


# OCEAN INITIATIVES

REPORT SHEET - INTERMEDIARY VERSION




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**The Ocean Initiatives help us 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 marine litter pollution. You are in the best position to tell us about the state of your beach/lake/river/seabed : we need you to carry out our research program !

The field data that you share with Surfrider help us to back up our lobbying activities with European and national bodies. For example, we took part in the discussions which resulted in the adoption by European institutions of a single-use plastics directive in June 2019. This text introduces several types of regulatory measures, including a ban on certain items, in order to reduce plastic at source and reduce our consumption of ten single-use plastic products, which all too often end up in the environment and the sea.

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](mailto: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, had 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 to 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 packaging / tubes / vials   | <input type="text"/> Fishing gear : nets (including pieces of net), ropes, string, tangled nets and ropes. |
| <input type="text"/> Sanitary / hygienic waste: Cotton swabs   | <input type="text"/> Fishing gear : fishing lines, hooks, bait boxes                                       |

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| <input type="text"/> Shotgun shells   | <input type="text"/> Tyres           |
| <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 <sup>1</sup> (container, shellfish pot, plastic shellfish «sweep» film, etc.). Please specify (number and objects) :<br>..... | <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, rags |
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<sup>1</sup> Shellfish aquaculture is the culturing of shellfish or bivalve molluscs. The most common types of shellfish aquaculture are oyster farming, mussel farming and cockle farming.

## OTHER QUESTIONS

Have you noticed the presence of large quantities of waste other than the types already 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 took pictures, do not hesitate to email them to us at :

[oceaninitiatives@surfrider.eu](mailto:oceaninitiatives@surfrider.eu)

Did you observe on the beach or riverbank any industrial plastic pellets<sup>2</sup> - also called mermaid tears ?

Yes  No



<sup>2</sup>The industrial plastic pellets are small balls, cylinders or plastics pastilles no bigger than a lentil. Industrialists make and use them to create all our plastic items. Millions of them are lost every year and end up in our waterways and in the marine environment where they can be mistaken for sediments.

### If yes

· Did you observe large densities of industrial plastic pellets at the top of the beach( the sign of a previous accumulation linked to spring tides) ?

Yes  No

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

1 - 10  10 - 100  + 100

· Did you observe large densities of industrial plastic pellets on the foreshore (low/high tideline)?

Yes  No

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

1 - 10  10 - 100  + 100

· What colours were the industrial plastic pellets you observed ?

Transparent  White  Black  Red  Other

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**Do you know of any exceptional/occasional events in this area which could have entailed excessive quantities of waste ?**

· Events linked to human construction or installation work (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

Please specify the type of marine activities located in/near the zone (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 (LAKES, RIVERS, STREAMS, 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?

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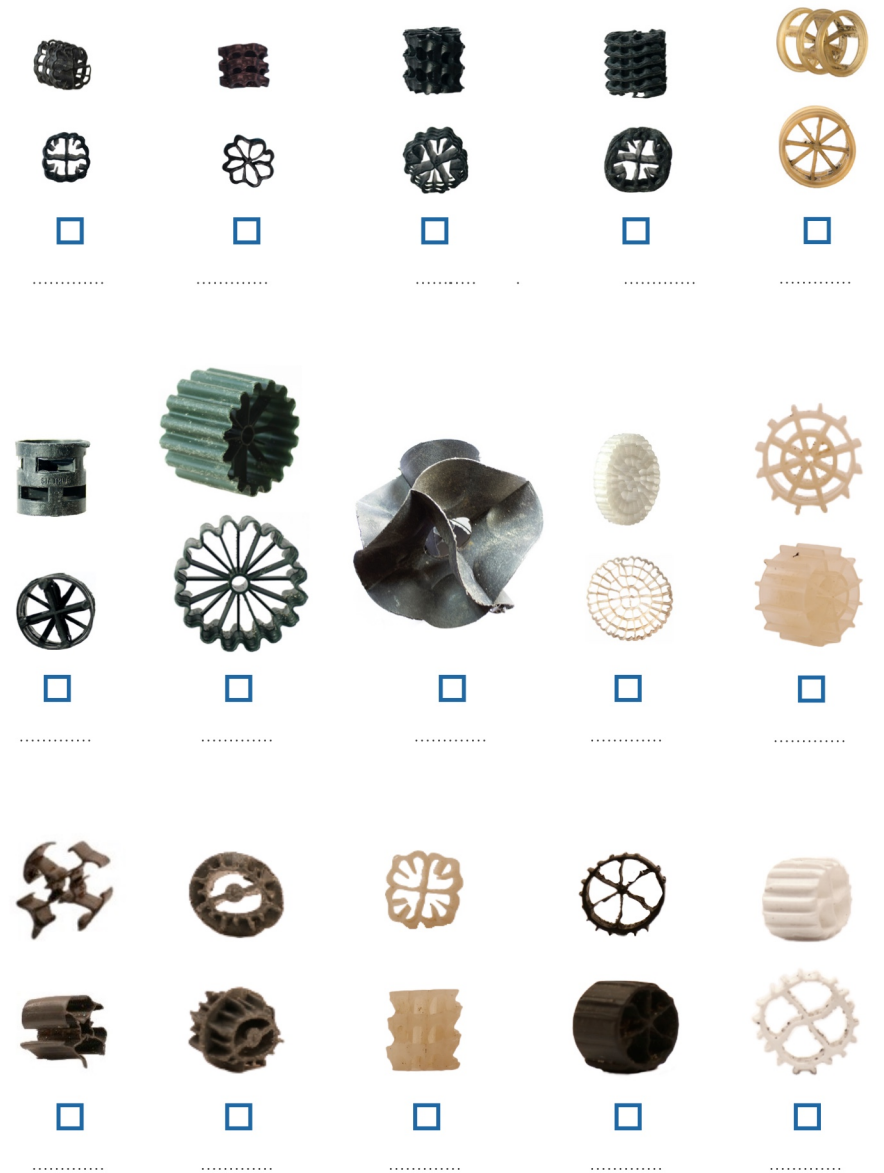
## BIOCARRIERS CAMPAIGN

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.



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](mailto:oceaninitiatives@surfrider.eu)

# THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART !

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

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