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## **Supporting information**

## Efficient hydrogen evolution of Ni<sub>2</sub>P via incorporation of Mo for

## alkaline freshwater and seawater electrolysis

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Fig. S1 SEM images of Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC electrocatalyst at (a) 10k magnifications. (b) 5k magnifications.



Fig. S2 XPS survey of Mo-Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC and Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC electrocatalyst.



Fig.S3 Cyclic voltammograms of (a)  $Ni_2P/CC$ , (b)  $Mo_{0.04}-Ni_2P/CC$ , (c)  $Mo_{0.05}-Ni_2P/CC$  and (d)  $Mo_{0.06}-Ni_2P/CC$  from 10 to 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S4 SEM images of Mo-Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC after 20 hour-long term HER in 1 M KOH solution.



Fig. S5 XRD pattern of Mo-Ni<sub>2</sub>P after stability in 1 M KOH.



Fig. S6 SEM images of Mo-Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC after 20 hour-long HER in (a-b) simulated seawater and (cd) alkaline seawater solution.

Catalyst	Element	Weight %	Atomic %
Mo-Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CC	Ni	64.63	51.35
	Р	30.85	46.45
	Мо	4.52	2.20
Table S2. Comparison the influence of mass loading on HER.			
Catalysts	mass loading (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )		Overpotential at 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>
			(mV)
Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CC	2.9	98	166
Mo <sub>0.04</sub> - Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CC	3.	02	139
Mo <sub>0.05</sub> - Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CC	3.	05	113
Mo <sub>0.06</sub> - Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CC	3.	09	141

Table S1. The composition of the Mo-Ni<sub>2</sub>P/CC.