



# Talking Trash & Taking Action Cleanup Data Form



Dear Marine Debris Explorers,

Today you are a scientist! As a scientist, collecting data is very important. Data help answer questions, develop solutions and inform future actions. The data you collect today will not only tell a story of what items you are finding locally. They will also be compiled with data from around the world to create a global picture of the marine debris problem.

Here's how to collect great data:



## GROUP UP

Working in pairs or small groups makes collecting data safe and simple; switch off collecting trash and recording data.



## GRAB A DATA FORM

Each group needs a data form and pen/pencil before heading out to cleanup



## TICK & TOTAL

Make tick marks next to the corresponding items as trash is collected. Words like "lots" aren't helpful. Total each item's tick marks at the end of the Cleanup



## GIVE IT LOCAL FLAIR

Fill out the local information below: Where are you? How many scientists joined you? How far did you go? How much do your finds weigh?

### Cleanup Site Information:

Site Name:

Nearest Crossroad or Landmark:

County:

State:

Country:

Miles Cleaned (check one):  1/4  1/2  3/4  1 Other:  Total Weight of Trash Collected:  lbs.

Site Type (check one of the boxes):  Inland (no water)  Freshwater (river, lake)  Saltwater (beach, estuary)

Number of Scientists Working on This Card:  Scientists (Youth)  Senior Scientists (Adults)



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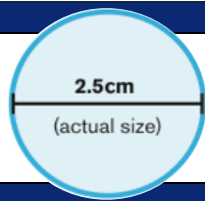
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## MOST LIKELY TO FIND ITEMS:

<u>Cigarette Butts:</u>	=	<u>Beverage Bottles (Plastic)</u>	=
<u>Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.):</u>	=	<u>Beverage Bottles (Glass):</u>	=
<u>Take Out/Away Containers (Plastic):</u>	=	<u>Beverage Cans:</u>	=
<u>Take Out/Away Containers (Foam):</u>	=	<u>Grocery Bags (Plastic):</u>	=
<u>Bottle Caps (Plastic):</u>	=	<u>Other Plastic Bags:</u>	=
<u>Bottle Caps (Metal):</u>	=	<u>Paper Bags:</u>	=
<u>Lids (Plastic):</u>	=	<u>Cups &amp; Plates (Paper):</u>	=
<u>Straws/Stirrers:</u>	=	<u>Cups &amp; Plates (Plastic):</u>	=
<u>Forks, Knives, Spoons:</u>	=	<u>Cups &amp; Plates (Foam):</u>	=
<u>FISHING GEAR:</u>		<u>PACKAGING MATERIALS:</u>	
<u>Fishing Line (1 yard/meter = 1 piece):</u>	=	<u>Other Plastic/Foam Packaging:</u>	=
<u>Rope (1 yard/meter = 1 piece):</u>	=	<u>Other Plastic Bottles (milk, bleach, etc.):</u>	=
<u>OTHER TRASH:</u>		<u>CRAZY FINDS:</u>	
<u>Balloons:</u>	=	Crazy Item 1: _____	
<u>Clothing &amp; Towels:</u>	=	Crazy Item 2: _____	
<u>Toys:</u>	=	Crazy Item 3: _____	

## TINY TRASH LESS THAN 2.5CM:



<u>Foam Pieces</u>	=
<u>Glass Pieces</u>	=
<u>Plastic Pieces</u>	=



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