



The International Coastal Cleanup 2016 in Vanuatu

Every year in September hundreds of thousands of people all around the world go out to their coastlines and clean up the beaches and waterways. For the last 2 years Vanuatu has taken part. Here is what we collected in just a few hours on one day during this year's event:

The Data

Number of people who took part	180
Kilograms of rubbish collected	480
Kilometers of beach cleared of rubbish	16
Total number of pieces of rubbish collected	11,045



86 Cigarette Butts	14 Fishing Net & Pieces
930 Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)	13 Fishing Line (1 yard/meter = 1 piece)
121 Take Out/Away Containers (Plastic)	49 Rope (1 yard/meter = 1 piece)
406 Take Out/Away Containers (Foam)	19 6-Pack Holders
352 Bottle Caps (Plastic)	173 Other Plastic/Foam Packaging
159 Bottle Caps (Metal)	115 Other Plastic Bottles (oil, bleach, etc.)
359 Lids (Plastic)	36 Strapping Bands
171 Straws, Stirrers	71 Tobacco Packaging/Wrap
138 Forks, Knives, Spoons	9 Appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.)
796 Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	1 Balloons
185 Beverage Bottles (Glass)	9 Cigar Tips
960 Beverage Cans	14 Cigarette Lighters
459 Grocery Bags (Plastic)	96 Construction Materials
1247 Other Plastic Bags	24 Condoms
269 Paper Bags	64 Diapers
43 Cups, Plates (Paper)	5 Tampons/Tampon Applicators
141 Cups, Plates (Plastic)	6 Spray cans
84 Cups, Plates (Foam)	6 Metal pieces
149 Tin cans	2 Pieces of cloth
63 Shoes and clothing	578 Foam Pieces
18 Fruit juice drink cartons	401 Glass Pieces
8 Razors	2187 Plastic Pieces
7 Tires	
2 Fly screens	

All this rubbish was collected on just one day.

77% of the items were made from plastic.

Collecting rubbish one day a year will not solve the problem.

Rubbish needs to be collected every day to stop the damaging effects.

Better still, it should never end up on the beach at all.

Dispose of all rubbish in the right place to stop it damaging our beautiful environment.

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