

## Clean up the Oceans.

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各位老師，各位同學，大家午安，我是 802 陳立揚，我是今天的英文小達人，今天，我要為大家播報的內容，是 Clean up the Oceans. Don't let sperm whales eat plastic trash

Last week, a dead sperm whale, the largest toothed whale, was found at the mouth of the Bazhang River. Its stomach was full of plastic bags thrown away by people. Since whales cannot digest food, the whale was “killed” by them.

Every year, a great deal of trash is thrown into the oceans, where there are more than 5.25 trillion pieces of trash. Most of the trash mostly are collected in the North and South Pacific, North and South Atlantic, and the Indian Ocean. The worst is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, where 1/3 of plastic trash in the oceans has been collected, at least 700,000 km<sup>2</sup> in size and is almost 19.5 times the size of Taiwan.

At least one million seabirds and one hundred thousand sea animals like whales and sea lions die each year from plastic trash. So, Slat, a young Dutchman, has set up T h e O c e a n C l e a n u p to work out the problem of plastic trash. It sells the plastic trash which is collected for about US \$ 500 million a year. The Ocean Cleanup also plans to clean up about half of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in ten years.

Thanks for your listening. See you next time!