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What a load of rubbish!

It's hard to believe that [1] _____ years of people working hard to fight pollution and raise awareness [2] _____ the environment, we still seem to have a long way to go before we succeed.

Oceanographers have discovered a massive 'plastic soup' made up of floating rubbish in the Pacific Ocean. The gigantic waste collection has been growing slowly for [3] _____ 60 years and is now so big it stretches from the American state of California [4] _____ the state of Hawaii and nearly reaches Japan. It contains everything you could imagine, [5] _____ plastic bags to children's toys and even plastic swimming pools!

The 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch' as it's sometimes called, causes lots of problems. One of these is the chemicals it produces in the sea. These chemicals and small pieces of plastic are now showing up [6] _____ fish, and obviously, this means the plastic-filled fish could make their way onto our dinner plates!

It's not all bad news though [7] _____ the moment, a conservation group are looking into whether or not the 100 million tons of waste can somehow be turned [8] _____ fuel and used in a positive way.

Let's hope they take action now [9] _____ the 'plastic soup' gets any larger.