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NE *earth ocean* **NEWSLETTER**

Dear members and friends of the environment!

This time, our newsletter is all about the SEEKUH (German for "Seacow") campaign in Hong Kong during the beginning of this year. With a team of six people, led by Holger Borchert, we presented our concept of "Maritime Garbage Collection", held many interesting conversations and networked with local environmental initiatives. The assembly of the SEEKUH in a marina on the outskirts of the city as well as the sometimes time-consuming organization of necessary certificates and permits were in the lead-up. Just in time for the big reception in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, the SEEKUH let its nets to water in front of the city's skyline. Karin and Michael Röchling, our loyal sponsors, made the long journey to experience the SEEKUH in action. For that we want to thank them very much. We also want to thank the team of Li & Fung, especially Gerard Raymond, President of LF Beauty Limited, for their professional cooperation and their great organization of the reception. In fact, during the weeks in Hong Kong, there were many helping hands to support us, and our idea, for example the gifted forklift and crane operators, with whose help we got SEEKUH seaworthy in just four days. Also a big Thank You to all supporting members of the organisation! At home in Germany, the world of OEOO also continued, as we opened our new office in Kiel in the beginning of the year. A dedicated team on the boat 2018 presented the work of OEOO and our research in the field of micro plastics. We have therefore again had three eventful months, which we look back on. And so it continues...



Seehamster 4 for Cambodia

In mid-January, the newly designed Seehamster 4 (German for "Seahamster") for the cleaning and environmental education project in Cambodia 2018 was completed and approved by TÜV Bayern. The Seehamster is now on its way to its destination, where it will clean the heavily polluted Sangkae River in Battambang. Partner and sponsor of the one-year project are the SUND Holding GmbH + Co. KG, a group in the field of plastics manufacturing and sales. The official launch of the project was on March 1st.

New OEOO office in Kiel

At the beginning of the year, OEOO opened an office in Kiel as a new base in northern Germany. There, water samples are also being analysed for micro plastic. In addition, the sea elephant project will be launched there in March: within a year, a feasibility study will be carried out with experts.



We wish you all a lovely and possible plastic-free spring.

Please stay with us.

Günther Bonin and the team

Nomination for "Ocean Tribute" Award

OEOO was nominated for the Ocean Tribute Award in December. The award is dedicated to the most innovative and sustainable marine conservation ideas. It is praised from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in cooperation with the German Sea Foundation and the water sports fair boot Düsseldorf. OEOO was one of three nominees in the Society category. We appreciate the recognition of our work.



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Our activities

December 2017:

- One Earth - One Ocean e.V. is nominated for the 2018 Ocean Tribute Award
- The Seekuh travels by container ship from Bremerhaven to Hong Kong from late November to mid-January.

January 2018:

- OEOO on the boat 2018 in Düsseldorf: OEOO is showing its microplastic work and are presenting the Microplastic Pollution Map at the joint booth "Love your Ocean".
- The Seehamster Type 4 is completed for use in Cambodia and approved by TÜV.
- 22.01.: Ocean Summit in Hong Kong on plastic waste in the seas as part of the Volvo Ocean Race 2017-18, we are there.

February 2018:

- Reception at the Maritime Museum of Hong Kong: Günther presents our concept to over 100 invited guests
- Joint Beach Cleaning with two environmental groups in Hong Kong brings over 30 bags of plastic waste and rubbish. The Seekuh is there.
- 21.02.: Bettina Kelm gives her talk "A sea drowns in plastic waste" in the Café Max II in Feldafing
- Articles in DIE WELT and Welt Online: "Plastic waste - the most dangerous monster of the seas" on 24.02.18 introduces work of OEOO
- Member of OEOO in Cambodia to discuss the project with the local team



Katja Riemann on the SEEKUH?

Prominent visit: What is the actress Katja Riemann doing on the SEEKUH? She was invited as the brand ambassador of our sponsor CD for the Hong Kong reception and also visited the SEEKUH in order to learn about the operation of the catamaran.

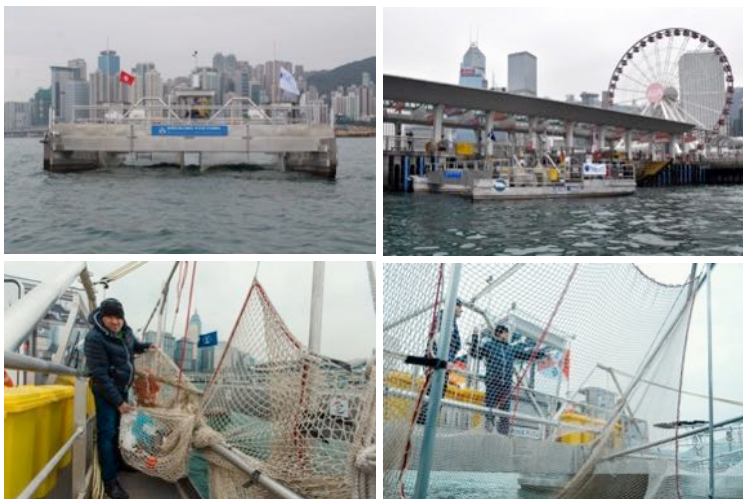


Reception for OEOO in Hong Kong

At the reception on February 1, 2018, OEOO presented itself to the public in Hong Kong. Supported by Li & Fung, the group, which owns the German cosmetic brand CD and who also organized the event in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM). There, Günther Bonin was able to present his concept of "Maritime Garbage Collection" to around 100 top-class guests from politics, administration and the Hong Kong economy. Numerous interesting encounters and discussions took place on this evening. *Photo from the left: Stefan Mulder (Lornamead), Gerard Raymond (Li & Fung), actress Katja Riemann, Günther Bonin (OEOO) and Barbara Brevern (Lornamead).*

And what are the future plans for the SEEKUH?

While the OEOO team is already back in Germany, the SEEKUH is still in Hong Kong. It will there be presented, organized by Holger Borchert and team, to interested parties. There will also be information sessions for pupils and adults on waste prevention and environmental protection. In addition, it accompanies further clean-up campaigns by local environmental groups. In April the Seekuh goes on tour through Asia, the area with the most plastic waste worldwide. Next destination is Singapore.



SEEKUH in Hong Kong

In mid-January, an OEOO team from Germany set out for Hong Kong. The goal of the media-supported one to two-month SEEKUH campaign in the 7.5-million-metropolis is to contribute to greater environmental awareness and publicize the concept of "Maritime waste collection" in Asia. In addition to cleaning actions with friendly environmental groups from Hong Kong in the heavily polluted waters and beaches of the metropolis, school classes and community groups will visit the SEEKUH in the coming weeks. In addition, lectures on the reduction of plastic are being held in everyday life.