



Plastic. We create it. We use it. We fill our oceans with it. A staggering 350 million tonnes is produced each year and hardly a fraction is recycled. Most ends up in landfills or gets dumped into oceans. How can we make use of this revolutionary material without polluting our environment? Merijn Tinga puts this global dilemma into perspective for us. The surfing activist, better known as the Mr. [Plastic Soup Surfer](#), paddles his way through plastic from coast to coast to raise awareness of the dangers our marine environments face.

### **A surfer on a journey for the sea he loves**

As a visual artist his works of art often tell stories. Five years ago, he crossed a fine line of underlying subtleties, by literally standing on his art and becoming part of the artwork. Ever since, he makes statements through his artwork and often against the prevailing opinion. Recently, he crossed the North Sea with a surfboard made out of plastic waste to raise awareness of the amount of plastic litter flowing into our rivers and the seas. His ultimate goal is to inspire others.

# Surfing in plastic oceans: Meet Mr. Plastic Soup Surfer

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