

Children's Clean Ocean Declaration

The ocean covers 71 percent of our planet's surface. The world's largest eco-system, it contains millions of species and extraordinary beauty. This small world within our world is being destroyed by ocean pollution, filled with ever growing plastic islands above and ever thicker clouds of micro-plastics below. Its beauty is lost, and animals dying at every level of the food chain. At this pivotal moment in the history of life, we children feel we must step forward, take action and do everything in our power to stop plastic pollution.

And so, during this Children's Clean Ocean Summit, titled "The Last Whale", held June 22nd 2018 at the United Nations in Vienna, we children, representing dozens of cultures from around the world, have studied the causes of and potential solutions to ocean plastic pollution. We decided for ourselves what must be done, each casting three votes for those solutions we find most important. Based on this we urge the world to take to heart the following solutions, which must be implemented imaginatively, boldly and decisively. All are important. But here are our priorities.

Priority rank	Votes
9. We must learn more about where the pollution comes from - stemming the sources.	39
8. Rules about our waters are great ways to prevent ocean pollution.	51
10. The world must share information with each other.	35
5. The Polluter Pays - costs for ocean pollution should be included in all products.	79
2. Refuse, Reuse, Recycle - all single-use products should be banned.	93
7. Products should be designed and regulated to be sustainable.	53
4. Waste Management: we need to take care of our waste much better.	88
3. Support large ocean-cleaning projects and technology, like Boyan Slat's.	89
1. Education - The Secret Weapon.	95
6. We need to help Good Ideas grow.	58

And of course all countries should deeply engage in the UN's Clean Seas campaign. Each of us must be part of the change. For if together we don't transform our ways of thinking and immediately stop destroying our oceans, there will be a last whale. We children do not intend to let that happen. Governments, companies, moms, dads, peoples of the world, please hear our voices and do something.

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