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2023 REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM Ocean Conservancy's CEO

This year I had the opportunity to join cleanups in Alaska, the Dominican Republic and California. These locations could not have been more different. Yet at every cleanup, the joy and determination of the volunteers was clear. The incredible conservation impact of cleanups was starkly visible. And the desire to see a change in our ocean was shared by every single one of us on the beach.

This is the power of the International Coastal Cleanup®, now 37 years strong. It is our shared, global understanding that no matter where you are in the world, no matter the location, you are making a meaningful difference to the ocean and your community when you participate in the Cleanup.

Over the past year, nearly 470,000 volunteers across 97 countries picked up over 4,000 tons of trash and plastics. These cleanups took place everywhere from remote coastlines to crowded beaches, and every single item collected is one fewer item that ended up in the ocean. Over half of you tracked your collection amounts using Clean Swell®, contributing to a vast database that informs policy solutions to the ocean plastics crisis.

This year, Ocean Conservancy is using that treasure-trove of data to shine a spotlight on plastic foam, one of the most pervasive and insidious forms of marine debris. In the Dominican Republic, I was struck by the fact that no matter how much we picked up, foam was still present—

and that sometimes when we did pick it up, many big pieces broke into much smaller pieces. It's because of this that many countries and states are enacting laws to ban or phase out the use of foam, and I'm proud to say that the data we collect through the International Coastal Cleanup has helped to inform many of these laws. Let's keep that momentum going.

We are also celebrating being halfway to the #TeamSeas campaign goal, thanks to so many of you. Mark Rober and MrBeast's viral campaign to raise 30 million dollars to collect 30 million pounds of trash is now in its second year, and over the past year, more than 130,000 of you participated in more than 1,200 cleanups across 65 countries. In the coming year, we'll work with partners to organize cleanups in high conservation-impact locations and continue to remove discarded, lost or abandoned fishing gear, often called ghost gear.

Thank you—for everything you do for the ocean and your community. I can't wait to see you on a beach soon.

For the ocean,



Janis Searles Jones



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



2022 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP LOCATIONS

WITH WEIRD & INTERESTING FINDS!

Participating countries shaded in dark blue.

GLOBAL Highlights

Volunteers 469,482

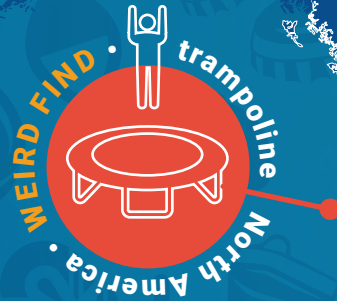
Pounds 8,158,402

Kilograms 3,700,589

Miles 15,508

Kilometers 24,958

Total Items Collected
15,519,392





WEIRD FIND • 13,621 plastic lollipop sticks • around the world

WEIRD FIND • 13,433 sanitary or hand wipes • around the world

WEIRD FIND • Africa • playing cards

WEIRD FIND • 4,660 nurdles • around the world

WEIRD FIND • Southeast Asia • ice skate



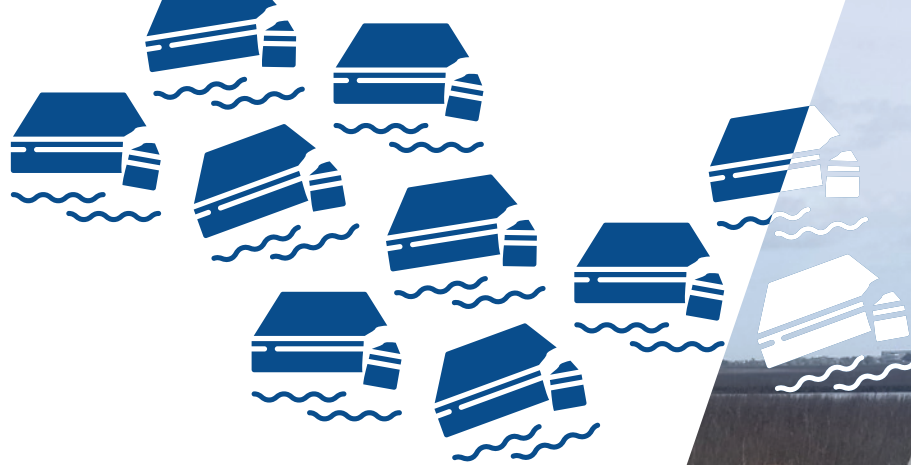
What We Sea: Updates from the Global ICC Network

Fed Up with Foam Dock Pieces

If you have participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) recently or use the Clean Swell® app to log your own cleanups, you may have noticed an addition to the cleanup item list: foam dock pieces. As cleanups and research on plastic pollution continue, newly identified types of marine debris shift into our collective view and deserve tracking too. The recent prevalence of personal protective equipment (PPE) is a good example.

Volunteers and scientists alike have identified foam pieces of varying sizes that they can trace back to broken-up floating docks. Globally, docks and other floating structures are often made from this type of “foamed plastic” or polystyrene, which is buoyant and light weight. It can be a different color or texture compared to other foamed products such as foodware items like cups and plates or fishing-related items like foamed buoys. The problem, as with all plastics, is that when foam is released into the marine environment, it readily breaks into thousands of smaller pieces that contribute to the ever-growing challenge of microplastics. Volunteer cleanups can help in a major way by collecting larger foam pieces before they break up in the marine environment. Some ICC leaders even ask volunteers to focus on the tiny trash or microplastics—small bits of hard and foamed plastic roughly the size of a fingernail or smaller. Some go a step further and analyze these tiny trash pieces to investigate the original source.

In 2022, an International Coastal Cleanup partner in North Carolina, the North Carolina Coastal Federation (NCCF), did just that, coordinating a report on microplastic identification throughout the southeastern portion of the state. Results showed that polystyrene collected by volunteer scientists primarily traced back to foam used in pier and dock construction. The region has been experiencing stronger and more frequent storms, which NCCF believes is contributing to this particular type of debris becoming more prevalent.



Now, NCCF is part of a robust stakeholder working group that aims to reduce foamed dock pieces and other types of marine construction debris in their communities. A process known as encapsulation can help secure floating foam materials and reduce the chance of further breakdown. It is the unencapsulated foam that tends to break off in storms and through normal wear and tear. Understanding the breadth of the issue, thanks to volunteer-collected foam data, four coastal towns in North Carolina have passed ordinances prohibiting the use of unencapsulated polystyrene as material for new floating docks.

“Our local beach towns have been a tremendous partner throughout our marine debris removal projects and such a strong voice on how important it is to keep these harmful materials out of our environment. With their ordinances, they are leading the way for other communities in North Carolina to take action to prevent polystyrene from polluting our precious coast,” says Coastal Advocate and Coastal Management Program Director, Kerri Allen. “By encapsulating foam in floating docks, it not only helps keep these dangerous materials out of our waterways but also saves the property owner money, lasting far longer than traditional methods,” Allen adds.

Cleanups will continue to track foam dock pieces when and where they can be identified. With new knowledge from cleanups, we’re making smarter changes for our coastal communities and ocean.

NORTH CAROLINA, USA



Coordinator Spotlight: 40 Years of Impact in Greece

The Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA) is a unique nonprofit organization that was jointly founded by Greek seafarers and shipowners in 1982 with the mission to eliminate ship-generated pollution by enhancing environmental awareness “from shipowner to seafarer.”

With a coastline of 16,000+ km and 3,000 islands, marine debris is of great concern in Greece. In 1983, HELMEPA initiated its public awareness campaigns for “Clean Seas and Beaches” starring its famous seagull mascot which has acquired legendary status among the environmentally minded in Greece. Over the years, volunteer beach cleanups ramped up throughout Greece, especially

among scouts and other youth communities, as a key awareness-raising tool to highlight the increasing problem of marine debris. In 1991, HELMEPA became the national coordinator of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) which helped organize its beach cleaning efforts under a globally accepted protocol.

Fast forward to 2023, and the organization’s ICC activities in Greece have resulted in over 90,000 volunteers removing 260 tons of debris from 2,850 beach and underwater cleanup sites. Data collected by HELMEPA’s ICC have contributed towards improving knowledge on the amounts, types and sources of marine debris in Greece as well as the wider Mediterranean,

which is a particularly sensitive sea due to its enclosed nature and high concentrations of coastal populations and tourism destinations.

Greece’s data now mirror what is being found globally. For instance, in 2008, only half of the “Top Ten” marine debris items found on Greek beaches were plastics, with the list also containing items such as glass bottles, beverage cans and construction materials. Now, every item that makes the Top Ten list in Greece is made of plastic, mainly single-use items such as bottles, caps, food wrappers and cigarette butts.

ICC campaigns throughout Greece have been particularly popular among the

educational community with thousands of schoolchildren and teachers of the “HELMEPA Junior” program participating every year throughout the country. There have been many success stories where HELMEPA Junior members have combined their cleanup with an environmental protest in their local community, or they’ve reported illegal landfill activities, leading to municipalities cleaning up their acts or placing litter bins along the coastline, for example.

Beyond the local scope, being part of the ICC has served to enhance ties between marine communities at both the national and regional levels as well. In October 2004, in cooperation with their sister association TURMEPA in Turkey, Greek schoolchildren from the island of Chios and Turkish students from Cesme, on the



opposite coastline, exchanged visits and jointly cleaned beaches in both countries, demonstrating that marine debris does not recognize national borders.

Still, we all know that cleanups alone will not cure our plastic pollution crisis. Like many others involved in the ICC, HELMEPA wholeheartedly agrees that legislation, including the forthcoming international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, must exist for us to curb plastic production and use. HELMEPA notes, "For more than three decades, thousands of volunteers in Greece have been at the forefront of efforts to keep our seas and coasts clean from marine debris. Voluntary action alone, however, is not sufficient to curb the growing marine plastic pollution. Stricter legislation to reduce

the production of single-use plastics continuing to scourge our beaches as well as the introduction of circularity in the design of plastics are the only way to address this global problem."

The International Coastal Cleanup simply doesn't happen without collaboration and partnership. Ocean Conservancy is grateful for the positive mark the team at HELMEPA has made on the story of the ICC, especially as leaders in the Mediterranean. We applaud this 40-year milestone, which has seen the organization transform into a multistakeholder platform that engages thousands of seafarers and hundreds of shipping companies, all the while committed to sustainable development that will help save our seas.

Halfway To Goal: #TeamSeas Spans 60 Countries and Counting

In October 2021, YouTubers MrBeast, Mark Rober and thousands of other creators joined together to launch #TeamSeas, a crowd-funded campaign that raised \$30M to remove 30M pounds of trash from rivers, beaches and our ocean. In short, #TeamSeas was the biggest thing to put ocean conservation into the public conversation ever! Now, the campaign is more than halfway to the goal of collecting 30M pounds of trash. Ocean Conservancy and our International Coastal Cleanup partners have orchestrated more than 1,200 cleanups with over 130,000 volunteers across 65 countries. There have been #TeamSeas cleanups from Bermuda to Bangladesh, Germany to Guyana, Peru to the Philippines.

The volume and scale of the cleanups are impressive, no doubt! But what is more impressive and exciting is that a whole new generation of ocean advocates has been inspired to act. We are hopeful that the excitement and passion that #TeamSeas has created is the start, not the end, of the journey, for millions of people who want to do something positive for the ocean and their communities. #TeamSeas has shown us what's truly possible.



HONG KONG

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Bringing the ICC to the Arctic

Talk to any cleanup connoisseur and they will tell you, no two cleanups are alike. The marine ecosystems that hundreds of thousands of volunteers clean during the International Coastal Cleanup are as varied as we are. Geographically the ICC represents nearly one hundred nations each year, but even on a local scale, shorelines and waterways that are only a few kilometers apart can be quite different. Our climates are different, and our coasts are impacted by different currents. Some of us clean urban shores and others clean remote beaches, disconnected from easy transport and difficult to access.

The ICC has always faced the challenge of tracking a common list of marine debris items, despite the different nature of our shores. It's what makes the Cleanup special and the data so impactful. We can compare about 45 different debris items across all geographies. Locally though, some cleanup events track additional trash items that are important to their community or region. One such project has taken shape that bridges Ocean Conservancy's Arctic conservation work with our plastic pollution program.

In collaboration with Keep Norway Beautiful, the ICC leader in Norway, the Arctic Cleanup was established in 2021

with pilot cleanups in Iceland, Greenland, Norway and Alaska, USA. While cleanups for the ICC have taken place in these locations before, the Arctic Cleanup engages with Arctic and near-Arctic countries more closely, shedding a light on the unique types of debris found in this region of the world. The project works with community cleanup leaders to fashion an approach to volunteer cleanups that works for them—including a new data card that tracks additional trash categories, primarily expanding on fishing, aquaculture and shipping-related debris. Further, these cleanups occur when the community can safely reach targeted shorelines, avoiding the colder and darker months. Have you ever shifted a cleanup

event to accommodate northern fur seals' mating season? Some cleanups have!

The goal with more specific trash data is to better understand the story on a local scale and delve deeper into the sources of the trash. And like the cleanups themselves, the set of solutions needed to tackle this type of pollution differs from community to community. For the Arctic and the myriad communities that call this region home, the Arctic Cleanup is one way to better understand prevention needs, while still contributing to the global movement of the ICC. We eagerly anticipate the growth of this new side to the ICC and the future stories we will be able to share.

Cleanup in Haines, Alaska



Ocean Conservancy's Alaska Marine Debris Work

In Alaska, cleaning debris from beaches takes unique partnerships among communities, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, industry and local governments. The state is famous for its seafood, but with fishing operations comes the risk of losing fishing gear, which can travel in currents and wash up on distant shores. Alaskan volunteers find this lost gear—called ghost gear—washing up on shorelines from all corners of the globe. Ocean Conservancy is working with partners across the state to support efforts to remove marine debris and raise awareness of the issue. We are also engaged in collecting data, supporting science and working toward policy solutions.

With over 44,000 miles of shoreline, much of which is remote and only accessible by boat or plane, cleanups can be logistically and physically challenging in Alaska. Getting volunteers to these shorelines often requires significant coordination, sometimes utilizing multiple modes of transportation, a substantial amount of gear and supplies, and miles of walking through sandy dunes and piles of driftwood logs. The same challenges that are faced when getting volunteers to a cleanup location are amplified on their return trip with thousands of pounds of debris back to the nearest town for recycling and disposal.

Despite all the challenges, the removal work on these types of cleanups is incredibly rewarding, memorable and fun. Volunteers often see an array of wildlife from humpback whales and Steller sea lions to tufted puffins and bald eagles. And they get to work with people who rely on the beaches and the ocean everyday. Ocean Conservancy is excited to continue to expand our collaborations and cleanup impact in Alaska by supporting local organizations, Tribes and communities that spearhead this meaningful work throughout the state.



When it comes to lost and abandoned fishing gear, Ocean Conservancy's Global Ghost Gear Initiative® is an alliance focused on reducing the amount of gear lost in the ocean, removing the gear that is already there, much of which is plastic, and recycling the gear that is recovered or at the end of its useful life.

Left: Removing debris off a beach in Haines, Alaska / Right: Fishing gear debris collected in Yakutat, Alaska



ICC Data Help Chart Path to Plastic-Free Beaches

The International Coastal Cleanup data are meant to be put to work. For over three decades, volunteers have done the incredible and often tedious work of collecting data because it can drive change: Scientists, policymakers, journalists and countless others have used the ICC dataset to better understand and help tackle the global plastic pollution problem.

Now, Ocean Conservancy is taking ICC data to a new level of impact. This year, Ocean Conservancy is releasing a report entitled “Charting a Course to Plastic Free Beaches” which uses

nearly 40 years of global ICC data to target 10 single-use plastic items most commonly found polluting shorelines around the world. The three-part report outlines policy solutions ranging from improvements to recycling to refillable programs to product bans. Part one, released July 2023, calls for source reduction policies like bans for cigarette butt filters, plastic bags, plastic straws and stirrers, plastic foam foodware and plastic cutlery.

“To solve the ocean plastic crisis, we know we have to do it all—cleanups, improving reuse systems, and yes,

recycling, are all critical pieces of the puzzle,” said Dr. Anja Brandon, associate director of U.S. plastics policy at Ocean Conservancy. “But we must start with reducing plastic at the source. Using nearly 40 years of ICC data, this report lays out the path to do just that.”

The report estimates that banning just these five items would eliminate roughly 1.4 million tons of plastics in the United States alone. That’s the weight of 6,600 Statues of Liberty or four Empire State Buildings!



Status Check: Update on the Global Plastics Treaty

In 2022, we reported that the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) agreed on a resolution that addresses the plastic-pollution emergency. Through this resolution, an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) was established and tasked with developing an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution that addresses the full lifecycle of plastic, including in the marine environment, with the ambition of completing the draft of this agreement by the end of 2024.

During the first convening, the INC requested the Secretariat prepare a document which would outline options for elements of this instrument, including its objective, core obligations, control measures, voluntary approaches, implementation measures and means of implementation—essentially, laying the groundwork for an impactful treaty.

Since then, expectations have been building for INC-2, which took place in Paris in June 2023. In the days prior to the negotiations, Ocean Conservancy policy experts participated in a wide

array of events and discussions—including a new forum launched by The World Bank—to provide science-based input, ideas and perspectives on how this international agreement could be designed in the most ambitious manner possible.

Once the negotiations started, Ocean Conservancy took the floor from the plenary to express our vision and priorities. First, Dr. Anja Brandon spoke in the session on general statements urging negotiators to include a minimum 50% target for source reduction of single-use plastics by 2050 and to keep chemical recycling out of the agreement outlining these priorities. Then, Ocean Conservancy colleagues representing the Global Ghost Gear Initiative proposed that abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear (ghost gear) should be considered a separate and independent core obligation in the future agreement.

So, what's next? Coming out of Paris, a few key decisions were made that will guide this work in the next several months. Most importantly, negotiators

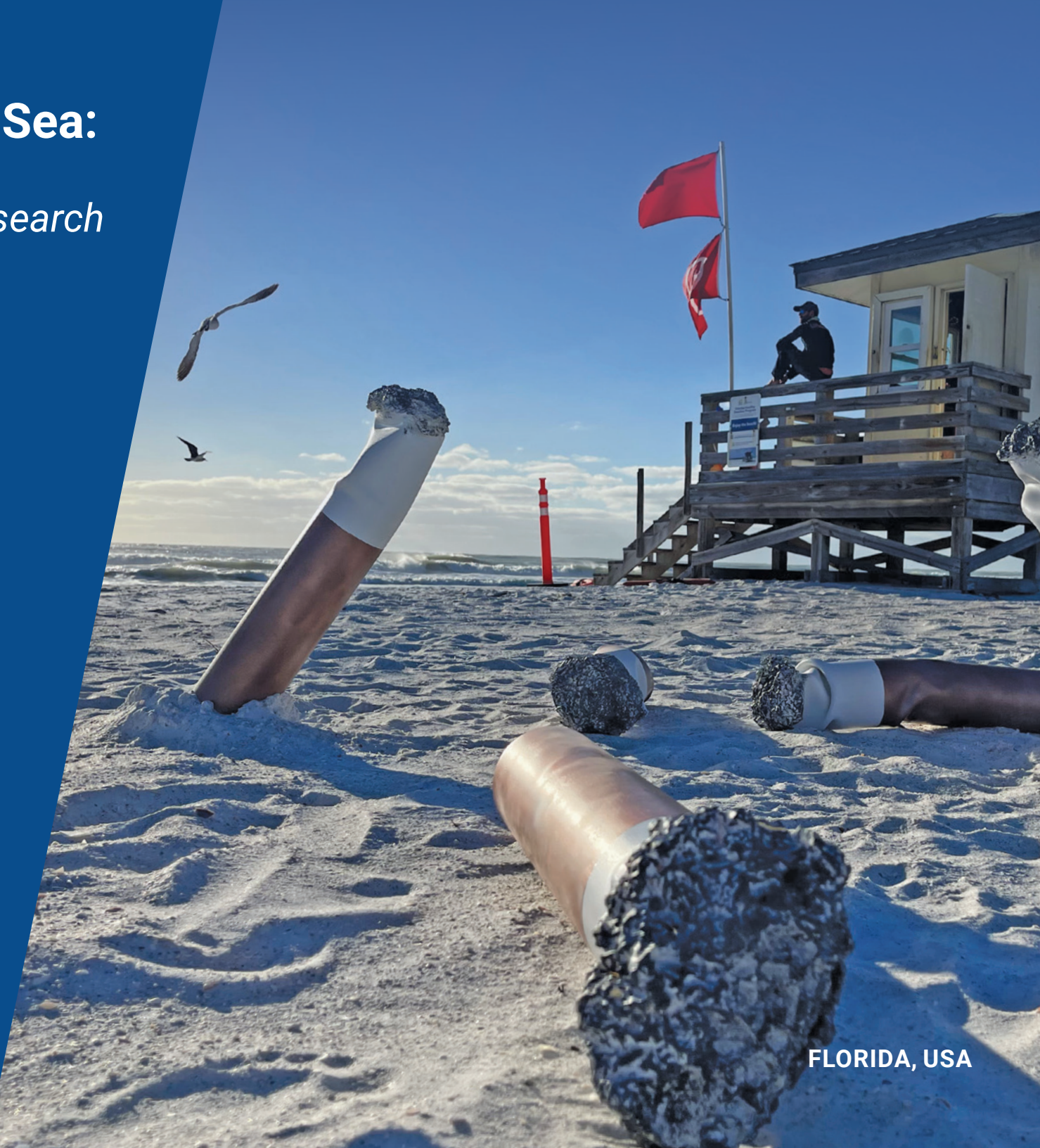
agreed to a mandate for a “zero-draft text,” the starting point for the content of the agreement that will be prepared for consideration at INC-3 (set to take place in Nairobi, Kenya, in November of this year). At this next round of in-person negotiations, Ocean Conservancy will continue advocating for a strong treaty that 1) results in meaningful source reduction of plastics, including eliminating those single-use plastics that are most commonly polluting our ocean; 2) addresses lost or abandoned fishing gear, also known as ghost gear—which is the deadliest form of plastic pollution in our ocean; 3) addresses microplastics, both those that are intentionally created small like cosmetic beads as well as those that break down from larger plastics; 4) recognizes the need to design plastics for circularity—in other words, to be reused or easily recycled again and again, without the need for false solutions like chemical recycling; and 5) Includes the voices of informal waste sector workers, who are responsible for nearly 60% of all plastics recycled globally and often work in unsafe conditions.



CAMEROON

Science for our Sea: *Cleanup Data Drive Plastic-Pollution Research*

Every year, data that volunteers collect during the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) are cited and used within scientific research to both develop our understanding of the plastic problem and inform solutions. In 2022 alone, ICC data were included in over 50 peer-reviewed scientific papers and books published across the globe. These publications spanned topics ranging from pinpointing litter sources, quantifying the prevalence and distribution of plastic pollution—including ghost gear and even pandemic litter—on beaches and in trash traps, to measuring the impacts of plastics on marine life and economies, policy development, rationalizing specific policy decisions and evaluating policy effectiveness. Recently we even saw ICC data help inform researchers working to understand human behavior related to plastic use and shoppers' willingness to pay for plastic alternatives.



FLORIDA, USA

Supporting Smoking-Free Beaches

Improperly discarded cigarette butts are considered plastic pollution due to the synthetic cellulose acetate (plastic) filters they contain. Each individual cigarette butt can degrade into thousands of microplastic fibers in the environment. They represent a common but preventable form of plastic pollution worldwide and have frequently been identified as the top item collected annually during the ICC. As such, scientific papers regularly use ICC data to inform research on cigarette butts. For example, a 2022 study estimated that the economic costs of preventing, reducing and managing tobacco product waste for a single country may have been as high as \$2B USD in 2021. Individual behaviors (e.g., smoking prevalence, attitudes and perceptions of the issue) have been shown to impact the amount of cigarette butt waste in specific locations. One study of college student behavior in the U.S. noted some students believe cigarette butts are biodegradable, not harmful to the environment and not litter. In turn, those

students were most likely to litter their cigarette butts. Laboratory studies have previously demonstrated the toxicity of littered cigarette butts, and another study quantified the amount of harmful polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (chemical compounds dangerous to human health) they release. Because cigarette butts are a known hazard to environments, wildlife and people, another of this year's papers cited the need for strict regulation of cigarette butt waste.

Recently, Ocean Conservancy has cited ICC data to advocate for smoking-free beaches in Florida, U.S.A. Last year, the Florida Legislature passed a law allowing municipalities to pass smoking bans on local beaches, and this year, more than two dozen cities across the state are taking action to ban smoking on beaches—a testament to the power of the ICC dataset.

Focusing on other types of smoking waste, another interesting paper

published this year focused on disposable cigarette lighters counted in ICC data to learn how far this form of ocean plastic pollution can travel once in the environment. This research was possible because disposable lighters tend to have information on the country or city of sale printed directly on the product. The study found that the movement of this form of pollution is dependent on regional ocean currents and seasonal winds, with some lighters remaining on the coastlines where they originated and others travelling long distances to other countries via rivers and oceans.

Seeing how ICC data are used to inform many different areas of science and research demonstrates that this extra element of effort during our cleanups continues to prove its worth. This vital source of information furthers our understanding of plastic pollution and informs important pollution-prevention measure for the future.



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2022 ICC Data at a Glance

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

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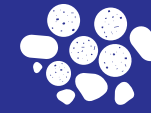
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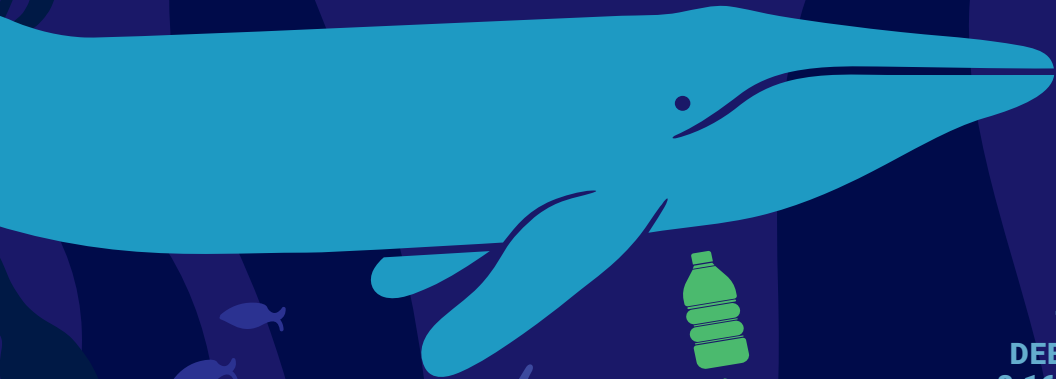
GLOBAL TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED

- 1** Cigarette butts
1,860,651 
- 2** Beverage bottles (plastic)
1,175,045 
- 3** Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)
998,661 
- 4** Bottle caps (plastic)
844,375 
- 5** Grocery bags (plastic)
622,780 
- 6** Other bags (plastic)
567,763 
- 7** Food containers (foam)
463,269 
- 8** Food containers (plastic)
425,637 
- 9** Cups, plates (paper)
423,551 
- 10** Straws/stirrers (plastic)
406,557 

PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS = 844,375

Enough caps that placed side by side would stretch the length of

781 blue whales



FOAM FOOD CONTAINERS = 463,269

Enough foam food containers to give about

23 to every hawksbill sea turtle on Earth



TOTAL WEIGHT OF DEBRIS COLLECTED = 8.16 MILLION POUNDS

Weight of debris removed is equal to that of

2,040 great white sharks



PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES COLLECTED = 1,175,045

When stacked end-to-end, they would reach the deepest part of the ocean—

the Mariana Trench—21 times



Regional Cleanup Trends

2022 ICC Top 5 Items per Region

International Coastal Cleanup data allow us to compare global trends over time and also across different regions. Here we present a glimpse at the Top 5 recorded items by count, across regions from the 2022 ICC.

Oceania

- 1 Fishing related debris (lines, nets, traps, rope, etc.) 27,141
- 2 Other plastic waste 19,479
- 3 Beverage cans 10,818
- 4 Cigarette butts 10,396
- 5 Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) 8,260

North America

- 1 Cigarette butts 788,485
- 2 Bottle caps (plastic) 266,856
- 3 Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) 218,181
- 4 Beverage bottles (plastic) 128,870
- 5 Straws/stirrers 109,183

Latin America

- 1 Cigarette butts 350,909
- 2 Beverage bottles (plastic) 120,441
- 3 Bottle caps (plastic) 86,008
- 4 Grocery bags (plastic) 81,475
- 5 Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) 74,767

Caribbean

- 1 Beverage bottles (plastic) 435,033
- 2 Food containers (foam) 330,972
- 3 Food containers (plastic) 291,611
- 4 Cups, plates (paper) 254,398
- 5 Bottle caps (plastic) 248,346

Europe

- 1 Cigarette butts
226,485
- 2 Other plastic waste
32,739
- 3 Bottle caps (plastic)
29,906
- 4 Food wrappers
(candy, chips, etc.)
28,939
- 5 Fishing related debris
(lines, nets, traps, rope,
etc.)
25,472

Central & South Asia

- 1 Cigarette butts
46,081
- 2 Beverage bottles (plastic)
22,656
- 3 Grocery bags (plastic)
11,431
- 4 Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)
8,687
- 5 Bottle caps (plastic)
8,332

East & Southeast Asia

- 1 Food wrappers
(candy, chips, etc.)
477,894
- 2 Grocery bags (plastic)
402,202
- 3 Beverage bottles (plastic)
323,503
- 4 Other bags (plastic)
292,837
- 5 Cigarette butts
175,002

Africa

- 1 Cigarette butts
193,364
- 2 Beverage bottles (plastic)
121,176
- 3 Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)
99,907
- 4 Gloves & Masks (PPE)
57,971
- 5 Footwear (shoes/slippers)
50,781

GLOBAL OCEAN TRASH INDEX

TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED GLOBALLY

| Location | Total Volunteers | Total Kilograms | Total Pounds | Total Kilometers | Total Miles | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Cigarette butts | Beverage bottles (plastic) | Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) | Bottle caps (plastic) | Grocery bags (plastic) | Other bags (plastic) | Food containers (foam) | Food containers (plastic) | Cups, Plates (paper) | Straws/stirrers (plastic) |
| Åland Islands | 21 | 13 | 29 | 0.6 | 0.4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Angola | 52 | 2 | 5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 37 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 26 | 657 | 1,448 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2,506 | 15 | 341 | 44 | 33 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 36 | 18 |
| Australia | 1,716 | 4,907 | 10,818 | 200.3 | 124.5 | 103,621 | 4,833 | 1,134 | 4,841 | 1,462 | 408 | 416 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 866 |
| Bahamas | 669 | 4,284 | 9,444 | 24.8 | 15.4 | 27,296 | 406 | 2,399 | 657 | 1,410 | 335 | 736 | 190 | 238 | 541 | 485 |
| Bangladesh | 605 | 1,956 | 4,312 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 220,879 | 17,147 | 7,221 | 23,815 | 6,292 | 1,991 | 2,254 | 4,536 | 5,894 | 171 | 3,061 |
| Barbados | 421 | 9,830 | 21,671 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 45,929 | 433 | 3,173 | 1,573 | 5,001 | 421 | 1,028 | 114 | 213 | 311 | 434 |
| Belize | 879 | 5,083 | 11,206 | 70.3 | 43.7 | 77,142 | 931 | 5,860 | 4,790 | 5,176 | 3,078 | 2,937 | 1,635 | 271 | 1,240 | 1,518 |
| Bermuda | 856 | 8,165 | 18,001 | 37.0 | 23.0 | 36,146 | 2,798 | 1,456 | 923 | 2,012 | 297 | 412 | 110 | 304 | 186 | 169 |
| Bonaire | 18 | 5 | 11 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 3,320 | 1,230 | 2 | 7 | 129 | — | 7 | — | 1 | — | 44 |
| Brazil | 996 | 4,252 | 9,373 | 29.6 | 18.4 | 9,288 | 702 | 1,931 | 908 | 512 | 384 | 718 | 362 | 309 | 93 | 582 |
| British Virgin Islands | 340 | 930 | 2,050 | 31.7 | 19.7 | 7,780 | 10 | 1,615 | 108 | 596 | 85 | 181 | 68 | 52 | 90 | 1,107 |
| Brunei | 91 | 229 | 505 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 4,226 | 136 | 1,581 | 161 | 187 | 172 | 79 | 175 | 184 | 43 | 59 |
| Cameroon | 538 | 229,725 | 506,456 | 14.2 | 8.8 | 141,010 | 3,407 | 21,409 | 2,778 | 2,653 | 1,349 | 498 | 11,913 | 5,829 | 711 | 1,465 |
| Canada | 13,308 | 9,217 | 20,321 | 1,257.8 | 781.6 | 471,113 | 280,873 | 8,176 | 18,287 | 13,159 | 360 | 5,910 | 128 | 2,201 | 169 | 4,637 |
| Cayman Islands | 9 | 7 | 16 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 54 | — | 3 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — |
| Chile | 9,727 | 88,876 | 195,937 | 135.8 | 84.4 | 186,044 | 40,825 | 7,693 | 8,062 | 6,874 | 5,114 | 3,894 | 1,885 | 2,769 | 1,023 | 2,176 |
| China | 5,005 | 8,860 | 19,534 | 81.2 | 50.5 | 9,205 | 4,353 | 441 | 301 | 198 | 399 | 102 | 89 | 54 | 69 | 92 |
| Colombia | 168 | 1,179 | 2,600 | 5.6 | 3.5 | 14,203 | 518 | 5,923 | 272 | 359 | 409 | 595 | 256 | 123 | 1 | 46 |
| Costa Rica | 54 | 441 | 973 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1,452 | 41 | 64 | 361 | 101 | 27 | 33 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 77 |
| Croatia | 52 | 1,667 | 3,674 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1,187 | 1,059 | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — |
| Curaçao | 41 | 74 | 163 | 11.5 | 7.1 | 1,601 | — | 672 | 1 | 533 | — | 2 | 2 | 3 | — | — |
| Cyprus | 147 | 8,206 | 18,091 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 321 | 239 | — | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 6 |
| Dominican Republic | 22,127 | 171,897 | 378,968 | 51.5 | 32.0 | 2,601,265 | 80,193 | 240,577 | 42,099 | 160,384 | 40,097 | 80,193 | 320,769 | 280,672 | 240,576 | 126,318 |

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TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED GLOBALLY

| Location | Total Volunteers | Total Kilograms | Total Pounds | Total Kilometers | Total Miles | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Cigarette butts | Beverage bottles (plastic) | Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) | Bottle caps (plastic) | Grocery bags (plastic) | Other bags (plastic) | Food containers (foam) | Food containers (plastic) | Cups, Plates (paper) | Straws/stirrers (plastic) |
| Ecuador | 9,126 | 54,932 | 121,105 | 366.1 | 227.5 | 324,211 | 11,535 | 23,730 | 16,708 | 11,044 | 12,456 | 9,959 | 6,525 | 9,232 | 6,453 | 5,173 |
| Egypt | 25 | 325 | 717 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 271 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 44 | 5 | |
| Finland | 330 | 299 | 660 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 47,354 | 27,353 | | | | | | | | | |
| France | 148 | 927 | 2,044 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 13,540 | 7,734 | 366 | 359 | 209 | 201 | 841 | 206 | 198 | 129 | 74 |
| Gambia | 361 | 36,967 | 81,499 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 20,029 | 4 | 3,991 | | | 19 | 1,584 | 22 | | 1,254 | |
| Germany | 540 | 173 | 382 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 4,545 | 917 | 12 | 610 | 46 | 15 | 72 | 17 | 22 | 21 | 35 |
| Ghana | 39 | 26,895 | 59,294 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 316,502 | 56,446 | 34,965 | 999 | 2,997 | 7,962 | 11,456 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 999 |
| Greece | 6,128 | 9,423 | 20,775 | 69.0 | 42.9 | 185,572 | 50,195 | 8,869 | 3,024 | 12,797 | 5,089 | 2,101 | 808 | 790 | 2,499 | 9,674 |
| Guam | 2,442 | 5,382 | 11,865 | 121.2 | 75.3 | 29,350 | 2,788 | 2,649 | 1,419 | 1,353 | 361 | 629 | 250 | 172 | 372 | 247 |
| Guernsey | 57 | 53 | 116 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 584 | 24 | 4 | 19 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Hong Kong | 25,549 | 170,097 | 375,001 | 185.7 | 115.4 | 26,790 | 2,513 | 803 | 1,251 | 1,270 | 515 | 964 | 387 | 331 | 227 | 613 |
| Iceland | 69 | 15,705 | 34,624 | 76.6 | 47.6 | 19,087 | 33 | 39 | 70 | 39 | 54 | 31 | 30 | 61 | 14 | 105 |
| India | 1,556 | 10,001 | 22,049 | 16.4 | 10.2 | 1,067 | 30 | 76 | 100 | 73 | 39 | 27 | 17 | 22 | 28 | 62 |
| Indonesia | 687 | 4,001 | 8,821 | 23.0 | 14.3 | 13,327 | 25 | 395 | 2,025 | 177 | 937 | 1,583 | 65 | 182 | 13 | 318 |
| Ireland | 10,334 | 62,004 | 136,695 | 1,090.0 | 677.3 | 407,129 | 4,059 | 1,708 | 2,587 | 1,433 | 214 | 511 | 366 | 598 | 692 | 561 |
| Israel | 105 | 118 | 2,466 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 2,759 | 78 | 113 | 289 | 70 | 439 | 111 | 24 | 26 | 24 | 16 |
| Italy | 440 | 3,995 | 8,807 | 9.2 | 5.7 | 10,578 | 965 | 104 | 458 | 355 | 50 | 87 | 22 | 10 | 17 | 179 |
| Jamaica | 6,250 | 34,894 | 76,929 | 229.5 | 142.6 | 421,967 | 3,218 | 138,458 | 15,993 | 49,349 | 4,062 | 13,048 | 3,851 | 7,453 | 6,801 | 2,618 |
| Japan | 3,827 | 6,309 | 13,909 | 117.4 | 73.0 | 127,879 | 6,214 | 5,491 | 5,354 | 5,613 | 1,188 | 2,872 | 2,054 | 2,884 | 198 | 1,155 |
| Kenya | 4,231 | 23,875 | 52,634 | 123.8 | 76.9 | 382,936 | 58,023 | 50,671 | 73,705 | 26,682 | 2,625 | 10,777 | 2,454 | 6,350 | 864 | 5,531 |
| Kuwait | 40 | 1,500 | 3,307 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 20 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Malaysia | 16,547 | 41,649 | 91,821 | 756.5 | 470.1 | 447,550 | 62,905 | 59,947 | 21,008 | 19,723 | 23,097 | 16,970 | 10,003 | 7,669 | 7,710 | 14,736 |
| Maldives | 18 | 1 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 12 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Malta | 25 | 2 | 5 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 10,034 | 9,773 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Mauritania | 100 | 141 | 311 | 0.2 | 0.1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Mauritius | 290 | 350 | 772 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 5,278 | 361 | 444 | 247 | 428 | 182 | 259 | 48 | 113 | 264 | 43 |











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TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED GLOBALLY

| Location | Total Volunteers | Total Kilograms | Total Pounds | Total Kilometers | Total Miles | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Cigarette butts | Beverage bottles (plastic) | Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) | Bottle caps (plastic) | Grocery bags (plastic) | Other bags (plastic) | Food containers (foam) | Food containers (plastic) | Cups, Plates (paper) | Straws/stirrers (plastic) |
| Mexico | 5,367 | 23,280 | 51,323 | 243.8 | 151.5 | 431,540 | 275,078 | 10,679 | 4,711 | 15,837 | 4,015 | 5,484 | 1,018 | 1,278 | 1,438 | 2,425 |
| Morocco | 1,881 | 22,006 | 48,515 | 52.6 | 32.7 | 5 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Netherlands | 106 | 186 | 410 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 4,444 | 805 | 31 | 633 | 92 | 59 | 38 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 8 |
| New Zealand | 13 | 163 | 359 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Nicaragua | 141 | 536 | 1,182 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 23,649 | 77 | 3,566 | 796 | 1,268 | 413 | 75 | 317 | 33 | 321 | 154 |
| Nigeria | 205 | 3,014 | 6,645 | 42.3 | 26.3 | 39,336 | 83 | 5,029 | 2,758 | 3,019 | 1,360 | 1,948 | 186 | 159 | 1,142 | 489 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 1,707 | 2,785 | 6,139 | 63.3 | 39.3 | 20,005 | 2,746 | 933 | 1,072 | 424 | 460 | 713 | 132 | 134 | 210 | 170 |
| Norway | 18,429 | 251,029 | 553,423 | 1,213.7 | 754.1 | 32,138 | 3,246 | 1,438 | 1,535 | 926 | 533 | 191 | — | 352 | 80 | 231 |
| Oman | 8 | 266 | 586 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1,996 | 9 | 537 | 3 | 12 | 274 | 131 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Panama | 1,411 | 3,831 | 8,446 | 58.4 | 36.3 | 31,009 | 147 | 5,264 | 841 | 2,935 | 716 | 792 | 623 | 306 | 340 | 161 |
| Peru | 2,073 | 33,191 | 73,173 | 223.5 | 138.9 | 269,826 | 4,373 | 11,047 | 12,532 | 14,820 | 39,133 | 21,846 | 2,954 | 6,480 | 3,453 | 9,483 |
| Philippines | 53,943 | 249,382 | 549,792 | 2,365.8 | 1,470.0 | 2,344,108 | 50,624 | 166,553 | 387,970 | 88,878 | 307,866 | 236,371 | 45,876 | 30,824 | 98,557 | 40,339 |
| Poland | 4 | 5 | 11 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 59 | 10 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 |
| Portugal | 3,408 | 13,878 | 30,595 | 748.0 | 464.8 | 67,975 | 23,175 | 620 | 1,076 | 1,124 | 391 | 717 | 106 | 163 | 185 | 1,048 |
| Puerto Rico | 4,036 | 58,187 | 128,281 | 651.1 | 404.6 | 305,527 | 21,787 | 26,099 | 8,058 | 23,484 | 4,488 | 7,345 | 3,736 | 1,879 | 4,662 | 16,137 |
| Romania | 2 | 12 | 26 | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Samoa | 30 | 191 | 421 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 3,899 | — | 1,055 | 290 | 354 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 191 | 732 | — |
| Seychelles | 376 | 233 | 513 | 247.6 | 153.9 | 16,453 | 583 | 280 | 429 | 782 | 33 | 84 | 3 | 28 | 11 | 380 |
| Sierra Leone | 520 | 7,139 | 15,740 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 6,451 | 217 | 239 | 141 | 124 | 128 | 125 | 113 | 13 | 150 | 198 |
| Singapore | 1,958 | 2,506 | 5,524 | 144.5 | 89.8 | 31,945 | 2,014 | 2,356 | 3,176 | 1,311 | 1,608 | 2,820 | 1,153 | 679 | 1,116 | 1,407 |
| Sint Eustatius | 79 | 550 | 2,039 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sint Maarten | 469 | 3,491 | 7,697 | 32.5 | 20.2 | 34,779 | 506 | 4,598 | 899 | 976 | 922 | 492 | 852 | 209 | 388 | 344 |
| Solomon Islands | 278 | 691 | 1,524 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 5,875 | 108 | 2,114 | 68 | 600 | 405 | 400 | 360 | 38 | 8 | 41 |
| South Africa | 21,143 | 746,937 | 1,646,714 | 204.3 | 126.9 | 18,864 | 1,348 | 486 | 727 | 769 | 194 | 673 | 230 | 176 | 120 | 2,117 |











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TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED GLOBALLY

| Location | Total Volunteers | Total Kilograms | Total Pounds | Total Kilometers | Total Miles | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | |  Cigarette butts |  Beverage bottles (plastic) |  Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) |  Bottle caps (plastic) |  Grocery bags (plastic) |  Other bags (plastic) |  Food containers (foam) |  Food containers (plastic) |  Cups, Plates (paper) |  Straws/stirrers (plastic) |
| South Korea | 4,603 | 83,432 | 183,935 | 721.0 | 448.0 | 227,172 | 16,231 | 9,121 | 6,858 | 6,053 | 4,692 | 2,100 | 1,771 | 1,505 | 1,472 | 2,860 |
| Spain | 2,119 | 4,597 | 10,134 | 51.8 | 32.2 | 179,449 | 81,154 | 1,784 | 5,662 | 4,805 | 703 | 1,061 | 95 | 575 | 55 | 1,066 |
| Sri Lanka | 3,725 | 15,808 | 34,850 | 92.0 | 57.2 | 108,971 | 3,050 | 18,434 | 7,985 | 6,910 | 8,419 | 4,791 | 711 | 894 | 910 | 3,183 |
| St Kitts & Nevis | 99 | 393 | 866 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 4,744 | 19 | 1,749 | 82 | 126 | 145 | 62 | 201 | 23 | 15 | 18 |
| St Lucia | 156 | 2,151 | 4,741 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 4,614 | 46 | 865 | 260 | 304 | 170 | 119 | 90 | 101 | 121 | 109 |
| St Vincent and the Grenadines | 29 | 209 | 460 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 1,530 | 45 | 318 | 40 | 255 | 5 | 32 | 68 | 7 | 14 | |
| Sweden | 8,549 | 62,242 | 137,220 | 855.3 | 531.5 | 185 | 114 | 2 | 16 | 5 | | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Taiwan | 7,170 | 14,432 | 31,816 | 32.2 | 20.0 | 117,218 | 6,719 | 35,027 | 1,899 | 23,282 | 4,756 | 2,044 | 9 | 7,430 | 1,042 | 7,556 |
| Tanzania | 3,034 | 15,713 | 34,641 | 13.4 | 8.3 | 29,904 | 936 | 2,602 | 7,855 | 3,195 | 1,325 | 346 | 139 | 440 | 614 | 664 |
| Thailand | 3,380 | 17,132 | 37,769 | 67.0 | 41.6 | 233,938 | 3,535 | 27,858 | 20,994 | 3,433 | 42,908 | 19,541 | 2,075 | 2,294 | 106 | 5,334 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 649 | 2,353 | 5,188 | 22.2 | 13.8 | 34,895 | 1,030 | 16,796 | 2,729 | 4,757 | 932 | 1,888 | 1,530 | 774 | 623 | 517 |
| Turkey | 383 | 756 | 1,667 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 7,521 | 4,000 | 508 | 19 | 51 | 1,522 | 255 | 15 | 20 | 13 | 12 |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | 424 | 1,985 | 4,376 | 14.7 | 9.1 | 27,809 | 1,095 | 1,485 | 1,700 | 2,401 | 292 | 765 | 179 | 177 | 194 | 1,134 |
| Uganda | 734 | 8,379 | 18,472 | 12.9 | 8.0 | 11,811 | 360 | 938 | 7,423 | 1,278 | 85 | 579 | | | | 838 |
| United Arab Emirates | 702 | 2,832 | 6,243 | 34.6 | 21.5 | 53,114 | 38,913 | 2,942 | 291 | 1,035 | 738 | 482 | 78 | 431 | 230 | 139 |
| United Kingdom | 6,264 | 6,035 | 13,305 | 109.6 | 68.1 | 155,790 | 10,363 | 2,119 | 12,635 | 7,930 | 2,305 | 2,647 | 1,116 | 47 | 239 | 1,108 |
| United States | 151,606 | 923,940 | 2,036,940 | 11,027.2 | 6,852.0 | 3,387,208 | 542,951 | 116,557 | 211,137 | 252,783 | 50,046 | 62,213 | 19,610 | 23,719 | 26,082 | 108,482 |
| Uruguay | 2,867 | 8,693 | 19,165 | 111.1 | 69.1 | 2,521 | 4 | 123 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 42 |
| Vanuatu | 130 | 850 | 1,873 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 6,439 | 29 | 487 | 928 | 343 | 64 | 234 | 61 | 109 | 14 | 78 |
| Venezuela | 6,983 | 22,122 | 48,771 | 117.9 | 73.3 | 393,677 | 16,613 | 45,219 | 24,778 | 25,748 | 15,389 | 11,902 | 5,262 | 6,263 | 4,644 | 12,021 |
| Vietnam | 1,082 | 10,925 | 24,085 | 144.1 | 89.6 | 56,130 | 1,130 | 2,524 | 1,389 | 1,095 | 10,743 | 2,434 | 2,116 | 1,527 | 377 | 958 |
| Wallis and Futuna | 77 | 268 | 592 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 866 | 14 | 136 | 8 | 77 | 55 | 56 | 29 | 22 | 6 | |
| TOTAL | 469,482 | 3,700,589 | 8,158,402 | 24,958 | 15,508 | 15,519,392 | 1,860,651 | 1,175,045 | 998,661 | 844,375 | 622,780 | 567,763 | 463,269 | 425,637 | 423,551 | 406,557 |

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TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED IN THE UNITED STATES

| State | Total Volunteers | Total Pounds Removed | Total Miles Covered | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | |  Cigarette Butts |  Bottle Caps (Plastic) |  Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) |  Beverage Bottles (Plastic) |  Straws/stirrers (plastic) |  Other waste (metal, paper, etc.) |  Bottle Caps (Metal) |  Beverage Cans |  Other plastic waste |  Other bags (plastic) |
| Alabama | 2,733 | 21,851 | 204.1 | 50,794 | 8,974 | 2,506 | 2,970 | 3,841 | 1,057 | 1,665 | 1,036 | 3,474 | 2,254 | 1,117 |
| Alaska | 293 | 2,774 | 17.1 | 9,452 | 734 | 265 | 424 | 220 | 58 | 719 | 73 | 169 | 1,206 | 149 |
| Arizona | 82 | 1,326 | 8.1 | 986 | 144 | 40 | 46 | 63 | 27 | 25 | 70 | 52 | 7 | 15 |
| Arkansas | 4 | 1 | 0.2 | 8 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 4 | — | — | — | 1 |
| California | 39,710 | 329,673 | 1,536.0 | 537,890 | 138,277 | 23,643 | 45,539 | 13,540 | 11,965 | 24,026 | 14,379 | 10,494 | 13,944 | 11,907 |
| Colorado | 257 | 1,435 | 2.8 | 476 | 20 | 11 | 19 | 30 | 18 | 75 | 7 | 29 | 48 | 10 |
| Connecticut | 2,766 | 16,151 | 125.4 | 123,475 | 25,634 | 8,076 | 11,424 | 5,794 | 3,233 | 3,460 | 9,049 | 3,376 | 4,338 | 3,144 |
| Delaware | 1,185 | 6,254 | 81.9 | 51,608 | 12,350 | 3,465 | 4,852 | 2,290 | 1,385 | 533 | 1,512 | 1,688 | 470 | 1,099 |
| District of Columbia | 298 | 2,021 | 5.2 | 1,650 | 65 | 136 | 81 | 552 | 31 | 47 | 62 | 84 | 31 | 23 |
| Florida | 25,541 | 136,205 | 1,428.4 | 1,382,266 | 139,322 | 130,175 | 47,838 | 24,974 | 58,017 | 17,461 | 23,858 | 17,606 | 26,228 | 18,823 |
| Georgia | 10,445 | 292,776 | 521.0 | 80,602 | 17,205 | 3,062 | 4,558 | 7,606 | 1,590 | 1,604 | 1,851 | 7,215 | 658 | 1,247 |
| Hawaii | 1,129 | 18,361 | 54.7 | 16,873 | 3,856 | 471 | 908 | 189 | 194 | 1,624 | 612 | 269 | 1,004 | 192 |
| Illinois | 1,449 | 5,563 | 18.4 | 91,756 | 16,732 | 6,812 | 6,691 | 2,306 | 2,812 | 10,566 | 4,918 | 2,038 | 41 | 1,927 |
| Indiana | 218 | 590 | 1.1 | 12,663 | 3,636 | 752 | 600 | 345 | 285 | 943 | 246 | 215 | | 155 |
| Kansas | 7 | 53 | 2.1 | 21 | 1 | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 25 | 113 | 0.2 | 1,198 | | 10 | 50 | 255 | 1 | | 1 | 10 | 100 | |
| Louisiana | 336 | 4,074 | 107.6 | 19,362 | 326 | 4,655 | 537 | 2,320 | 338 | 584 | 204 | 491 | 1,063 | 431 |
| Maine | 736 | 5,578 | 72.9 | 33,293 | 7,000 | 902 | 2,317 | 1,885 | 376 | 88 | 283 | 919 | 297 | 433 |
| Maryland | 360 | 5,223 | 16.4 | 34,922 | 291 | 3,487 | 2,920 | 2,073 | 1,792 | 278 | 139 | 310 | 63 | 257 |
| Massachusetts | 4,075 | 14,786 | 117.5 | 36,778 | 6,990 | 1,960 | 2,850 | 1,520 | 1,086 | 1,448 | 892 | 1,002 | 1,299 | 870 |
| Michigan | 1,472 | 4,243 | 16.9 | 71,583 | 10,785 | 2,975 | 3,885 | 648 | 1,884 | 4,536 | 477 | 521 | 54 | 710 |
| Minnesota | 103 | 119 | 0.8 | 4,153 | 1,328 | 83 | 461 | 101 | 62 | 390 | 34 | 118 | 20 | 40 |

UNITED STATES OCEAN TRASH INDEX

TOP 10 ITEMS COLLECTED IN THE UNITED STATES

| State | Total Volunteers | Total Pounds Removed | Total Miles Covered | Total Items Collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| | | | | | Cigarette Butts | Bottle Caps (Plastic) | Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) | Beverage Bottles (Plastic) | Straws/stirrers (plastic) | Other waste (metal, paper, etc.) | Bottle Caps (Metal) | Beverage Cans | Other plastic waste | Other bags (plastic) |
| Mississippi | 805 | 2,786 | 24.4 | 35,845 | 12,780 | 1,708 | 3,599 | 1,739 | 1,052 | 565 | 894 | 1,034 | 56 | 872 |
| Missouri | 31 | 579 | 0.6 | 3,564 | 20 | 569 | 182 | 259 | 100 | 23 | 394 | 280 | 31 | 85 |
| Nebraska | 1,775 | 13,044 | 83.0 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Nevada | 106 | 1 | 0.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| New Hampshire | 704 | 1,165 | 36.5 | 18,869 | 5,812 | 580 | 1,541 | 159 | 163 | 1,484 | 125 | 183 | 1,049 | 236 |
| New Jersey | 8,762 | 30,029 | 202.6 | 7,710 | 681 | 702 | 586 | 814 | 406 | 143 | 207 | 352 | 450 | 57 |
| New Mexico | 22 | 150 | 1.7 | 2,093 | 504 | 36 | 190 | 50 | 44 | 329 | 75 | 43 | 370 | 46 |
| New York | 4,879 | 31,902 | 222.9 | 175,984 | 27,137 | 19,938 | 15,538 | 6,555 | 7,114 | 2,876 | 7,695 | 4,741 | 1,855 | 4,103 |
| North Carolina | 1,602 | 45,685 | 99.1 | 30,195 | 9,614 | 987 | 2,266 | 1,085 | 423 | 1,751 | 410 | 873 | 1,226 | 576 |
| Ohio | 1,379 | 16,503 | 51.8 | 114,028 | 11,358 | 4,345 | 11,542 | 5,747 | 2,578 | 4,444 | 934 | 4,173 | 777 | 2,117 |
| Oklahoma | 21 | 50 | 0.2 | 20 | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 4 | — | 1 |
| Oregon | 908 | 3,823 | 5.5 | 872 | 641 | 11 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| Pennsylvania | 7,961 | 530,285 | 342.6 | 59,378 | 13,011 | 1,213 | 6,014 | 7,734 | 385 | 362 | 2,412 | 8,797 | 1,489 | 540 |
| Rhode Island | 2,694 | 23,687 | 172.5 | 119,549 | 29,583 | 7,449 | 8,715 | 7,259 | 3,498 | 2,321 | 2,925 | 4,148 | 5,387 | 2,947 |
| South Carolina | 299 | 1,095 | 32.5 | 10,881 | 2,167 | 640 | 1,489 | 484 | 239 | 640 | 183 | 331 | 517 | 255 |
| Tennessee | 902 | 47 | 1.9 | 136 | 270 | 197 | 200 | 260 | 48 | — | 22 | 193 | 6 | 44 |
| Texas | 17,877 | 344,716 | 846.7 | 87,960 | 9,639 | 13,288 | 2,883 | 3,350 | 2,377 | 3,224 | 4,446 | 2,000 | 3,189 | 2,701 |
| Utah | 48 | 422 | 1.2 | 262 | 38 | 15 | 59 | 13 | 1 | — | 13 | 17 | — | 22 |
| Vermont | 48 | 618 | 1.4 | 1,058 | 139 | 58 | 145 | 68 | 11 | 40 | 19 | 115 | 122 | 6 |
| Virginia | 2,844 | 55,366 | 275.7 | 105,072 | 16,029 | 4,642 | 10,609 | 7,501 | 2,272 | 3,366 | 2,881 | 5,086 | 3,987 | 3,659 |
| Washington | 3,298 | 52,499 | 85.4 | 18,899 | 3,854 | 560 | 1,712 | 375 | 278 | 1,482 | 485 | 465 | 795 | 405 |
| Wisconsin | 1,417 | 13,320 | 24.7 | 33,022 | 5,944 | 2,278 | 4,769 | 2,393 | 1,217 | 868 | 675 | 1,189 | 796 | 950 |
| TOTAL | 151,606 | 2,036,940 | 6,852 | 3,387,208 | 542,951 | 252,783 | 211,137 | 116,557 | 108,482 | 94,005 | 84,507 | 84,108 | 75,237 | 62,213 |

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American Express

American Express first teamed up with Ocean Conservancy in 2018 with an initiative to mobilize AmEx colleagues to help clean up beaches in several countries. The company has since committed to net-zero emissions by 2035 in alignment with the Science Based Targets initiative which provides technical assistance and resources to companies setting science-based targets in reference to the latest climate science. AmEx has a goal to provide at least \$10 million to support initiatives, partnerships and programs that address the adverse effects of climate change and pollution on communities from 2021 through 2025.

In addition to supporting employee participation in cleanups through the ICC, American Express supports the global work of the ICC, including funding small grants and conferences for the global ICC coordinator network. American Express also supports the Urban Ocean initiative, helping cities reduce plastic waste, develop a circular economy and build cleaner, healthier and more resilient communities.

Since American Express became an International Coastal Cleanup partner, nearly 2,400 American Express employees have removed over 30,000 pounds (13,607 kilograms) of trash from the environment through cleanups with Ocean Conservancy. Together, Ocean Conservancy and American Express have organized cleanup events across the globe, including in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Rome, Italy; Osaka and Tokyo, Japan; Pangkor Island, Malaysia; Mexico City, Mexico; Auckland, New Zealand; and New York City, New York, Phoenix, Arizona, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sunrise, Florida, in the United States.

American Express volunteers, Tokyo



Stanley

Starting in 2022, employees from Stanley, known for its travel tumblers and other home products, have partnered with Ocean Conservancy at two cleanup events in the iconic Gas Works Park overlooking downtown Seattle, Washington. The volunteers picked up trash from the shoreline along Lake Union, while in other parts of the world, Stanley team members cleaned the canals of Amsterdam and the coastlines near San Francisco, California; Manila, Philippines; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Shenzhen, China; and Shanghai, China.

The Stanley team has brought out over 190 volunteers from six offices, as employees and their families gave their time to collect more than 1,600 pounds (725 kilograms) of trash during the two events. "Our partnership with Ocean Conservancy was one of the first we activated in-person, given COVID, and these events offer such a great opportunity to bring people back together and contribute to the community," says Emily Cichy, Stanley's senior director of corporate responsibility.

Since 1913, Stanley has delivered home, food and drinkware products meant to last a lifetime. Guided by its brand values of originality, invention and integrity, Stanley aims to create a more sustainable, less disposable life and world. Stanley's sustainability mission focuses on championing reusable products, sourcing sustainable materials, reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the supply chain and supporting conservation organizations.

PMI Worldwide volunteers, Seattle, WA





SeaPak volunteers, St. Simons Island, Georgia

SeaPak

In June 2022, in celebration of National Ocean Month, SeaPak employees, their families and community members volunteered with Ocean Conservancy to clean up debris from a beach on the coastal Georgia island of Saint Simons where SeaPak is headquartered. Volunteers removed a total of 47 pounds (21 kilograms) of trash—largely small items like microplastics. To complement the event, Ocean Conservancy engaged SeaPak employees in a webinar on the issue of marine debris and solutions.

“Being good environmental stewards is critically important to all of us at SeaPak and Morey’s,” said Ciera Womack, director of marketing, seafood, for the Consumer Brands Division of Rich’s, parent company of SeaPak. “A healthy Earth—including its ocean and beaches—is beneficial to all, and we’re proud to partner with Ocean Conservancy to help keep our local and international waterways clean and pristine.”

SeaPak was founded in 1948, and its sustainability commitments include working with suppliers that are Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP)-certified and approved by the British Retail Consortium’s Global Standards (BRCGS).

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INTRODUCING THE NEW CLEAN SWELL

Ocean Conservancy has launched its newly revamped cleanup app, Clean Swell®. Clean Swell is the official app of Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, but it is also a tool available to all for year-round and solo cleanup efforts. "Clean Swell has been a game changer for the ICC, particularly in the wake of COVID-19," said Allison Schutes, director of the ICC at Ocean Conservancy. Millions of data points collected by volunteers inform big-picture solutions to the ocean plastic crisis.

Data submitted through the app instantaneously upload to Ocean Conservancy's global Ocean Trash Index, the world's largest database of marine debris. These data have been used by scientists, environmentalists, governments and others to better understand and characterize the global plastic pollution problem.

The app has proven integral during the COVID-19 pandemic as well. In the absence of large community cleanups, individuals used Clean Swell to conduct small group or solo cleanups, and Ocean Conservancy updated the app to include PPE as a new category, which resulted in over 100,000 PPE items recorded by ICC volunteers in just six months in 2020.

In addition to a new and improved interface that makes data recording easier than ever, users will now be able to increase their impact by connecting to Ocean Conservancy's action center directly through the app. The app can be used without WiFi or cellular service and is available in 12 languages. Clean Swell users can also earn badges, based on the different types of trash found and number of cleanups completed, and share their accomplishments on Facebook, Twitter and via e-mail.



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