

Marine Debris Sort Report

February 2024



During the month of February, local volunteers participated in beach cleanups in Juno Beach, Florida. Following each beach and underwater cleanup, LMC's Conservation Department sorts and analyzes 25% of 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.



332

volunteers



8

cleanups



761

pounds (total weight)



14,098

pieces of debris (25%)



Figure 1. Unusual items found during our Feb. beach cleanups; Cat toy, fan, baby doll.

TOP 5 ITEMS COLLECTED

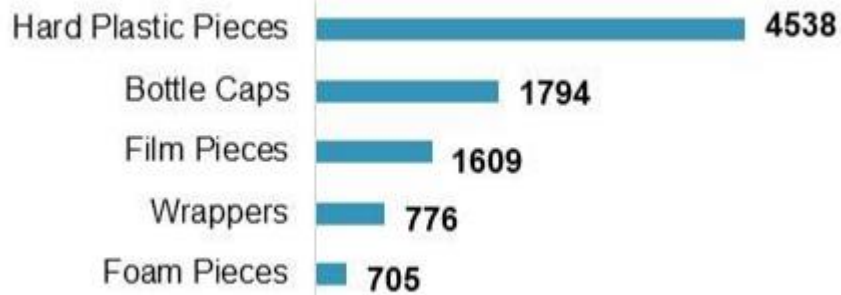


Figure 2. Top 5 items collected in February 2024.

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.



■ Plastic ■ Other

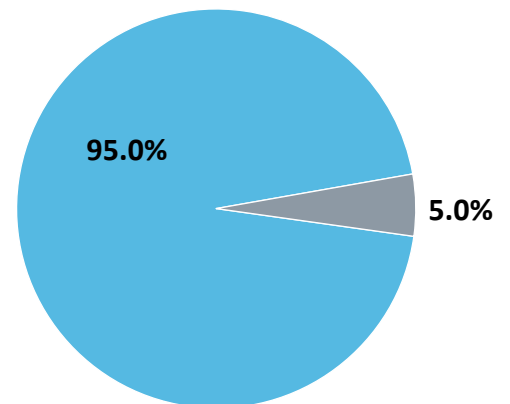


Figure 3. 95.0% of all debris removed was plastic.