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## **Slat, Boyan, "How the Oceans Can Clean Themselves"**

Slat, Boyan. "How the Oceans Can Clean Themselves." Filmed October 2012 at TEDxDelft. TEDx Talks video, 11:21. Posted October 2012. <https://youtu.be/ROW9F-c0kIQ>.

Eighteen-year-old Boyan Slat combines environmentalism, entrepreneurship and technology to tackle global issues of sustainability. After diving in Greece, and coming across more plastic bags than fish, he wondered; "why can't we clean this up?" While still being on secondary school, he then decided to dedicate half a year of research to understand plastic pollution and the problems associated with cleaning it up. This ultimately led to his passive clean-up concept, which he presented at TEDxDelft 2012. Working to prove the feasibility of his concept, Boyan Slat currently gives lead to a team of approximately 50 people, and temporarily quit his Aerospace Engineering study to completely focus his efforts on The Ocean Cleanup. (Source: [TEDx Talks](#) )

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<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/gyre-creating-art-plastic-ocean>

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