

NOAA Marine Debris Shoreline Survey Field Guide

SHORELINE DEBRIS Debris Density Data Sheet	School Name		Name of organization responsible for data collection
	Surveyor name		Name of person responsible for filling in this sheet
	Date		Date of this survey

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Beach Shoreline name			Name for section of shoreline (e.g., beach name, park)
Coordinates of start of shoreline site	Latitude	Longitude	Recorded as XXX.XXXX (decimal degrees). Record in both corners if width > 6 m. If transect, record at water's edge.
Coordinates of end of shoreline site	Latitude	Longitude	Recorded as XXX.XXXX (decimal degrees). Record in both corners if width > 6 m. If transect, record at back of shoreline.
Width of beach			Width of beach at time of survey from water's edge to back of shoreline (meters)
Time start/end	Start	End	Time at the beginning and end of the survey
Season			Spring, summer, fall, winter, tropical wet, etc.
Storm activity			Describe significant storm activity within the previous week (date(s), high winds, etc.)
Current weather			Describe weather on sampling day, including wind speed and % cloud coverage
Large items	YES	NO	Did you note large items in the large debris section?



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ITEM	TALLY (e.g., III)			TOTAL
PLASTIC				
Plastic fragments	Hard	Foamed	Film	
Food wrappers				
Beverage bottles				
Other jugs or containers				
Bottle or container caps				
Cigar tips				
Cigarettes				
Disposable cigarette lighters				
6-pack rings				
Bags				
Plastic rope/small net pieces				
Buoys & floats				
Fishing lures & line				
Cups (including polystyrene/foamed plastic)				
Plastic utensils				
Straws				
Balloons				
Personal care products				
Other:				
METAL				
Aluminum/tin cans				
Aerosol cans				
Metal fragments				
Other:				
GLASS				
Beverage bottles				
Jars				
Glass fragments				
Other:				
RUBBER				
Flip-flops				
Gloves				
Tires				
Rubber fragments				
Other:				
PROCESSED LUMBER				
Cardboard cartons				
Paper and cardboard				
Paper bags				
Lumber/building material				
Other:				
CLOTH/FABRIC				
Clothing & shoes				
Gloves (non-rubber)				
Towels/rags				
Rope/net pieces (non-nylon)				
Fabric pieces				
Other:				
OTHER/UNCLASSIFIABLE				
LARGE DEBRIS ITEMS (> 1 foot or ~ 0.3 m)				
Item type (vessel, net, etc.)	Status (sunken, stranded, buried)	Approximate width (m)	Approximate length (m)	Description / photo ID #