



Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

Plastic China

Jiuliang, Wang. *Plastic China*. Journeyman Pictures, 2017. HD, 88 min. <https://vimeo.com/198939199>.

[*Plastic China* is] a portrait of poverty, ambition and hope set in a world of waste. Laughter of playing children echoes through vast rolling hills of plastic waste. This recycling plant is home to Pen and his daughter Yi Jie, who is desperate for an education, and boss Kun, determined to improve his family's lot. Over time, one man moves closer to prosperity whilst the other stagnates in poverty. This documentary reveals the lives of those on the fringes of global capitalist realities, a far cry from the communist dream. (Adapted from [Journeyman Pictures](#))

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Further readings:

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- Mauch, Christof, ed. "[Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Politics and Culture of Waste](#)." Special issue, *RCC Perspectives* 1 (2016).
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Related links:

- Official Film Website
<https://www.plasticchina.org/>
- Life in Plastic (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/life-plastic>
- Gyre: Creating Art From a Plastic Ocean (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/gyre-creating-art-plastic-ocean>
- Trashed: No Place for Waste (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/trashed-no-place-waste>

Websites linked in this text:

- <https://www.journeyman.tv/film/7020>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>