

# Race to the Finish: Cleaning the Guanabara Bay

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### Background:

- Will be used for Summer 2016 Olympic water sports events
- Untreated sewage runs into the bay
- "In 1995 Rio de Janeiro State University identified 800 species in the bay, ten years later there were 400, and now there are just 35"
- 1.7 billion viruses per liter of water
- 1.7 million times more contaminates then American standards of hazardous water

## **Opportunity:**

- "Athletes who ingest three teaspoons of water have a 99 percent chance of being infected by viruses"
- Long term solutions for the community
- "60% of Brazilian adults have been exposed to hepatitis A"
- 30% of the population doesn't have access to clean water



### **Solution:**

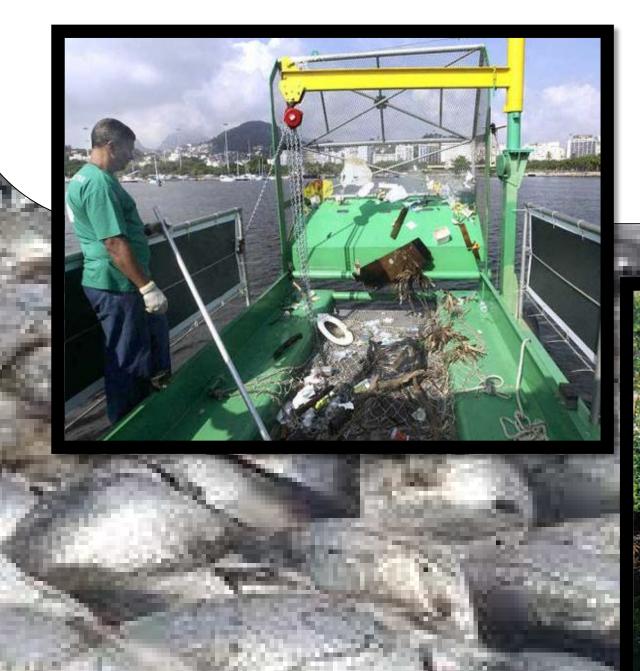
- Size: The garbage collecting nets are equal in size to the boat
- Material: Bay Net
- Strength: over 3 tons
- Bottom of net will be able to open and reclose
- Net will be laced with chlorine to further sanitize the area

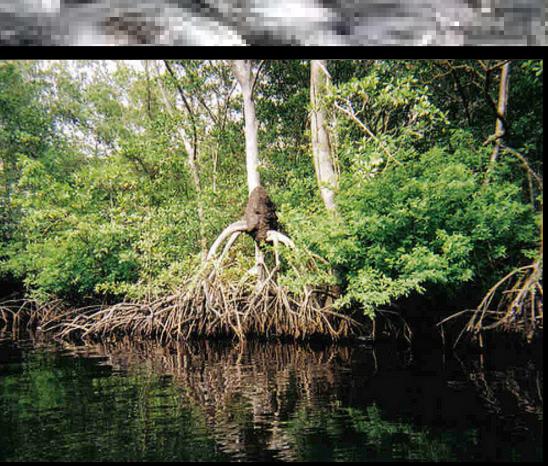
## Additional:

- Partition nets in racing area
- Barge that holds and collects the trash
- Community recycling program to keep the bay clean after the Olympics.



- Eco Boats:
  - Too small for the amount of time we have remaining
- Mangroves:
  - Large trash items get caught in them hindering their progress
  - Favorable long-term solution









- Reduce disease among:
  - 6.45 million people living in Rio
  - 350,000 foreign tourists
  - **1,400** Olympic athletes competing in water sports
- Cleans up the community and makes the citizens proud to live there
- Raises awareness for the people in Rio that still don't have access to clean water



