broadens the impact of EcoSave tokens beyond financial and environmental incentives but also positions the EcoSave community at the forefront of driving realworld scientific advancements in sustainability.

Through this commitment, EcoSave is setting a precedent for how cryptocurrencies can play a pivotal role in supporting vital research efforts, contributing to a deeper understanding and resolution of environmental issues. A key feature of the EcoSave token is its potential as a tool for companies to demonstrate their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint. Businesses that hold EcoSave tokens and actively participate in earning additional tokens through the EcoPoA system can leverage their token holdings as proof of their environmental contributions. The amount of tokens earned in a given year serves as a quantifiable measure of a company's sustainability efforts, offering a transparent and verifiable method to showcase their commitment to reducing carbon emissions and supporting eco-friendly initiatives.

In a bold move to tie the token's economy directly to global environmental efforts, EcoSave has committed to an annual token burn. The percentage of tokens burned each year is determined by a meticulously calculated index reflecting human environmental consciousness performance, including metrics such as pollution levels, recycling rates, deforestation, and wildlife conservation efforts. A positive trend in this index will result in a larger percentage of tokens being burned, directly linking the token's scarcity and value to global sustainability achievements.

At the core of EcoSave's strategy is the innovative use of smart contracts to facilitate the freezing of tokens for predetermined periods. This mechanism allows token holders to voluntarily lock up their assets, earning additional tokens proportional to the duration of the freeze. This not only promotes long-term holding but also aligns token holders' financial incentives with the token's underlying mission of environmental stewardship.

EcoSave is not merely a cryptocurrency; it is a movement towards integrating financial incentives with the urgent need for global environmental sustainability. By providing a platform for individuals and companies to demonstrate their eco-conscious actions and investments, EcoSave aims to build a community of environmentally responsible investors. Through its innovative use of blockchain technology, EcoSave endeavors to make a lasting impact on both the cryptocurrency market and the global environmental landscape, encouraging a shift towards more sustainable practices worldwide.

2. VISION

The vision of EcoSave is to become a leading force in aligning the interests of the cryptocurrency industry with those of the planet. EcoSave envisions a world where blockchain technology and digital currencies drive positive environmental change, contributing significantly to global sustainability efforts. The project aims to create a seamless integration between financial incentives and eco-conscious behaviors, promoting a healthier planet through every transaction and investment made within its ecosystem.

3. MISSION

The mission of EcoSave is multi-faceted, focusing on encouraging sustainable living, supporting environmental projects, and fostering a community of like-minded individuals and organizations committed to the planet's future. Specifically, EcoSave commits to:

3.1 Incentivizing Sustainable Behaviors

Reward token holders for engaging in verifiable eco-friendly activities, such as reducing energy consumption, utilizing renewable energy sources, participating in recycling programs, and contributing to the preservation of natural resources.

3.2 Supporting Environmental Projects

Allocate a portion of dedicated funds to support environmental initiatives, including but not limited to reforestation projects, wildlife conservation, pollution clean-up efforts, and the development of sustainable technologies.

3.3 Creating a Sustainable Economy

Develop a circular economy within the EcoSave ecosystem where tokens can be used to purchase eco-friendly products and services, incentivizing businesses and consumers to adopt greener practices.

3.4 Promoting Long-Term Holding with Eco-Friendly Rewards

Encourage token holders to retain their tokens over time by offering increased rewards for long-term holding, which are further enhanced based on the holder's engagement in sustainable activities.

3.5 Educating and Building Community

Foster a global community of individuals, businesses, and organizations dedicated to sustainability by providing educational resources on environmental issues and blockchain technology. Create platforms for community engagement, idea sharing, and collaborative projects aimed at environmental sustainability.

3.6 Supporting Environmental Research

Dedicate resources to advance research in critical areas affecting our environment, with a special focus on plastic traceability, the impacts of microplastics, the research and development (R&D) of biodegradable products and their scalability, and the exploration of biofuels and other resources with the objective of lowering CO2 emissions.

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4. LONG-TERM GOALS

4.1 Global Adoption

Achieve widespread adoption of EcoSave tokens as a preferred medium for transactions in eco-friendly markets and communities, establishing the token as a benchmark for environmental responsibility in the digital economy.

4.2 Tangible Environmental Impact

Make a measurable impact on global environmental goals, such as significantly contributing to the reduction of carbon emissions, aiding in the recovery of endangered species, and facilitating the cleanup of pollution in air, water, and land.

4.3 Innovative Sustainability Solutions

Drive innovation in sustainable technologies and practices by funding research and development projects through the EcoSave ecosystem, leveraging the collective power of the community and partners.

4.4 Regenerative Blockchain Network

Develop and maintain a blockchain network that operates on sustainable energy sources, ensuring that the EcoSave project itself adheres to the highest standards of environmental responsibility. By focusing on these principles and goals, EcoSave aims to bridge the gap between the digital and natural worlds, proving that financial systems can work in harmony with the earth's ecosystems. The ultimate objective is not just to mitigate the environmental impact of human activities but to actively contribute to the regeneration and flourishing of the planet for future generations.

5. Technology and architecture

5.1 Blockchain network

The EcoSave token is developed on the Polygon blockchain (formerly known as Matic Network), a leading Layer-2 scaling solution for Ethereum. Polygon has been chosen for its high performance, scalability, low transaction fees, and extensive developer support. Below, we outline key technical characteristics that make Polygon an ideal choice for EcoSave.

5.1.1 High Performance and Scalability

One of the primary advantages of Polygon is its high throughput and ability to scale. While Ethereum, the Layer-1 blockchain, often experiences congestion, leading to slow transaction speeds and high costs, Polygon addresses this issue with its Layer-2 infrastructure. Polygon uses a Proof-of-Stake (PoS) consensus mechanism, allowing for faster block creation and higher transaction speeds without sacrificing security.

- Throughput: Polygon can handle 65,000 transactions per second (TPS) compared to Ethereum's approximately 15 TPS. This scalability ensures that the EcoSave token can support a large number of transactions as more users engage in eco-friendly activities and token interactions.
- Sidechains: Polygon's architecture includes sidechains that run alongside Ethereum, allowing for scalable solutions while maintaining compatibility with Ethereum's mainnet.

5.1.2 EVM Compatibility

Polygon is fully compatible with the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM), which means that any smart contract, decentralized application (DApp), or protocol developed on Ethereum can be seamlessly ported to Polygon.

• Seamless Migration: For developers, this means no need to learn a new programming language or adapt to a different blockchain framework. Solidity-based smart

contracts on Ethereum can easily be deployed on Polygon, maintaining the same functionality but with higher performance and lower costs.

 Interoperability with Ethereum Tools: Popular Ethereum development tools such as MetaMask, Remix, Truffle, and Hardhat work out-of-the-box with Polygon, ensuring that development on EcoSave is simple, flexible, and efficient.

5.1.3 Smart Contract Support

The EcoSave platform utilizes smart contracts to handle various functionalities such as reward distribution, token locking (freezing), and liquidity mining. Polygon provides robust support for smart contracts, ensuring:

- Security: Smart contracts on Polygon are highly secure, as they are executed within the EVM and follow the security principles of Ethereum.
- Customization: Developers can create complex smart contracts to handle tokenomics, reward mechanisms, voting systems, and much more.
- Automation: Using smart contracts ensures that rewards for eco-friendly actions, staking, and liquidity provision are distributed fairly and automatically, without manual intervention.

5.1.4 Cross-Chain Interoperability

Polygon's architecture is designed for cross-chain interoperability, allowing assets and data to be transferred seamlessly between Polygon and other blockchains, including Ethereum and Binance Smart Chain (BSC). This is achieved through Polygon's Plasma bridges and PoS bridges, which enable assets to move between the Polygon network and other blockchain networks.

- Asset Portability: Users can transfer assets such as EcoSave tokens from Polygon to Ethereum or other supported chains and vice versa.
- Interoperable Ecosystem: Cross-chain compatibility ensures that EcoSave tokens are accessible and usable across multiple blockchain platforms, broadening their utility and ensuring that users from different ecosystems can participate.

5.1.5 Low Transaction Costs

One of Polygon's standout features is its extremely low transaction fees, especially when compared to Ethereum. The high gas fees on Ethereum often make it impractical for users to

perform frequent transactions, particularly when dealing with smaller amounts. Polygon solves this problem by significantly reducing transaction costs.

- Low Gas Fees: On Polygon, the average gas fee is typically less than \$0.01 per transaction, making it accessible for all users, including those from regions with lower incomes or those making smaller token transfers.
- Cost Efficiency for DApps: With low transaction fees, EcoSave can deploy smart contracts and run decentralized applications cost-effectively, ensuring that the platform remains sustainable and affordable for both users and developers.

5.1.6 Environmental Sustainability

Polygon's PoS consensus mechanism is not only more energy-efficient than Ethereum's Proof-of-Work (PoW) model (prior to Ethereum 2.0) but also aligns with EcoSave's mission of promoting eco-friendly initiatives. PoS requires significantly less computational power, thus reducing the environmental impact of blockchain operations.

• Energy Efficiency: Polygon's PoS system ensures that the EcoSave token operates in an environmentally conscious manner, with minimal carbon footprint compared to PoW networks.

5.1.7 Decentralization and Security

Polygon maintains a high level of decentralization through its PoS validator network, where validators stake Polygon's native MATIC token to participate in consensus. This ensures that the network remains secure, decentralized, and resistant to attacks.

 Staked Security: The security of the network is enforced by validators who lock up MATIC tokens, ensuring they have a financial stake in maintaining the integrity of the network. This mechanism secures all transactions and smart contract executions on the network.

5.1.8 Developer Ecosystem and Support

Polygon has a thriving developer community and ecosystem. The platform is backed by extensive documentation, developer tools, and community support, making it easier for the EcoSave project to implement updates, integrate with other applications, and collaborate with other blockchain projects.

 Growing Ecosystem: Polygon is rapidly becoming a hub for decentralized finance (DeFi) and other blockchain projects. Integrating EcoSave into the Polygon ecosystem allows access to a large user base and potential partnerships with other DApps and DeFi protocols.

5.2 EcoPoA

5.2.1 Partner-Generated Activity Tag

For every eco-friendly activity, participating partners (e.g., environmental organizations, renewable energy providers, recycling centers) generate a unique activity tag. This tag contains encrypted data about the activity, including the participant's anonymized identifier, geolocation, and the time the activity was completed.

5.2.2 Participant Activity Submission

Upon completing an activity, participants scan a QR code provided by the partner. This action prompts them to submit their activity data, including a participant identifier (anonymized to protect privacy), geolocation, and time, to the EcoSave ecosystem via a secure interface.

5.2.3 Cross-Verification of Submitted Data

Once the participant submits their activity data, the EcoSave platform performs a cross-check with the pre-generated activity tag from the partner. This comparison ensures that the participant's submission matches the partner's records, validating the authenticity of the activity.

5.2.4 Smart Contract Processing

The EcoSave ecosystem uses smart contracts to automate the verification process. If the participant's data matches the partner-generated tag, the smart contract proceeds to issue EcoSave tokens to the participant.

5.2.5 Privacy and Data Integrity

To ensure privacy and data protection, personal information is not directly embedded in the transaction metadata. Instead, activity type, geolocation, and time data are processed in a way that validates the participant's contribution without compromising their privacy. This approach aligns with global data protection regulations.

5.3 Voluntary Token Freezing

The EcoSave project incorporates a flexible token freezing mechanism that allows holders to voluntarily lock up their tokens for a specified period, incentivizing long-term holding and rewarding participants for their commitment to the project's vision of environmental sustainability. This process is facilitated through the use of smart contracts on the blockchain, ensuring transparency, security, and automation.

EcoSave token holders can choose to freeze any portion of their tokens directly through the EcoSave ecosystem's interface. This action is entirely voluntary, giving participants the flexibility to commit their tokens for as long as they see fit, based on their individual investment strategies and support for the project's environmental goals.

When a participant decides to freeze their tokens, a smart contract is automatically generated on the blockchain. This smart contract contains all the relevant details of the transaction, including:

- The exact number of EcoSave tokens the holder has chosen to freeze.
- The duration for which the tokens will be locked. Participants can select any freezing period they prefer, with longer periods typically offering higher rewards
- Details on how many additional EcoSave tokens will be earned by the participant at the end of the freezing period. The reward structure is predefined, encouraging longer commitments by offering greater rewards for extended freezing periods.

The tokens specified in the smart contract are locked and rendered untransferable for the duration of the freezing period. This ensures that the tokens are securely held in the blockchain and cannot be spent or traded until the period expires.

The details of the freeze, including the amount, duration, and expected rewards, are recorded on the blockchain, offering full transparency to the token holder. The immutable nature of blockchain transactions ensures that these terms cannot be altered once the contract is created, providing security and peace of mind for participants.

When the specified freezing period comes to an end, the smart contract automatically executes the terms agreed upon at the start. This includes unfreezing the original tokens and issuing the promised rewards to the participant. The originally frozen tokens become available for the holder to transfer, spend, or re-freeze, while the additional EcoSave tokens earned as rewards are deposited into the participant's wallet.

This process is seamless and requires no manual intervention from the participant. Participants can choose to re-freeze their original tokens, potentially with additional tokens earned as rewards, to continue supporting the EcoSave project and earning further rewards. This cycle can be repeated as often as the token holder wishes, fostering long-term engagement and investment in the project's environmental initiatives.

This token freezing mechanism serves multiple purposes within the EcoSave ecosystem. It not only provides a way for participants to earn additional tokens, thereby incentivizing longterm holding and reducing market volatility, but also aligns participants' financial interests with the project's overarching goal of promoting environmental sustainability. Through this innovative use of smart contracts, EcoSave creates a robust, participatory, and sustainable ecosystem that rewards commitment and supports the project's vision for a greener future.

6. TOKENOMICS

6.1 Token functionality

The EcoSave token is designed as a cornerstone for a sustainable and environmentally conscious ecosystem, serving multiple purposes and providing utility for its holders, partners, and the broader community engaged in ecological preservation and sustainability efforts. Here's an in-depth look at the purposes and utilities of the EcoSave tokens within this ecosystem:

- Encourage individuals and organizations to engage in eco-friendly activities by offering EcoSave tokens as a reward. This incentivization scheme is aimed at promoting actions such as energy conservation, adoption of renewable energy, participation in recycling programs, and contribution to natural resource preservation.
- Allocate EcoSave tokens to finance projects dedicated to environmental sustainability, such as reforestation, wildlife conservation, pollution clean-up, and the development of sustainable technologies.
- Create a closed-loop economy where EcoSave tokens can be used to purchase ecofriendly products and services. This aims to reduce the environmental impact of consumer habits and promote the growth of green businesses.
- Offer enhanced rewards and benefits to token holders who choose to hold their tokens for longer periods, especially those actively participating in sustainable practices.
- Direct EcoSave tokens towards research and development in areas critical to environmental health, such as biodegradable products, plastic traceability, and low-carbon technologies.
- Utilize blockchain technology to offer unmatched transparency and traceability for all transactions and activities within the EcoSave ecosystem, including funding flows, reward distributions, and the environmental impact of supported projects.
- Serve as a direct reward mechanism, providing tangible value for participants who demonstrate verifiable sustainable behaviors. This not only motivates current users to adopt greener habits but also attracts new participants to the EcoSave ecosystem, expanding its impact.
- Act as a funding resource for selected projects, enabling them to access the necessary capital to initiate or expand their activities. This support can make a substantial difference in the viability and success of environmental initiatives.
- Function as a medium of exchange within the ecosystem, allowing holders to transact with businesses and service providers who share a commitment to sustainability. This utility fosters a marketplace that prioritizes environmental health and sustainability.
- Encourage long-term holding, stabilizing its value and ensuring a sustained investment in environmental sustainability. This approach rewards and retains the community's most committed members, creating a stable and engaged user base.
- Provide necessary funding for cutting-edge research, facilitating breakthroughs in sustainability that can be implemented within the EcoSave ecosystem and beyond. This supports the project's goal of leveraging innovative solutions to tackle environmental challenges.

• Maintain a transparent ledger of activities, ensuring accountability and building trust among participants. This transparency is crucial for demonstrating the real-world impact of the EcoSave project and its community.

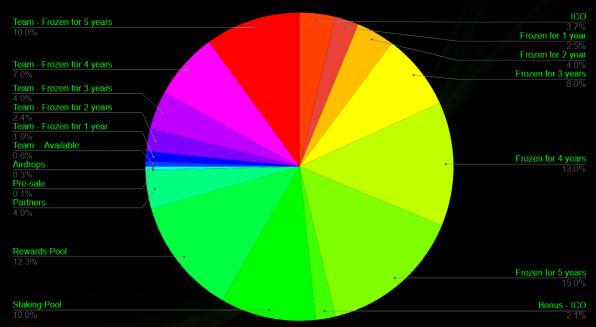
6.2 Supply

The EcoSave token supply mechanism is meticulously designed to support its mission of promoting sustainability while incentivizing long-term holding and participation in eco-friendly activities. The total supply of EcoSave tokens is capped at 1 billion, with various portions allocated to different purposes within the ecosystem, including rewards for holding tokens, participating in environmental activities, strategic partnerships, airdrops, and team reserves. A unique aspect of this mechanism involves the token distribution during the Initial Coin Offering (ICO) and the incentives provided for freezing tokens.

6.2.1 Allocation

The EcoSave token distribution is carefully structured to ensure stability and long-term sustainability. By utilizing a staggered release approach, the token supply is gradually introduced into the market to prevent volatility and maintain steady growth. This method also fosters a healthy ecosystem by balancing short-term liquidity needs with long-term project goals.

Additionally, the distribution is designed to be fair and transparent, with tokens allocated to both public participants and private entities in a balanced manner. This ensures that early supporters, strategic partners, and the broader community can all play a role in driving the project's success, while safeguarding against centralization or undue influence from any single entity. The image below shows all token allocations :



Token Distribution

Chart 1: Token distribution plan

6.2.2 ICO Distribution

The ICO is structured in phases, targeting different supporter levels from major donors to the general public, with allocated amounts increasing in later phases to allow wider participation. This phased approach ensures that early supporters, who are likely more aligned with the project's mission, are rewarded while still providing ample opportunity for a broad investor base to participate.

The supply mechanism and ICO structure of the EcoSave token are strategically designed to support the project's mission of sustainability and environmental consciousness. By incentivizing long-term holding with freezing bonuses and allocating significant portions of the token supply to reward participation in eco-friendly activities, EcoSave aims to create a robust, sustainable economy that aligns financial incentives with positive environmental impact.

This approach ensures that EcoSave not only functions as a cryptocurrency but also as a powerful tool for promoting and facilitating global sustainability efforts. The image below shows all token allocations for different phases of the project:



6.2.3 ICO Freezing Mechanism

During the ICO, 50% of the purchased tokens are automatically frozen for 1 year. This immediate freeze aims to align investors with the project's long-term vision, discouraging quick sales and promoting stability in the token's early stages. For the remaining 50%, buyers are given the option to voluntarily freeze any amount up to the full 50%, with escalating

bonuses for longer freeze periods. These bonuses are designed to reward long-term commitment to the project and its goals:



This incentivization structure encourages investors to think long-term, not just about the financial returns but also about their contribution to environmental sustainability through the EcoSave project.

6.3 Deflationary mechanism

The deflationary system based on CO2 emissions, tree cover loss and the environmental performance index, introduces an innovative approach to aligning the financial mechanics of an ecossystem with global environmental health. By reducing the token supply in response to environmental improvements, the system not only raises awareness about critical issues like CO2 emissions and deforestation but also encourages positive environmental stewardship through the collective action of its community.

The percentage of tokens to be burned in a given year (B) is determined by the formula:



Where:

- EP₁ is the environmental performance of the current year.
- EP_o is the environmental performante ofprevious year.

And EP is calculated by the following formula:



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Where:

- EPI, is the environmental performance index of country i.
- T is the ree cover loss for the year, measured in million hectares (Mha).
- Ce is the CO2 emissions for the year, measured in Gigatons.

6.4 Staking and rewards

The EcoSave project introduces an innovative consensus mechanism known as Eco-friendly Proof of Action (EcoPoA), fundamentally reimagining the traditional Proof of Stake (PoS) approach to promote and reward environmental sustainability. This mechanism aligns the interests of token holders with the broader goal of ecological conservation, incentivizing actions that have a positive impact on the environment.

Unlike traditional PoS systems where rewards are primarily based on the amount of tokens a user holds and stakes, EcoPoA rewards users based on their contributions to environmental sustainability. This includes activities such as investing in renewable energy projects, participating in community recycling programs, or funding eco-friendly initiatives.

To ensure the authenticity and impact of these contributions, EcoSave aims to partner with reputable environmental organizations and leverage the latest in Internet of Things (IoT) technology. These partnerships provide the expertise needed to validate contributions, while IoT devices offer real-time data tracking and integrity, ensuring that only verifiable actions are rewarded.

The specific methodology for calculating rewards within the EcoPoS system will be developed in collaboration with our environmental partners. This collaborative approach ensures that the rewards system is grounded in realworld impact and the latest environmental science, making it as effective and fair as possible. The detailed calculation system, including the metrics and algorithms used to quantify contributions and allocate rewards, will be announced at a later date.

In addition to rewarding sustainability efforts, the EcoPoA mechanism also supports decentralized science, particularly research focused on environmental issues. By channeling resources into DeSci, EcoSave aims to foster innovation in areas critical to ecological health, such as biodegradable materials, carbon capture technologies, and sustainable agriculture.

The support for DeSci will involve close collaboration with academic and research institutions, leveraging blockchain technology to ensure transparency and efficiency in funding allocation. Verification of research outcomes and their environmental impact will also rely on partnerships with environmental organizations and the use of IoT devices, ensuring that contributions to science are genuine and impactful.

The integration of EcoPoA with decentralized science initiatives is an evolving aspect of the EcoSave project. Details regarding the mechanism for supporting DeSci, including funding allocation, project selection, and rewards for scientific contributions, will be formulated in collaboration with our partners in the scientific and environmental communities. These details will be communicated to the EcoSave community as they are developed.

7. GOVERNANCE

EcoSave's governance model is designed to be inclusive and democratic, allowing token holders to actively participate in decision-making processes that shape the project's direction, development, and impact on environmental sustainability.

7.1 Voting on Proposals

Token holders can vote on various proposals related to the EcoSave ecosystem. These proposals might include changes to the EcoPoS reward system, selection of environmental projects to support, adjustments to the token burning mechanism based on environmental performance, and strategic partnerships.

Votes are weighted based on the amount of EcoSave tokens a participant holds, encouraging long-term investment in the ecosystem. The voting process is conducted through smart contracts to ensure transparency and tamper-proof recording of votes.

7.2 Submitting Proposals

Beyond just voting, token holders can submit proposals for consideration by the community. To prevent spam and ensure seriousness, submitting a proposal will require holding a minimum number of tokens or depositing tokens that could be forfeited if the proposal is deemed frivolous.

Proposals can range from new initiatives for reducing carbon footprint, partnerships with environmental NGOs, technological upgrades to the EcoSave platform, or changes to governance policies.

7.3 Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment

Holders can be involved in assessing the environmental impact of the projects funded by EcoSave, utilizing their expertise or interest in sustainability to evaluate project outcomes and effectiveness. This involves access to detailed reports, direct communication channels with project leaders, and platforms for providing feedback or suggestions for improvement.

7.4 Rewards for Governance Participation

To encourage active participation in governance, EcoSave offers incentives for voting, proposal submission, and other governance-related activities. These rewards will not only recognize the time and effort spent by participants but also ensure a high level of engagement across the ecosystem.

EcoSave aims to foster a vibrant, engaged community where every token holder has a voice in shaping the project's future. This approach not only ensures that EcoSave remains aligned

with its environmental mission but also builds a strong, participatory ecosystem resilient to the challenges of sustainability and blockchain governance.

8. Use cases and applications

8.1 Primary use cases

EcoSave offers a wide array of real-world applications and scenarios that benefit individuals, businesses, and communities alike. Listed below are several practical uses for the EcoSave token:

8.1.1 Sustainable Consumerism

Consumers can use EcoSave tokens to purchase eco-friendly products and services. Businesses offering sustainable goods, such as biodegradable products, organic foods, or renewable energy solutions, can accept EcoSave tokens, promoting green consumerism. This incentivizes both consumers and businesses to prioritize sustainability, creating a market where eco-friendly choices are rewarded, leading to a reduction in carbon footprints and enhanced support for green industries.

8.1.2 Green Investments

EcoSave tokens can be invested directly into environmental projects or green startups. Token holders can fund reforestation efforts, clean energy projects, or innovative startups working on solutions to environmental challenges. By channeling funds into sustainability projects, EcoSave tokens act as a catalyst for environmental restoration and innovation, offering token holders a tangible way to contribute to global ecological health.

8.1.3 Rewards for Eco-friendly Activities

Individuals participating in recycling programs, using public transportation, or installing renewable energy sources in their homes can be rewarded with EcoSave tokens. This system encourages widespread adoption of sustainable practices by providing a financial incentive, helping to normalize eco-conscious behaviors in daily life.

8.1.4 Environmental Education and Awareness

EcoSave tokens can be used to access educational materials, workshops, or conferences focused on environmental sustainability. Organizations and educators can offer these resources in exchange for tokens, promoting environmental literacy. Education is critical for long-term environmental sustainability. By facilitating access to knowledge, EcoSave tokens empower individuals and communities to make informed decisions and advocate for the environment.

8.1.5 Funding Decentralized Science (DeSci) Projects

Researchers focusing on environmental science, such as studying the impacts of microplastics or developing new biofuels, can receive funding in EcoSave tokens. This support can come from direct donations from the EcoSave community or through grants awarded by the EcoSave foundation. Supporting research and development in environmental science accelerates the discovery and implementation of solutions to ecological challenges, driving progress toward a sustainable future.

8.1.6 Carbon Offset and Trading

EcoSave tokens can be used to purchase carbon credits or invest in carbon offset projects, such as forest conservation or renewable energy installations. Token holders can offset their carbon footprint or trade carbon credits within the EcoSave ecosystem. This application promotes a reduction in global CO2 levels and supports the transition to a low-carbon economy, making environmental responsibility accessible and actionable for individuals and corporations.

8.1.7 Participation in Governance and Community Projects

Token holders can use EcoSave tokens to participate in governance decisions, such as voting on which environmental projects to fund or proposing new initiatives within the EcoSave ecosystem. Engaging the community in governance ensures that the EcoSave project remains aligned with the values and priorities of its stakeholders, fostering a democratic and inclusive approach to environmental action.

8.2 Future applications

The EcoSave project has significant potential for future development and expansion. Below are detailed insights into potential future directions and expansions of the project's use cases:

8.2.1 Integration with Smart Cities

EcoSave could partner with smart city initiatives to integrate its token system into urban infrastructure projects. This could include incentivizing energy-efficient buildings, supporting sustainable public transportation systems, or funding green spaces within urban areas. Such integration would not only reduce the carbon footprint of cities but also enhance the quality of life for residents. It would position EcoSave at the forefront of the smart, sustainable city movement, showcasing the practical benefits of blockchain in urban environmental management.

8.2.2 Expansion into Carbon Neutral Supply Chains

By collaborating with companies and industries, EcoSave can extend its ecosystem to monitor and incentivize carbon-neutral practices across supply chains. Using blockchain for traceability, companies can prove their environmental compliance and be rewarded in EcoSave tokens. This could significantly reduce the environmental impact of production and consumption, promoting global shifts towards sustainability in various industries, from agriculture to manufacturing.

8.2.3 Enhanced Decentralized Science (DeSci) Platforms

EcoSave can develop or partner with decentralized platforms dedicated to funding, sharing, and publishing scientific research on environmental issues. This would facilitate global collaboration among researchers, providing them with the resources and recognition they need. Such platforms could accelerate innovation in environmental technologies and strategies, breaking down barriers to entry for research and development and driving forward collective knowledge on sustainability.

8.2.4 Sustainable Tourism Initiatives

EcoSave tokens could be used to promote and support sustainable tourism practices. This could involve partnering with ecofriendly lodgings, travel agencies, and tour operators to offer rewards for sustainable travel choices. Promoting sustainable tourism helps preserve natural and cultural heritage while supporting local economies, aligning with EcoSave's mission of environmental sustainability and community empowerment.

8.2.5 EcoSave as a Standard for Environmental Accountability

Establish EcoSave as a global standard for environmental accountability and sustainability in businesses and organizations. This could involve setting benchmarks for eco-friendly practices and rewarding compliance with EcoSave tokens. Standardizing environmental accountability would push more organizations to adopt sustainable practices, significantly amplifying the project's impact on global sustainability efforts.

9. Roadmap and timeline

For the EcoSave project, keeping the community informed and engaged is a key priority. To ensure transparency and maintain trust with supporters and users, detailed timelines and regular progress updates will be made available on the EcoSave official website. This approach allows for realtime communication of the project's milestones, development phases, and any adjustments to the roadmap.

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The EcoSave website will feature a comprehensive and detailed roadmap that outlines the project's major milestones, including past achievements and future goals. This roadmap will be regularly updated to reflect the project's progress and any shifts in strategy or timelines. Each phase of the project, from conceptualization and technical development to community building and ecosystem expansion, will have estimated timelines. These will provide the community with a clear understanding of the project's trajectory and key deliverables.

The EcoSave team commits to providing regular updates on the project's development. This will include completed milestones, ongoing work, and any challenges encountered. Updates will be structured to give holders a clear view of the project's status. The website will also include interactive features such as a development timeline, project tracker, and dashboard. These tools will allow users to visually track the progress of the EcoSave project in real-time. Recognizing the importance of community input, the EcoSave website will provide mechanisms for supporters to offer feedback, ask questions, and engage directly with the team.

10. CONCLUSION

The EcoSave project heralds a transformative approach to marrying blockchain technology with environmental sustainability efforts. Central to its innovation is the introduction of the Eco-Friendly Proof of Action (EcoPoA) system and support for decentralized science (DeSci), marking a significant leap towards integrating digital currency economies with actionable, real-world environmental initiatives. By rewarding token holders for their contributions to sustainability and research in environmental sciences, EcoSave not only incentivizes ecoconscious behaviors and investments but also drives forward critical research in tackling global environmental challenges. This dual focus underscores the project's unique value proposition: a cryptocurrency that not only promises financial growth but also contributes to the planetary good.

The choice of Polygon as the underlying blockchain infrastructure underscores EcoSave's commitment to high performance, smart contract support, and cross-chain interoperability. This strategic decision facilitates fast transaction processing, expansive development capabilities, and seamless integration across blockchain networks, ensuring EcoSave's adaptability and scalability.

Furthermore, the project's use of smart contracts to enable token freezing and rewards distribution exemplifies its approach to fostering long-term holding and participation within the ecosystem, aligning individual financial incentives with broader environmental goals.

EcoSave is more than a token; it's a movement towards leveraging digital finance for environmental stewardship. As the project unfolds, it invites individuals, developers, and communities to join in this groundbreaking journey. Whether through contributing to ecosystem development, or engaging in community-led sustainability initiatives, participants have the opportunity to be at the forefront of blending technological innovation with environmental conservation.

By supporting EcoSave, holders are not just part of a project but are contributing to a sustainable future for our planet.

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