Following each beach and underwater cleanup, LMC’s conservation department sorts and analyzes the debris collected. In the month of October, volunteers conducted beach cleanups in Juno Beach, FL. 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.

852 volunteers
14 cleanup
983 pound
13,698 pieces of debris

TOP 5 ITEMS COLLECTED

- Hard Pieces: 4088
- Foam Pieces: 1975
- Bottle Caps: 1943
- Plastic Film Pieces: 1067
- Wrappers: 552

Figure 1. Unusual items found during the month of October included an aquarium plant.

Figure 2. Top 5 items collected in October, 2022.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Ditch single-use plastic water bottles by purchasing and using a reusable one!

Say no to Styrofoam! Instead, request for leftover food to be wrapped in aluminum foil when dining out.

Refuse disposable plastic utensils when ordering takeout or delivery. Try utensil sets made from sustainable materials, like bamboo, as an alternative.

Figure 3. 89.2% of all debris removed was plastic.