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# Freeing the seas of plastic around Ibiza by boat

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 Local initiative employs ocean-cleaning catamaran.

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*Image: a La Bella Verde eco-catamaran*

With the launch of one of the world's first solar powered ocean clean-up catamarans, Ibiza ramps up the initiative to clean up plastic in its waters.

Two organisations, the [IBI Foundation](#) and [Ibi Free Life](#) have funded the purchase of a [La Bella Verde](#) catamaran, fitted with an ocean clean-up system to take to the seas.

The Ibi Foundation clean up boat has been fitted with a **unique cleaning system that will collect and remove floating plastics** from the waters surrounding Ibiza and the rest of the Balearics.

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five years, it has already set high eco credentials

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Whilst there is a committed aim for Ibiza to become free of single-use plastic by 2023, the sea around it still needs help.

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A robust net structure is suspended beneath La Bella Verde's **100% emission-free eco-boat, which cleans as it goes along.**

Most recently, the plastic enemy was given extra media time following the discovery of a distressed turtle, found locally that had been severely contaminated. Turtles often mistake plastic for jellyfish, a food source.

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It's an operation that's **harmless to marine life** and all the boats used in plastic restaurants are disposed of by local waste processors.

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**Volunteers are welcome to enjoy a day of sailing, to help clear up the ocean** and helping the two organisations raise awareness of the threat to the local marine ecosystem.

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Let's all celebrate this welcome addition to cleaning up Ibiza's beautiful environment.

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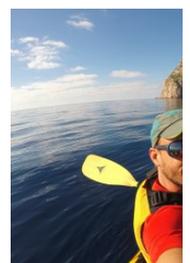
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