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# SAVING THE SEAS

### **TURNING THE TIDE OF MARINE PLASTIC**

Environmentally friendly solution to remove algae and control their growth



Clewat Ltd is a Finnish cleantech growth company, specializing in tech and innovation-driven solutions to lake, river and sea-related environmental problems.

We manufacture waste removal and oil spill response vessels. Creating Value Chain for collected materials.

Headquarted in Kokkola, Finland Sales and Administration in Helsinki, Finland International Operations, Singapore

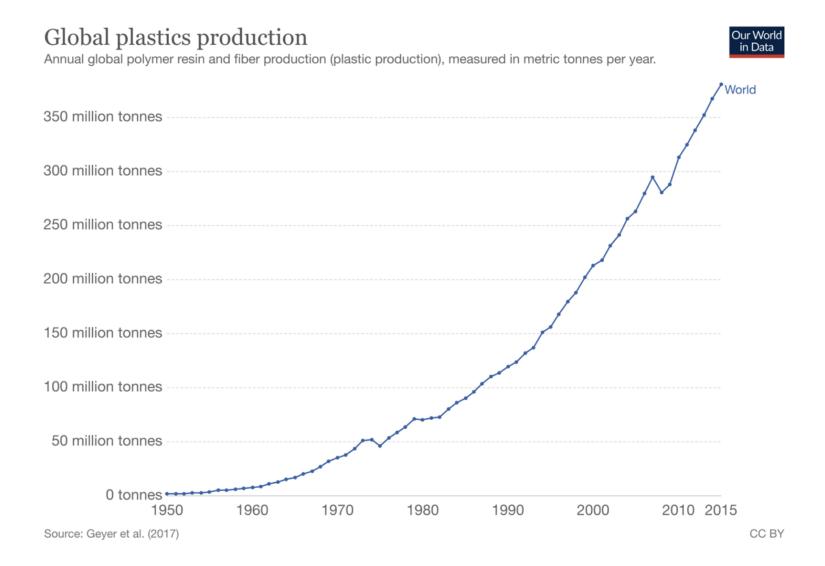




▲ Plastic debris litters the beach on the Soko Islands in Hong Kong. Photograph: Reuters

Plastic superhighway: the awful truth of our hidden ocean waste

## 400 million MT of new plastic per year



Latest (2019) estimate: 400 million MT per year

Cumulatively, there's more than 8 billion MT of plastic in existence

Source: Geyer, R., Jambeck, J. R., & Law, K. L. (2017). Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made. Science Advances, 3(7), e1700782.

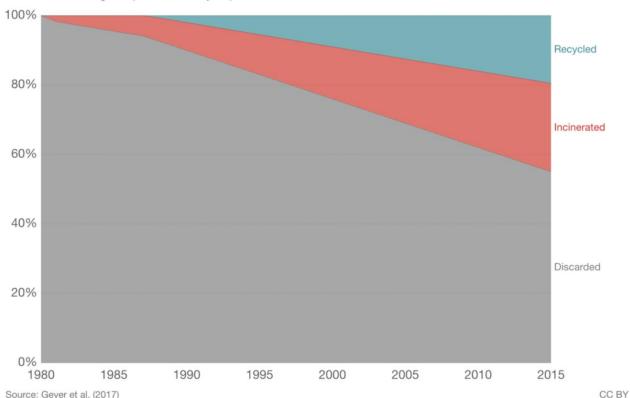


# Only 9% of plastics is recycled globally

Our World in Data

### Global plastic waste by disposal

Estimated share of global plastic waste by disposal method.



### Global plastic production and its fate (1950-2015)

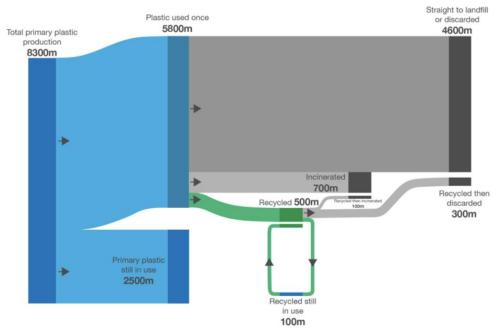


Global production of polymer resins, synthetic fibres and additives, and its journey through to its ultimate fate (still in use, recycled, incinerated or discarded).

Figures below represent the cumulative mass of plastics over the period 1950-2015, measured in million tonnes.

#### Balance of plastic production and fate (m = million tonnes)

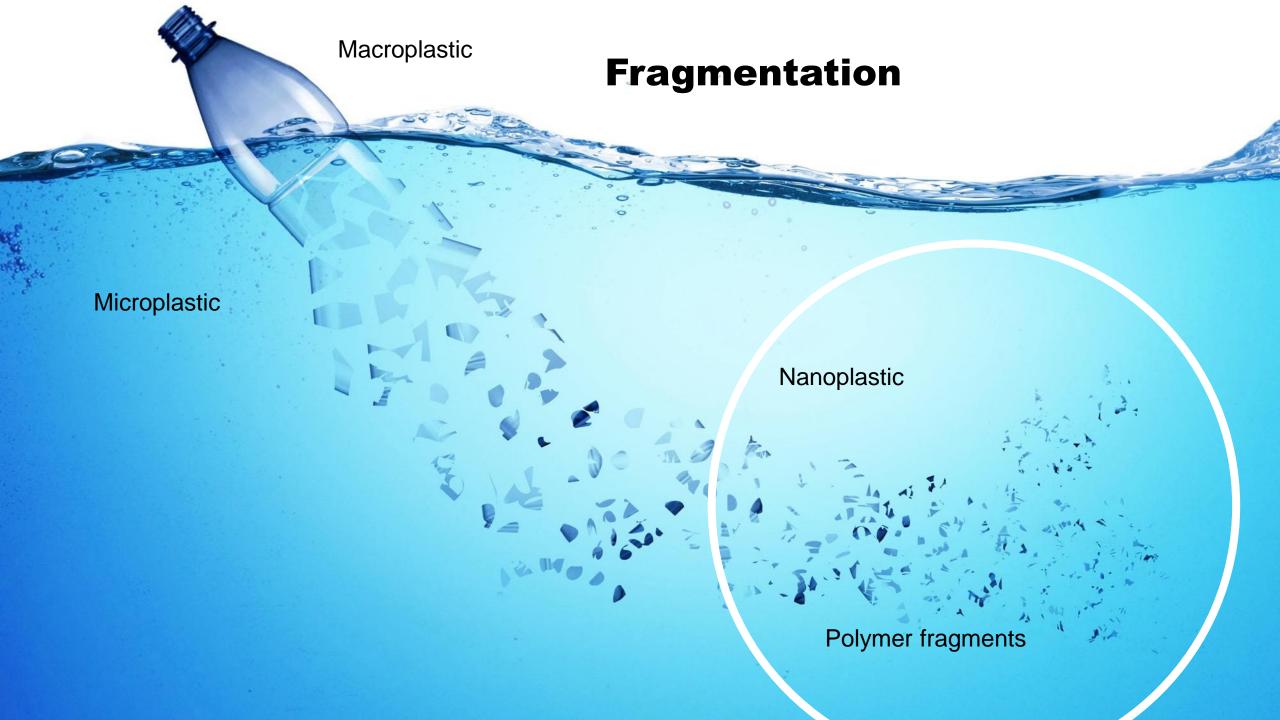
8300m produced → 4900m discarded + 800m incinerated + 2600m still in use (100m of recycled plastic)



Source: based on Geyer et al. (2017). Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made.

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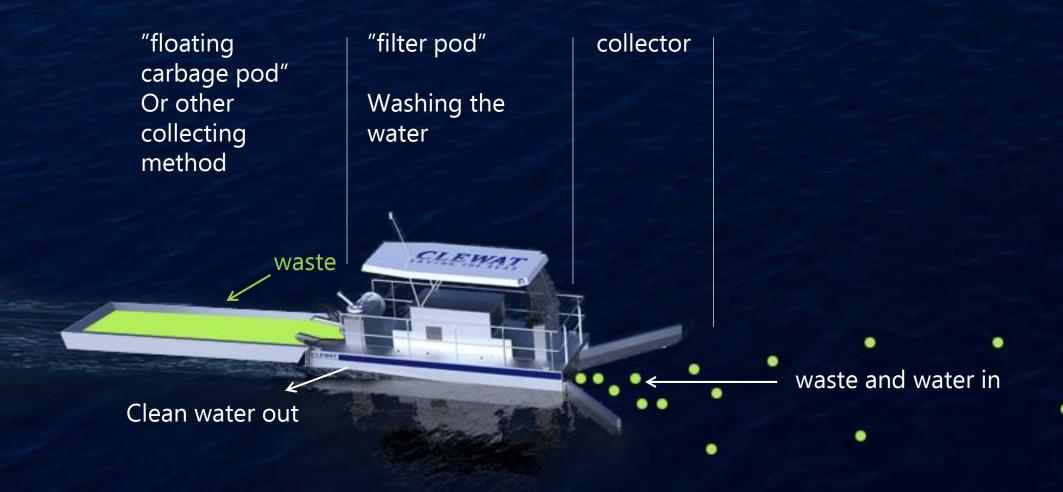








### **Clewat system**



# Work as fleet

# Comparative marine plastic content study with macro samples

- Macro samples (1 million litres each) analysed from 25 selected locations in five selected geographical areas: EU, SEA, NA & Finland
- Compares the plastic content of different seas to improve models of marine plastic
- Completed in 2020
- The results are analysed in collaboration with academic partners
- Focusing the solutions to where the problem is





### **Public research partnership call**

We at Clewat believe that combination of science, innovation, legislation and private and public partnership are the keys for long-term prevention and stopping plastic pollution reaching the oceans.

Our work with plastic pollution wouldn't be possible, if that many researchers weren't recognizing and identifying the problem years ago. Moving forward we believe in partnership between researchers, decision makers and our company will create new ways of fighting plastic pollution and identifying the most cost-effective actions.

While we are removing plastic from the environment, we would like to contribute to scientific efforts as much as possible. However, we alone are not capable of doing this. Instead we are capable of collecting a big amount of samples and data regarding micro- and macroplastic in aquatic environments.

We need help from researchers in the plastic pollution field. Due process the collected samples, to advise us on the best sampling procedures and overall research approach. We strongly believe our vessels are a great ship of opportunity platform for collecting samples of plastic pollution.

Clewat Cleansweep-vessels with its effective collection method and a high capacitor for collecting materials, can be utilized for sampling and monitoring floating macroplastics in bigger rivers and coastal areas. There is a substantial knowledge gap and data deficiency in said areas, and we would like to change that.

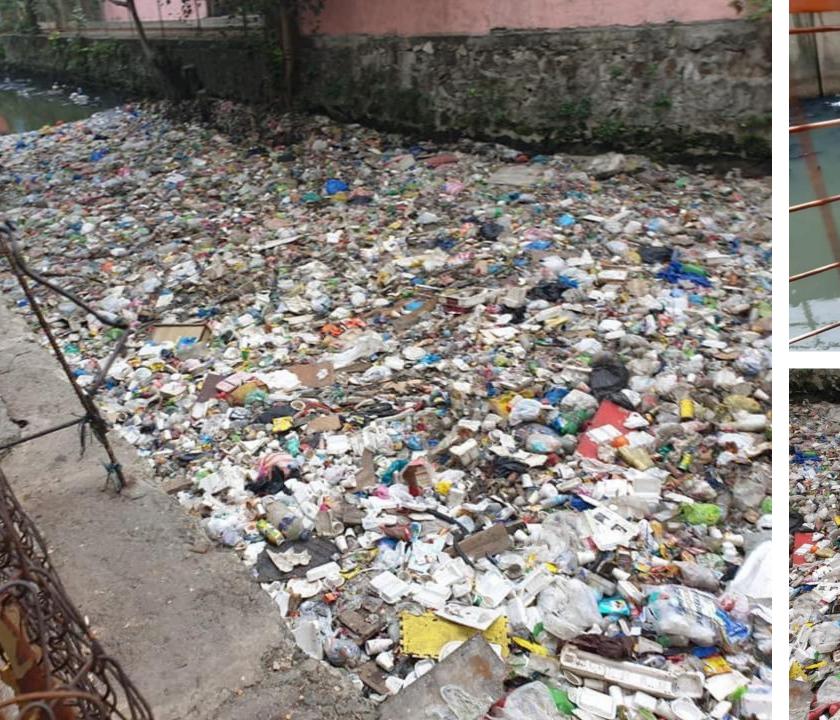
Currently our focus is towards river plastic pollution and we would like to contribute to the understanding of amounts, distribution and movement of macroplastic in rivers.

This collaboration is imagined as a two-way street. We would like to help researchers conduct top level research and find partners for joint projects.

If you would like to collaborate, please contact our:
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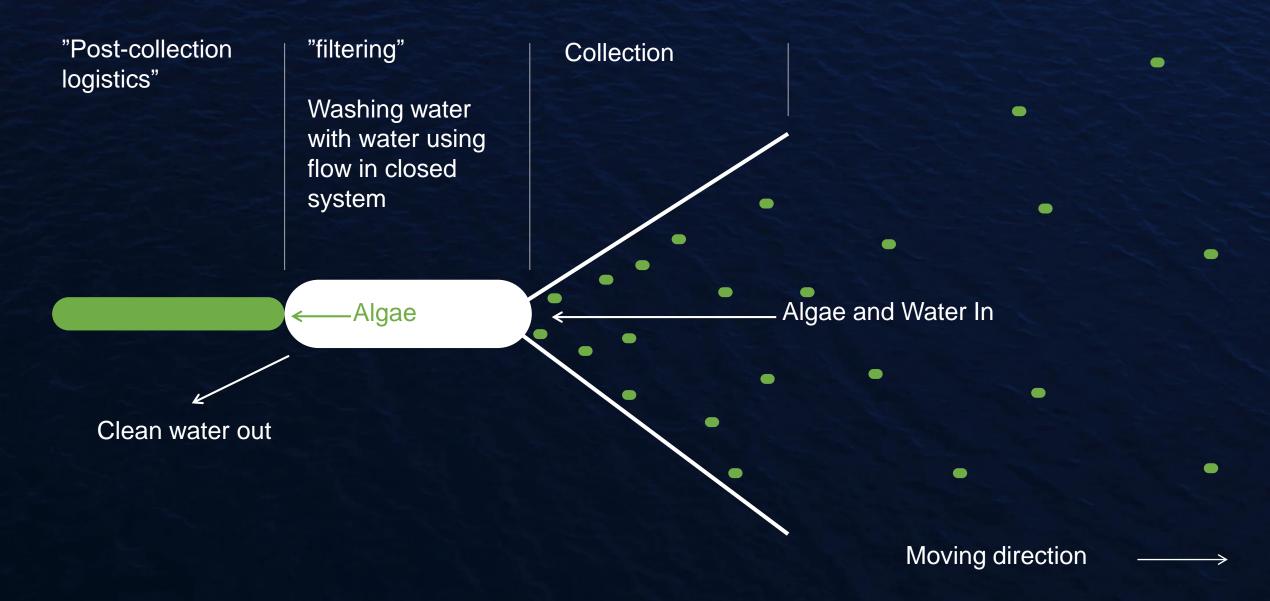




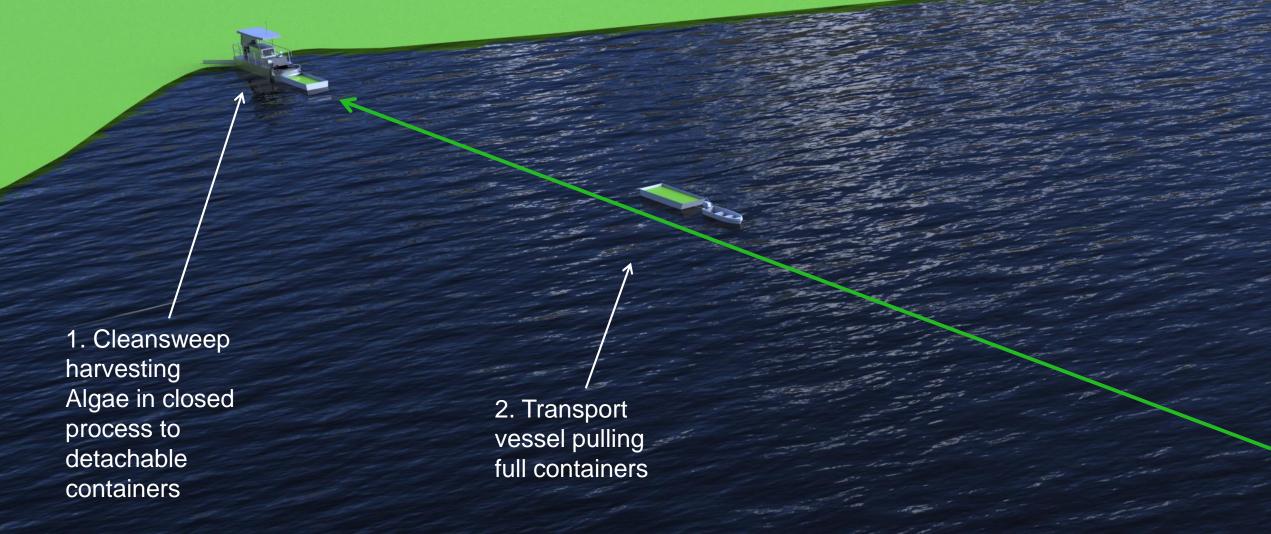




# Clewat Cleansweep system





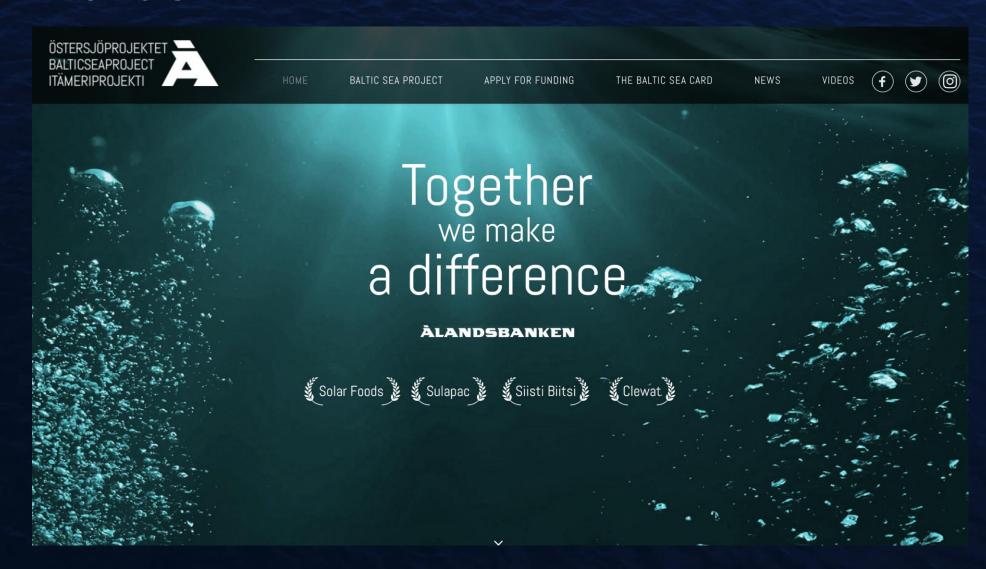








### Awards



## Projects summer 2020



Clewat Oy trials a new water-treatment vessel that removes debris and microplastics from marine locations.



Clewat Oy remove harmful vegetation (Eurasian watermilfoil) from the harbour of City of Kokkola.

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