

# Marine Debris Sort Report

December, 2023



During the month of December, 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.



189

volunteers



8

cleanups



232.8

pounds (total weight)



8,398

pieces of debris (25%)

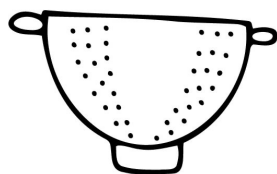
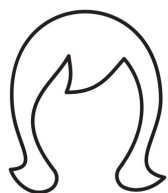


Figure 1. Unusual items found in December include a wig and a pasta strainer.

## 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

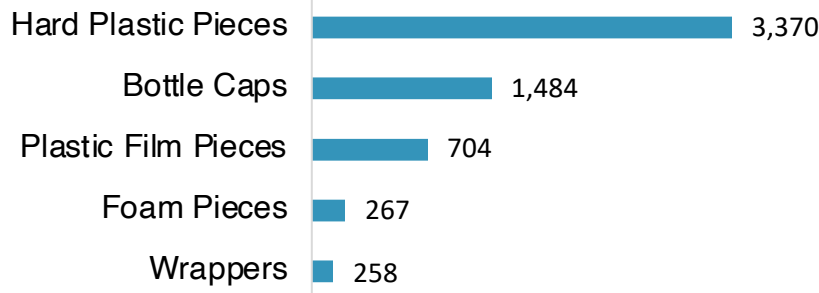


Figure 2. Top 5 items collected during the month of December in 2023.

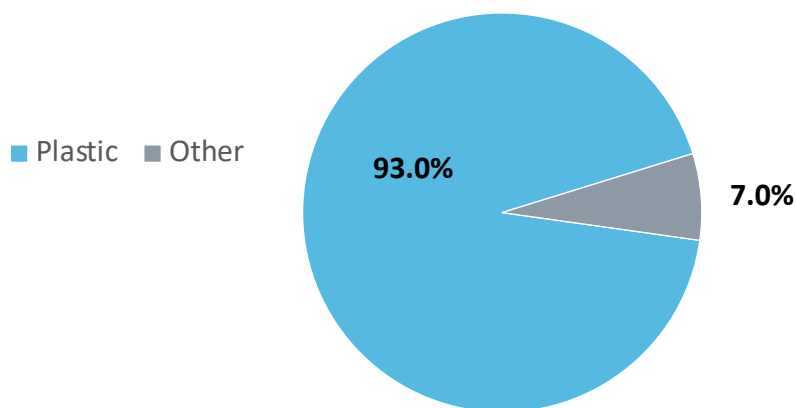


Figure 3. 93.0% of all debris removed was plastic.