

CNN News Highlights — Urban Surfers

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Translation

十秒小知識：全球每分鐘賣出多少個水瓶？

一千、一萬、十萬還是一百萬？

如果你猜對了一百萬，你答對了。而據聯合國稱，這個數字預計到 2030 年將近翻倍，這有助於加劇全球塑料污染危機。

聯合國表示，超過 90% 的一次性塑料是由化石燃料或未回收材料生產的。在南非，這些城市衝浪者在黎明前起床，翻找垃圾箱和家庭垃圾中的可回收材料，實際上幫助非洲國家成為地球上最優秀的回收國家之一。

我們的大衛·麥肯齊報導了他們的工作對我們的氣候有重要的環境影響。

Tlamoke Mokoka 和他的手推車正在行動。在這裡，他的工作有很多稱呼：回收者、奮鬥者，甚至城市衝浪者。在這個危險的城市，這是一份危險的工作。

有成千上萬的人在黎明前外出。在路上一個小時後，他來到了城市南部的一個社區。

我在找塑料。

我在找塑料、紙板、金屬和罐頭，他說。

金屬。

這是一份骯髒的工作，你介意嗎？

我不介意。

他們丟棄的東西，他回收，每個月賺約 150 美元。這比他以前的建築工作更穩定，而且 **Mokoka** 喜歡當自己的老闆。

這裡沒有工作，他說，所以我們自己創造了工作。他們以一個難以言喻的規模和影響力來創造自己的工作。

只需看看約堡附近的這個分類區，那裡有數千人居住。它是非正式的，但絕不簡單。一切都被仔細分開。一切都有價值。

在層次結構的頂端是罐頭。現在，一袋這些將讓回收者獲得將近 40 美元。正如他們所說，一個人的垃圾是另一個人的寶藏。

我總是驚訝於富人扔掉這麼多垃圾，**Tlakatla Khang** 說，但我很高興他們這麼做。

這個集合花了他們幾個星期。

我對氣候變化了解不多，他說。當然，我很高興我們可以幫助，但重要的是要生存下去。

今天是發薪日，每個袋子都被仔細稱重。

我們之間總是有信任，中間人 **Motsama** 說。盡管他似乎有些懷疑。

我必須仔細檢查他們是否把水倒進瓶子裡，使它們變重，他說。它必須只是塑料瓶。

回收者找不到的東西最終會被運到附近的垃圾填埋場。即使在這裡，絕望的人也會拯救他們所能拯救的東西。

回到社區，莫科卡正在與垃圾車競爭。

完成了，我們完成了，完成了。你完成了嗎？是的。剛好趕上。是的。今天，他們來得有點晚。

我今天有更多的東西，伙計。

更多的東西？

比其他天多。好...

莫科卡為自己的工作感到驕傲，為自己的努力感到自豪。

是的，我感到很高興。

我感到很高興，我感到很高興，他說，因為我要為家人養活。



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Answers

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