

REPORT SHEET

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The Ocean Initiatives make it possible to raise awareness about the problem of marine litter among over 40,000 people across Europe. This is also an opportunity to collect data which allow us to better understand the marine litter pollution. You are best placed to tell us about the state of your beach/lake/river/seabed; we therefore need you to carry out our research program! In 2016, 10 964 citizens took part in the participative science and allowed us to make an assessment of the marine litter pollution on the European maritime coastlines.

After the success of our work to use our influence to reduce the use of plastic bags throughout Europe, we have decided to turn our attention to another single-use object from daily life found all too often on our beaches, sea beds and river beds: plastic bottles used to contain drinks. We will therefore be asking you to open your eyes wide when you carry out operations to help us collect data on this object, which is out of place in our environment. During collections, we advise you to put them in a separate bag to make your task easier.

Please fill in this sheet of facts and figures to help us fight against the scourge of marine litter!

EVENT ORGANIZER (LAST NAME - FIRST NAME):

MAIL: **EVENT DATE:**



THE EVENT

TYPE OF COLLECTION:

- On foot
- Diving (Underwater)
- On-board (kayak, dugout, stand up paddle)
- Other: please specify

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:.....including children (at school and in day centres, etc.):.....

LENGTH OF THE BEACH / BANK / WATERCOURSE OBSERVED:

- from 100 to 200 m
- from 200 to 500 m
- from 500 to 1000 m
- than 1000 m (please specify)

NUMBER OF BAGS FILLED:

What is the volume of the bags that you used Liters

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION WHERE THE EVENT TAKES PLACE

NAME OF SITE:.....

POSTAL CODE:..... **COUNTRY:**.....

Do you visit this place often?

Yes

No

To your knowledge, is there normally a large amount of litter in this area?

Yes

No

LITTER COLLECTED: QUANTIFICATION

COUNT / QUANTIFY THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF LITTER

(litter most commonly found during Ocean Initiatives), for example: Cigarette butts = 120

Please note: We will only be able to take into account the number of items collected. Quantities expressed in weight, volume, or by a percentage will not figure in to the quantification. For more information you can refer to the organiser guide (advice for carrying out a clean-up program).

PLASTIC MATERIAL:

Cigarette butts

Picnic dishes (plates, cutlery)

Plastic bottle caps

Straws / stir-sticks

Food packaging (tubs, sandwich wrappers, yoghurt containers, fast food wrappers)

Fishing-related waste:
Ropes, cords (diameter less than 1 cm)

Plastic bottles **except beverages** (cleaning products, beauty products)

Fishing-related waste:
Fishing lines / hooks

Plastic bags and pieces of plastic bags

Fishing-related waste:
Nets / intertwined ropes:

Crisps, chocolate bars, and candy wrappers (sweets):

Shotgun shells:

Lollipop sticks

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PLASTIC MATERIAL:

Medical waste plastic :
- Medicine packaging / tubes / vials

Sanitary / hygienic waste
- Cotton swabs

Sanitary / hygienic waste:
Tampons and applicators

Pieces of polystyrene
between 2.5 and 50 cm:

Pieces of plastic
between 2.5 and 50 cm

Plastic cups

Tires

Toys

Lighters

Inflatable balloons:

Sandals / shoes

Shellfish aquaculture-related litter (container, shellfish pot, plastic shellfish «sweep» film, etc.):
Please specify (number and objects):

GLASS:

Glass bottles

Glass pieces/ceramic pieces

IRON:

Cans

Pieces of iron or scrap iron

CLOTH:

Clothes, tea towels

FOCUS ON PLASTIC BOTTLES:

How many plastic drinks bottles (water, sodas, alcoholic drinks, fruit juices, ice tea, smoothies...) did you find during your operation:

Under 50 cl or = to 50 cl

Over 50 cl

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FOCUS ON PLASTIC BOTTLES :

Give details of the brand if visible, with the number of corresponding bottles:

<input type="text"/>	Coca Cola	<input type="text"/>	Seven Up
<input type="text"/>	Sprite	<input type="text"/>	San Pelegrino
<input type="text"/>	Fanta	<input type="text"/>	San Miguel
<input type="text"/>	Orangina	<input type="text"/>	Pepsi
<input type="text"/>	Nestea	<input type="text"/>	Others (stating brand and number)

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If the brand is not identifiable, please give details of the type of drinks bottles found:

<input type="text"/>	Sodas or ice tea	<input type="text"/>	Mineral water
<input type="text"/>	Alcohol drink	<input type="text"/>	Fruit juice
<input type="text"/>	Smoothie, Yoghurt drink,	<input type="text"/>	Others,details..

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Do you know if your country, region or local authority has set up a bottle depot system ?

Yes
 No
 Don't know

Do you wish to provide any information on this subject?

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Have you noticed the presence of a very large number of other wastes than the ones quantified?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify which

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Did you find any large or unusual waste (cars, telephone boxes, fridges...)?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify which

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If you have taken some pictures, do not hesitate to email them to us at: shourcade@surfrider.eu

Have you observed on the beaches or on the riverbanks some industrial plastic pellets¹ also called mermaid tears?

- Yes No



¹ The industrial plastic pellets are small balls, cylinders or plastics pastilles no bigger than a lentil. They are made and used in the industry to create all our plastic items. Millions of it are lost every year and end up in our waterways and in the marine environment where we can mistake it for sediments.

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If yes

> Have you observed on the top of the beach some big densities of industrial plastic pellets: 1000 pellets or more by square meter (sign of an ancient accumulation linked to spring tides)

Yes No

> Have you observed on the foreshores some big densities of industrial plastic pellets: 100 pellets or more by linear meter

Yes No

> What were the colours of the industrial plastic pellets that you observed?

Transparent White Black Red Other

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Do not hesitate to send us a picture of your sample!

Have you heard about one or several exceptional/punctual events on this area which could have entailed excessive numbers of wastes?

> Events linked to festive activities (community or private festivals, parties on the beach, sporting events...)

Yes No

If yes, please specify which.....

> Exceptional meteorological events (high tides, floods, storms...)

Yes No

If yes, please specify which.....

> Events linked to human work / installations (work sites, construction...)

Yes No

If yes, please specify which.....

Do you know if the site was cleaned before your event?

Yes No Not sure

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FOR QUANTIFICATION WORK IN MARINE ENVIRONMENTS (BEACH, COAST, UNDERWATER)

Do you know if the site you chose is:

> Near a river, watercourse or outlet that empties out into the sea

- Yes No

If yes, please specify which.....

>Near a tourist area or is a highly frequented area

- Yes No Not sure

> Near a town

- Yes No Not sure

Please describe the type of marine activities in the area (fishing, shellfish farms, nautical activities, marina, harbour activities...)

Fishing (state whether for leisure, professional or other purposes)

Areas of shell fish farming

Harbour activities (for example, marina, industrial, fishing or others).
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Nautical activities – give details (marina, surfing, diving...)
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Others – give details
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FOR QUANTIFICATION WORK TAKING PLACE IN FRESHWATER AREAS (LAKE, RIVER, STREAM, ETC.)

Please give details of the name of the waterway, lake or stream:

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Do you know if the site you chose is:

> Near a town or village

- Yes No

Specify whether the urban area is upstream or not and its name:.....

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> What types of activities take place in or near the watercourse

- Fishing activities hunting activities industrial activities
 Agricultural activities water sports Other (please specify)

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In your opinion where does the waste you have collected come from? (fishing, shellfish aquaculture, treatment plants, maritime transport, upstream towns, dumped on site, etc.)

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BIOCARRIERS CAMPAIGN

During the course of your Ocean Initiative, did you find and collect biocarriers (see descriptive page)?

- Yes No

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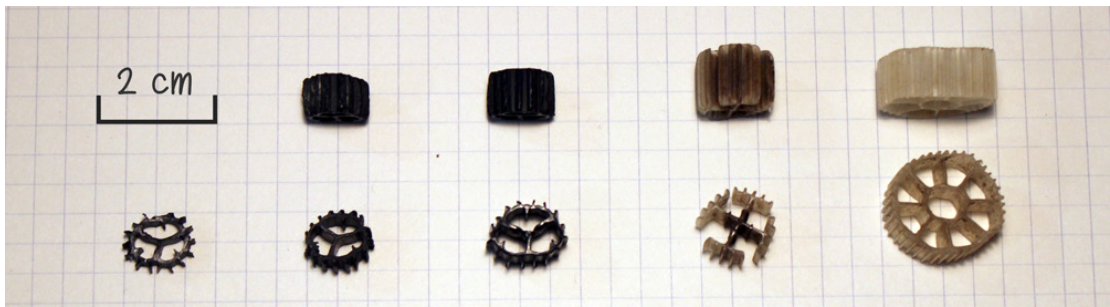
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Yes

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Please indicate the name and type(s) you found by selecting the appropriate picture(s) below.



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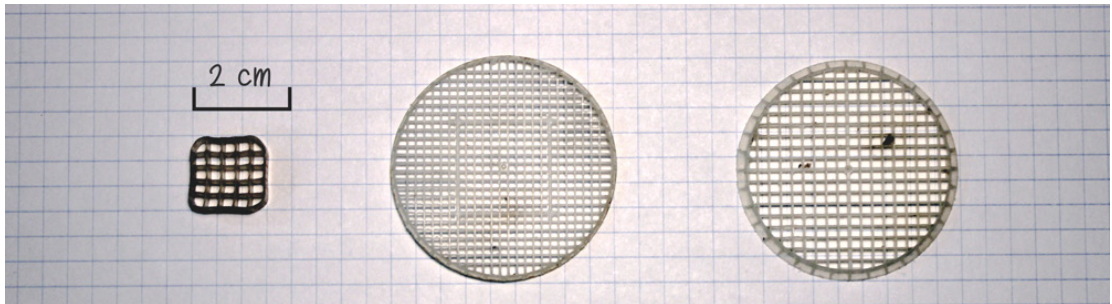
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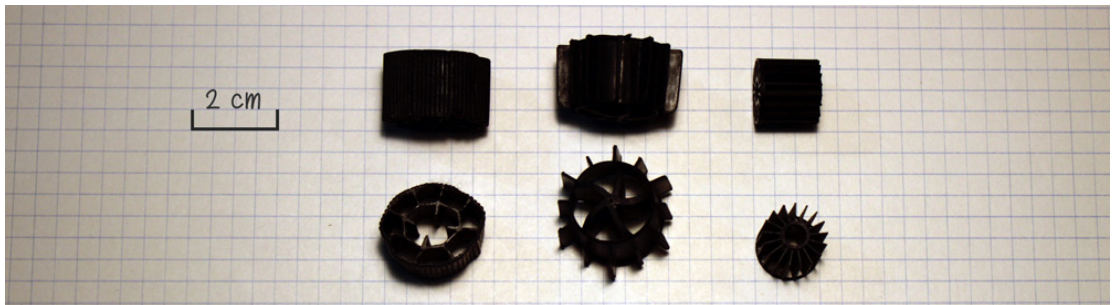
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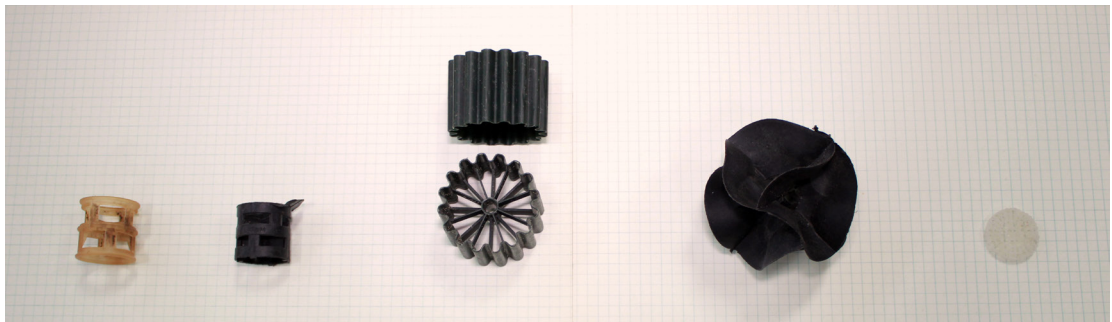
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OTHER: If you have found biocarriers but the form is not in the list above,
send us a photo or a description to: water@surfrider.eu

NOTES:

Do not hesitate to ask us questions about the wastes you have found or to write us anything that seems useful for the Ocean Initiatives. Feel free, the best ideas never remain stowed in the drawers.

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!