

NORDIC COASTAL CLEAN-UP 2018

DATA CARD



Monitoring method

A standard monitoring method makes it possible to compare results across borders, and gain knowledge and understanding about typical litter types on beaches, as well as their sources. **Preferably, each participating country monitors three beaches, where each type of beach surrounding is represented.** However, this is not mandatory.

Plotting area to monitor

Determine beach **surroundings** and **geography**, meaning whether the beach is near populated areas, and whether it is located in the western, eastern, southern or northern part of the country. Measure approximately 100 meters in length going alongside the waterline. Determine where the waterline ends at high tide, and measure 10 meters from this point going toward land.

Counting items

In addition to counting the number of each litter type, you should also estimate the total weight picked in kilograms. One trash bag (120 liters) is approximately 10 kg. When you state hours spent, remember to multiply hours with the number of participants.

In some areas, there will be huge amounts of litter. This can be especially challenging to monitor if the litter is micro-sized. We will suggest that you concentrate on macro (>25 mm) litter, but please feel free to monitor in the way you prefer.

