

OCEAN INITIATIVES

REPORT SHEET - INTERMEDIARY VERSION





The Ocean Initiatives make it possible to raise awareness about the problem of marine litter among over 80,000 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 2019, 27,054 members of the public got involved in citizen science and enabled us not only to assess the current state of marine litter along Europe's coastlines but also to collect information about plastic drinks bottles, the 'star item' of the last 2 years of Ocean Initiatives.

The on-the-ground data that you share with Surfrider enable us to sustain our lobbying activities with European and national bodies. We were thereby able to take part in the discussions which resulted in the adoption by European institutions of a single-use plastics directive in June 2019. This text aims to reduce plastic at source and reduce our consumption of around ten single-use plastic products, which all too often end up in the environment and sea, thanks to several types of regulatory measures including a ban on certain items. These 10 plastic products were not chosen at random. They are the 10 single-use plastic products most often found along Europe's coastlines, and it is largely your involvement in the Ocean Initiatives that has made this possible.



Our work doesn't stop there, we need to continue our mobilisation to ensure that the measures taken will result in a real reduction of the plastic waste threatening the marine environment and to do that, we need to continue to monitor pollution and notably the 10 types of waste targeted by legislation. So we are asking you to keep your eyes peeled during your clean-ups to enable us to collect data on these single-use plastics, which do not belong in our environment.

Fill in this report sheet and help us to tackle the scourge of marine waste!

Don't forget to transfer the findings on the online version of the report sheet (My account, my collection (click on the collection) and fill in/edit the report sheet) or scan the document and send it to oceaninitiatives@surfrider.eu if you don't have access to your account.



Last name:

First name:

Mail:



INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION

Date: / /

Type of collection:

☐ On foot ☐ Diving ☐ On-board ☐ Other, specify:

Number of participants: Number of schoolchildren:

Length of the beach / bank / watercourse observed:

☐ 100-200 m ☐ 200-500 m ☐ 500-1000 m ☐ + 1000 m, specify:

Number of bags filled:

What is the volume of the bags that you used? liters

INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION

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 ☐ Don't know

In your opinion, has the beach been cleaned (presence of beach cleaning machine tracks or beach cleaned regularly) over the two weeks preceding the clean-up?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

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 the quantification. For more information you can refer to the organiser guide (advice for carrying out a clean-up program).

PLASTIC MATERIAL

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| <input type="text"/> Tobacco products with filters | <input type="text"/> Sanitary / hygienic waste: Tampons and applicators |
| <input type="text"/> Plastic bottles (drinks) under 50 cl or = to 50 cl | <input type="text"/> Wet wipes (sanitary, textile) |
| <input type="text"/> Plastic bottles (drinks) over 50 cl | <input type="text"/> Pieces of polystyrene between 2.5 and 50 cm |
| <input type="text"/> Plastic bottle caps | <input type="text"/> Pieces of plastic between 2.5 and 50 cm |
| <input type="text"/> Food packaging (tubs, sandwich wrappers, yoghurt containers, fast food wrappers) | <input type="text"/> Plastic cups, including lid |
| <input type="text"/> Plastic bottles except beverages (cleaning products, beauty products) | <input type="text"/> Picnic dishes: plates |
| <input type="text"/> Plastic bags and pieces of plastic bags | <input type="text"/> Picnic dishes: cutlery |
| <input type="text"/> Confectionery packets and wrappers (crisp packets, chocolate bars, sweets, fruit purée pouches) | <input type="text"/> Straws |
| <input type="text"/> Lollipop sticks | <input type="text"/> Stir-sticks |
| <input type="text"/> Medical waste plastic: Medicine packaging / tubes / vials | <input type="text"/> Waste fishing gear: nets (including pieces of net), ropes, string, tangled nets and ropes. |
| <input type="text"/> Sanitary / hygienic waste: Cotton swabs | <input type="text"/> Waste fishing gear: fishing lines, hooks, bait boxes |

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| <input type="text"/> Shotgun shells | <input type="text"/> Tires |
| <input type="text"/> Toys | <input type="text"/> Lighters |
| <input type="text"/> Inflatable balloons | <input type="text"/> Sandals / shoes |
| <input type="text"/> Shellfish aquaculture-related litter ¹ (container, shellfish pot, plastic shellfish «sweep» film, etc.). Please specify (number and objects): | <input type="text"/> Masks |

GLASS

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| <input type="text"/> Glass bottles | <input type="text"/> Glass pieces/ceramic pieces |
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IRON

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| <input type="text"/> Cans | <input type="text"/> Bottle caps |
| <input type="text"/> Pieces of iron or scrap iron | |

CLOTH

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| <input type="text"/> Clothes, tea towels |
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¹ Shellfish aquaculture is the culturing of shellfish or bivalve molluscs. The most common types of shellfish aquaculture are oyster farming, mussel farming and normal shellfish farming.

OTHER QUESTIONS

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify which:

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify which:

If you have taken some pictures, do not hesitate to email them to us at:

oceaninitiatives@surfrider.eu

Have you observed on the beach or on the riverbanks some industrial plastic pellets² also called mermaid tears?

☐ Yes ☐ No



² 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.

If yes

• Have you observed on the top of the beach some big densities of industrial plastic pellets (sign of an ancient accumulation linked to spring tides)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Could you estimate the quantity of pellets observed over 1 metre?

☐ 1 - 10 ☐ 10 - 100 ☐ + 100

• Have you observed on the foreshores some big densities of industrial plastic pellets?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Could you estimate the quantity of pellets observed over 1 metre?

☐ 1 - 10 ☐ 10 - 100 ☐ + 100

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

☐ Transparent ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Red ☐ Other

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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

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 ☐ Don't know

If yes, please specify which

• Near a tourist area or is a highly frequented area

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

• Near a town

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

You can specify the type of marine activities located on-site (fishing activities, shellfish aquaculture, nautical activities, sailing, port activities,...)

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

☐ Areas of shell fish farming

☐ Harbour activities (for example, marina, industrial, fishing or others)

☐ Nautical activities – give details (marina, surfing, diving...)

☐ Other, specify:

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)

In your opinion where does the waste you have collected come from?

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BIOCARRIERS CAMPAIGN

During the course of your Ocean Initiative, did you find and collect biocarriers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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


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

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!

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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