

Boyan Slat

Founder and CEO, The Ocean Cleanup

Boyan Slat is a Dutch inventor and entrepreneur, passionate about creating megaprojects to address planetary problems. He is the founder and CEO of The Ocean Cleanup; a non-profit organization developing and scaling technologies to rid the world's oceans of plastic. The organization aims to put itself out of business, with the goal of removing 90% of floating ocean plastic by 2040.

Boyan led the organization through the initial scientific work, testing and concept iterations leading to successfully achieving Proof of Technology in 2021 for both river interception and cleanup of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Today, The Ocean Cleanup is actively cleaning up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and has deployed Interceptors in some of the world's most polluting rivers to prevent plastic reaching the ocean in the first place.

In the role of CEO, Boyan focuses on strategy and relationships with key partners as well as serving as a figurehead for our crew but continues to be deeply involved in the organization's scientific and technological work, through which he has co-authored around a dozen scientific papers and multiple patents.