

# VOLUNTEER OCEAN TRASH DATA FORM



Ocean and waterway trash ranks as one of the most serious pollution problems choking our planet. Far more than an eyesore, a rising tide of marine debris threatens human health, wildlife, communities and economies around the world. The ocean faces many challenges, but trash should not be one of them. Ocean trash is entirely preventable, and data you collect are part of the solution. The International Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort on behalf of ocean and waterway health.

## HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:



### SITE INFORMATION:

Cleanup Site Name:

State or Province:  Zone or County:

Country:  Nearest Crossroad or Landmark:

### NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON THIS CARD:

adults children (under 12)

### MOST UNUSUAL ITEM COLLECTED:

### TYPE OF CLEANUP:

Land:  Underwater:  Watercraft:

### DATE:

### GO PAPERLESS!

Collect and record your data on **Clean Swell!**

Download the free app on your mobile device.



Please return this form to your area coordinator. If you are unable to do so, please mail or email it to:

Ocean Conservancy  
Attn: International Coastal Cleanup  
1300 19th Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036  
cleanup@oceanconservancy.org

Trash Free Seas: [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanup](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanup)  
Be a Green Boater: [www.oceanconservancy.org/do-your-part/green-boating](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/do-your-part/green-boating)  
Sponsors: [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanupsponsors](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanupsponsors)  
Clean Swell: [www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanswell](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanswell)



# TRASH COLLECTED

**Citizen scientist:** Pick up all trash and record all items you find below. No matter how small the items, the data you collect are important for Trash Free Seas.<sup>®</sup>

**EXAMPLE:**

Plastic Bags:



TOTAL #

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= 8

Please DO NOT use words or check marks. Only **numbers** are useful data.

**MOST LIKELY TO FIND ITEMS:**

TOTAL #  
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- Cigarette Butts: =
- Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.): =
- Take Out/Away Containers (Plastic): =
- Take Out/Away Containers (Foam): =
- Bottle Caps (Plastic): =
- Bottle Caps (Metal): =
- Lids (Plastic): =
- Straws/Stirrers: =
- Forks, Knives, Spoons: =

- Beverage Bottles (Plastic): =
- Beverage Bottles (Glass): =
- Beverage Cans: =
- Grocery Bags (Plastic): =
- Other Plastic Bags: =
- Paper Bags: =
- Cups & Plates (Paper): =
- Cups & Plates (Plastic): =
- Cups & Plates (Foam): =

**FISHING GEAR:**

TOTAL #  
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- Fishing Buoys, Pots & Traps: =
- Fishing Net & Pieces: =
- Fishing Line (1 yard/meter = 1 piece): =
- Rope (1 yard/meter = 1 piece): =

**PACKAGING MATERIALS:**

TOTAL #  
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- 6-Pack Holders: =
- Other Plastic/Foam Packaging: =
- Other Plastic Bottles (oil, bleach, etc.): =
- Strapping Bands: =
- Tobacco Packaging/Wrap: =

**OTHER TRASH:**

TOTAL #  
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- Appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.): =
- Balloons: =
- Cigar Tips: =
- Cigarette Lighters: =
- Construction Materials: =
- Fireworks: =
- Tires: =

**PERSONAL HYGIENE:**

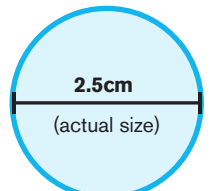
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- Condoms: =
- Diapers: =
- Syringes: =
- Tampons/Tampon Applicators: =
- Gloves & masks (PPE): =
- e-cigarettes: =

**TINY TRASH LESS THAN 2.5CM:**

TOTAL #  
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- Foam Pieces: =
- Glass Pieces: =
- Plastic Pieces: =



DEAD/INJURED ANIMAL	STATUS	ENTANGLED	TYPE OF ENTANGLEMENT ITEM
	Dead or Injured	Yes or No	

**ITEMS OF LOCAL CONCERN:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**CLEANUP SUMMARY (circle units)**

Number of Trash Bags Filled:  Weight of Trash Collected:  lbs/kgs Distance Cleaned:  miles/km