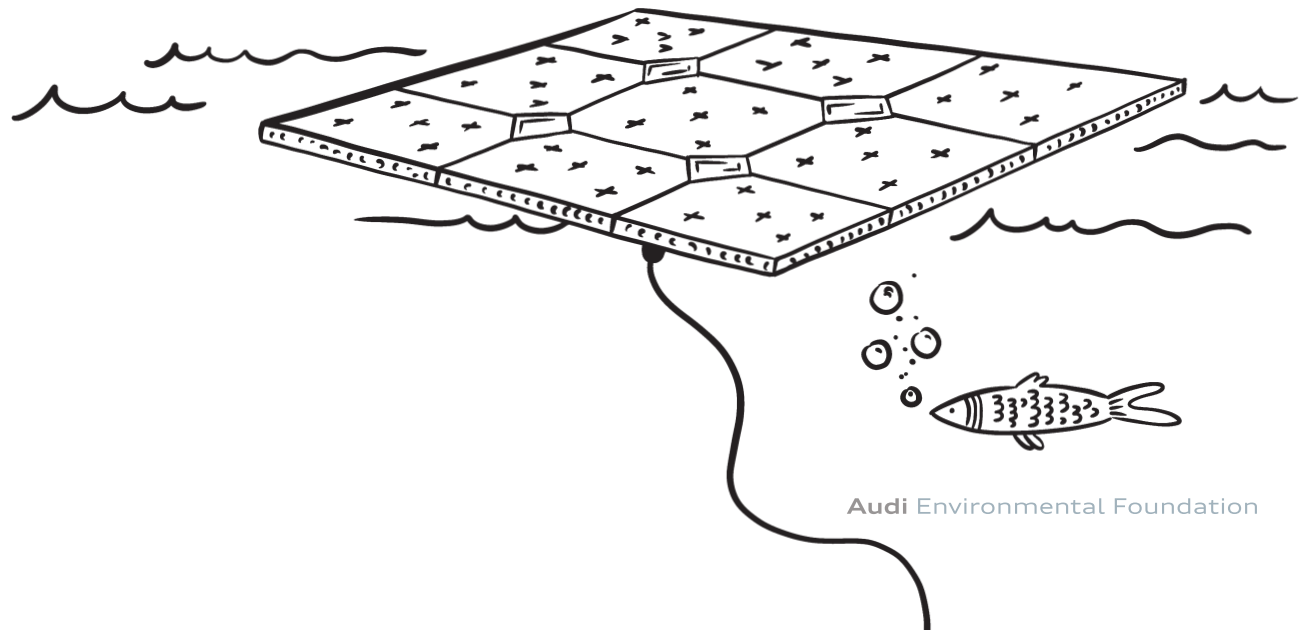
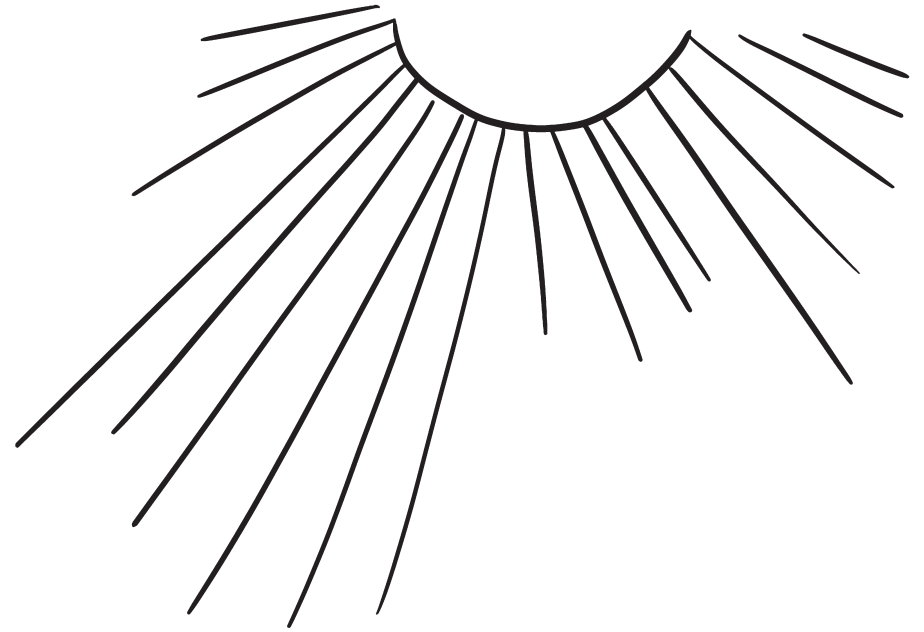


**WHAT LOVES THE SUN,
BESIDES THE SOLAR PANELS?**





Floating solar cells

On the Maldives, a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, there is little space and a lot of sun. That's why large solar plants are simply built on the water, rather than on fields as they are here. It's a good idea, and not just because it saves space. Small islands are often not connected to the power grid from the mainland, but instead have their own generators to supply electricity. These can be used to power televisions, refrigerators and washing machines, but they are definitely not environmentally friendly. On the other hand, floating solar panels can generate a large amount of energy on the water because of the sunlight reflected on the surface of the ocean. Thanks to them, the islands can often keep the humming generators turned off.