## **Supporting Information**

## Biomimetic fabrication of superhydrophobic loofah sponge: robust for highly efficient oil-water separation at harsh environment

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Movie S1. Video of pristine loofah sponge swell in water.

**Movie S2.** Video of methylene blue dyed water droplets roll off from the asprepared loofah surface.

**Movie S3.** Video of selective removing a layer of oil red dyed n-hexane on top of water using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S4.** Video of selectively absorbing the oil red dyed chloroform from the bottom of water using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S5.** Video of selectively separation oil microdroplets from surfactant-free oil-in-water emulsions using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S6.** Video of selectively separation of oily red dyed chloroform/n-hexane in 1M HCl solution using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S7.** Video of selectively separation of oily red dyed chloroform/n-hexane in 1M NaOH solution using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S8.** Video of selectively separation of oily red dyed chloroform/n-hexane in saturated NaCl solution using as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S9.** Video of selectively separation of oily red dyed chloroform/n-hexane in hot water with higher than 95°C using as-prepared loofah sponge.

Movie S10. Video of sandpaper-abrasion test of as-prepared loofah sponge.

Movie S11. Video of finger-wipe test of as-prepared loofah sponge.

**Movie S12.** Video of anti-fouling and self-cleaning performances of as-prepared loofah sponge and the pristine loofah sponge.

Sample -	XPS (atomic %)			
	С	0	N	Si
loofa	59.75	40.25	0	0
WPU@loofa	77.24	18.78	3.98	0
SiO <sub>2</sub> @WPU@loofa	75.97	18.31	3.26	2.46

Table.S1 XPS elements contents of loofah, WPU@loofah and SiO2@WPU modified

loofah

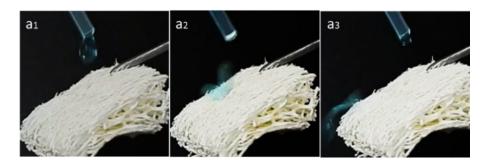


Fig. S1 Optical photos of a methylene blue dyed water droplet roll off from the asprepared loofah surface



Fig.S2 Optical image of superhydrophobicity loofah sponge after 5 cycled oil-water separation

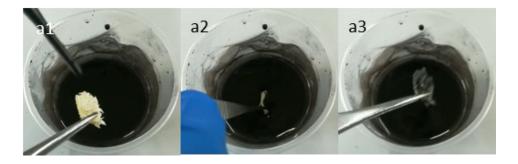


Fig.S3 Optical pictures of the anti-fouling performances of the pristine loofah sponge