

Marine Debris Sort Report

April, 2023



During the month of January, local volunteers conducted beach cleanups in Juno beach. Following each beach and underwater cleanup, LMC's conservation department sorts and analyzes 25% the debris collected. The debris removed during the cleanup was sorted and data collected in alignment with best practices as outlined by our partners at NOAA and the Ocean Conservancy.



664

volunteers



14

cleanups



840.8

pounds (total weight)



11,929

pieces of debris (25%)



Figure 1. Plastic fork found in the sand during an April beach clean-up

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Help keep our sea turtles safe – especially during nesting season by “Respecting the Locals”

Fill in holes and knock down sandcastles. These create obstacles for sea turtles coming to and from the ocean!



Turn off lights and keep shades shut! Bright lights can disorient sea turtles.



Remove all items. Including Trash! Debris items can entangle and block turtles on their way to the ocean.

TOP 5 ITEMS COLLECTED

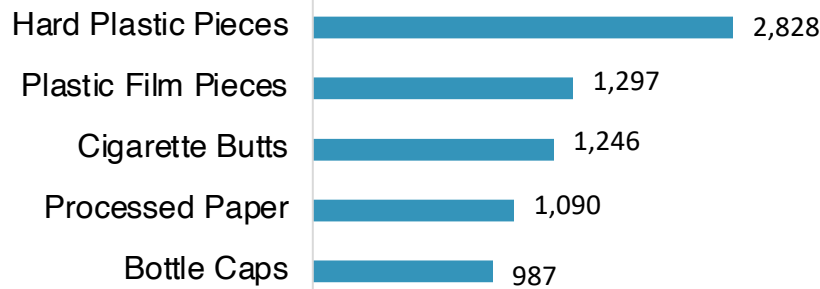


Figure 2. Top 5 items collected in April, 2023.

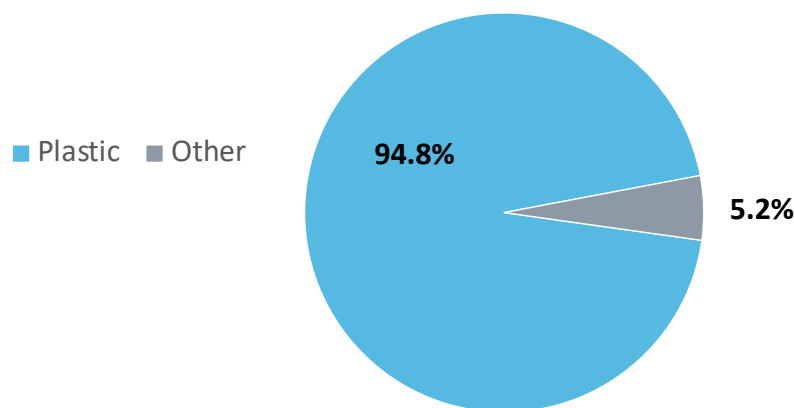


Figure 3. 94.8% of all debris removed was plastic.