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The Nestlé Hydration Company

Nestlé Waters announces partnership with Ocean Legacy Foundation

Nestlé Waters will partner with the Ocean Legacy Foundation (OLF) to assist communities in restoring natural ecosystems affected by plastic pollution.

Plastic waste in the ocean poses a particular threat to many communities around the world and requires hands-on cleanup, education, infrastructure development and policies to stop further waste.

“To help address the global plastic pollution crisis, Nestlé Waters is working together with Ocean Legacy Foundation to identify and address the needs of some of the most affected communities around the world in terms of clean up initiatives, education and infrastructure,” said Carlo Galli, head of Sustainability at Nestlé Waters. “This program will also include tools and educational materials to assist them in creating new products and value from the waste collected during cleanups.”

Chloé Dubois, President of [Ocean Legacy Foundation](#) said, "Creating pragmatic and immediate actions to combat plastic pollution while stimulating the plastic circular economy are crucial components in preserving the natural environment for present and future generations."

The partnership is a further step in Nestlé Waters' efforts to help tackle plastic pollution after the success of its first global [Employee Clean Up event](#) on June 8th 2019. The company held 66 events in 35 countries around the world that mobilized over 6,300 Nestlé Waters and Nestlé staff, their families and friends. The volunteers globally collected over 60 tons of waste from the sites.

Efforts are now underway to develop cleanup, education program and recycling infrastructure in Mexico, Panama, Jamaica and Fiji.

Along with developing the circular economy, developing new materials and promoting plastic collection, undertaking clean-up and education activities are part of the [Nestlé Group](#) plastics strategy.

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About Nestlé Waters:

Since 1992, Nestlé Waters has been providing healthy hydration in its purest form to consumers around the world. It aims to inspire people to change their hydration habits and choose water. Nestlé Waters' strategy focuses on inspiring families to enjoy more water and natural-based drinks, working with local communities to protect shared water resources, and developing innovative plastics solutions to help reduce environmental impact. As part of the Nestlé Group, Nestlé Waters operates in 35 countries worldwide, employing more than 30,000 people. Its portfolio of international and local brands including *Nestlé Pure Life*, *Perrier*, *S. Pellegrino*, *Poland Spring*, *Vittel*, *Buxton*, *Erikli*, generated sales of almost CHF 8 billion (7.9bn) in 2018.

About The Ocean Legacy Foundation:

Ocean Legacy is a Canadian non-profit organization that develops and implements plastic pollution emergency response programs worldwide. The Foundation combines sustainable technologies with education and skills training to convert plastic waste and plastic pollution into economic value while providing local communities with the tools they need to prevent plastic pollution and protect their local environment. Since 2014, Ocean Legacy has become world leaders in innovative methods in remote plastic pollution removal, pragmatic policy development and processing infrastructure; cleaning in 5 different countries while engaging hundreds of thousands of individuals in plastic pollution awareness and education.