

Biography of Winnie Lau, Senior Manager,
Preventing ocean plastics



Winnie Lau is senior manager and technical lead with Pew's preventing ocean plastics project, which aims to propose economically and politically feasible strategies to reduce the global ocean plastic pollution problem. Winnie joined Pew's international conservation unit in 2014 and focused on developing strategies, new projects, and partnerships in Asia. Before joining Pew, she was the climate change science and technology adviser for the United States Agency for International Development's mission to Sri Lanka and Maldives. She also served as manager of the Marine Ecosystem

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