

PBII

PLASTIC SOUP



Minister Jacqueline Cramer

I think it's great PBII chose plastic soup as a topic on their new album! The more people know about it, the better! Since it's an international issue I've addressed the topic with my fellow ministers and the European Council. And we also have to change our own behavior and be aware of all the unnecessary plastic we use in our daily lives. We need to realize it starts here!



Jesse Goosens

PBII calls attention to the plastic waste problem in a wonderful way. If you are inspired by their music to act, you can! Reduce, Refuse, Reuse, Repair and Recycle. Reduce the amount of products you buy. Refuse what is unnecessary, like these flimsy plastic bags you get offered with every purchase. Reuse items as long as possible, Repair them if they're broken and in the end Recycle what is left.



World wide many birds and sea mammals die every year as a consequence of litter in the sea. The North Sea also contains a lot of waste. The North Sea Foundation is the environmental organization, who works towards the sustainable use of the North Sea. With different projects we work on minimising litter in the sea. A healthy sea full of fish, birds, dolphins and other sea life is our dream. [www.noordzee.nl]

Captain Charles Moore discovered the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in 1997. Moore had just participated in the Transpacific Yacht Race, when he decided to sail back through the North Pacific. But even though sailing through a part of the ocean that was as far away as you could be from human civilization, man's influence was still continuously visible. Every day, at every moment, Moore would see something floating by – a bottle cap, a piece of plastic, a part of a soft-drink bottle. He had stumbled upon the garbage dump of the Pacific Ocean-in other words: the “plastic soup.”

There's still a lot of misunderstanding about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Many people don't even know of its existence. Others think that it's a kind of plastic island on which you can walk, and there are rumors that it's twice the size of Texas. If that was the case, we could sail to it, collect the plastic, bring it back to land and process it. But no ...

In reality it's a plastic soup: a mix of water and largely minute pieces of plastic particles that have become part of the water. Above all this is an area twice the size of the United States – it begins five hundred miles off the coast of California and ends two hundred miles off the coast of Japan – and then we are only talking about one in five gyres worldwide. This one is located in the northern part of the Pacific Ocean. There's also one in the southern Pacific Ocean, one in the northern and one in the southern Atlantic Ocean and one in the Indian Ocean.

We have only discovered a small part of the problem...



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Plastic Soup

Dark and grim the waters
Pounding on the coast
But it's not this force of nature
That bothers me the most
For when the tide is falling
And the waters leave the land
There are piles and piles of rubbish
Covering the sand

The Garbage Patch, is made of waste
It suffocates the seas
Which idiots have caused this mess,
Well, hell, it's you and me.

It's plastic soup, it chokes the oceans
While all of mankind fails
Will we ever hear again
The singing of the whales

As guardians of the world
We messed up big time
Have we never learned
We pay for sins and crimes

Plastic soup, it chokes the oceans
While all of mankind fails
Will we ever hear again
The singing of the whales

Dark and grim the waters
Of the bounding main
Time to pay the ferryman
The seas and earth unchain

Dreaming of the oceans
Unspoiled and clean
Dreaming of the oceans

Plastic soup, it chokes the oceans
While all of mankind fails
Will we ever hear again
The singing of the whales
While all of mankind fails
The singing of the whales



Changing Habits

Why not fight this plastic war
In changing habits more and more
Yet we all but close our eyes . . .
For only selfish lies, such selfish lies
Let's clean up this garbage more and more

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