NOAA Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project

Shoreline Site Characterization Form
Complete ONCE per 100-meter site
Register this site at https://mdmap.orr.noaa.gov

SITE NAME: ___________________________________________ DATE: ________________
Be specific when naming your 100-meter site so it is unlikely to appear elsewhere in the MDMAP database MM/DD/YYYY

GROUP/INDIVIDUAL: ___________________________________________
Group/individual leading the survey effort

SITE LOCATION: ___________________________________________
City (Village, Island, Borough, or County) State/Province/Territory Country

SITE COORDINATES: 
Record in decimal degrees out to six decimal places at all four corners of the 100-meter shoreline site (DDD.DDDDDD)

DIRECTION WHEN FACING WATER: 
Circle one direction on the compass below

SITE PHOTOS: 
List timestamp, number, or other information to keep track of photos of the site
This portion can be completed offsite.

**NEAREST RIVER, STREAM, OR INLET:**

Name of nearest river, stream, or inlet

Straight line distance from site in kilometers

**SITE REMOTENESS:**

(Check one)

- □ parking within 1 kilometer (0.61 miles) of site access
- □ parking more than 1 kilometer away
- □ need a boat or plane to access

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Why was this location selected to conduct surveys?
(Check all that apply)

- □ I like this beach
- □ convenience/easy access
- □ popular tourist/recreation area
- □ legacy of monitoring here
- □ suggested by MDMAP team
- □ I consistently see debris here
- □ near a suspected source of debris
- □ random
- □ secluded
- □ regulatory/legislative consideration
- □ no previous monitoring
- □ to answer a research question
- □ it is relatively clean
- □ other (describe in notes)

**NOTES:**

Describe site features, including landmarks, coastal circulation patterns, offshore barriers, etc.

**TIPS FOR SELECTING AND ESTABLISHING A SHORELINE SITE:**

- **GPS points** mark the four corners of the 100-meter site
- Confirm that the length of the survey site (shoreline parallel to water) is a continuous 100 meters. Measure along the back barrier.
- Make note of landmarks that can be helpful to find the site

Start

100 m

End

Back barrier

Water