Turning the Tide on Ocean Trash One Bag at a Time

20,230,112

Litres of litter collected from New Zealand's Waterways since 2002

200+ Million individual pieces37 pieces for every Human in New Zealand674 Shipping Containers full of loose litter



SEA GLEANERS





Introduction

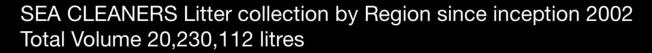
During this report period from Mid-February 2025, the volume of litter recovered from Northland, Waitemata Harbour, Manukau Harbour, Canterbury, Bay of Plenty & Auckland's Outer Limits was

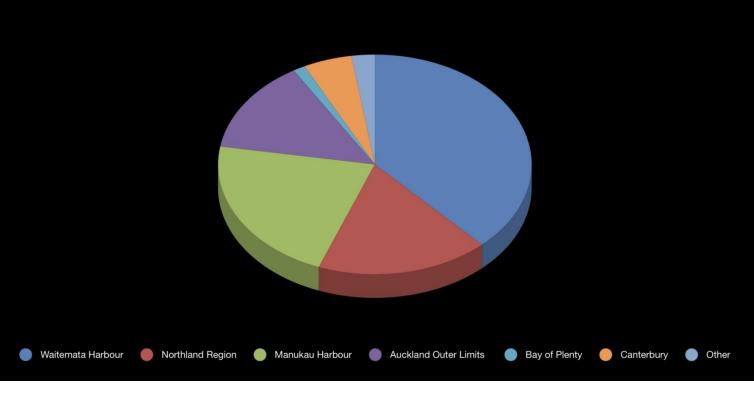
642,900 litres. This was achieved with the help of 5474 volunteer hours. 213,460 litres more and 3,480 volunteer hours more than last quarter.

We spent a total of **3,395** hours removing rubbish from the shorelines, and preparing for and attending community events, vessel management and general day to day duties including volunteer co-ordination.

Since our clean-up inception during December 2002, we have recovered and removed over 20,230,112 litres of rubbish and have co-ordinated over 190,329 hours of volunteer support for the operation.

This is the enough collected marine litter to fill over 674 shipping containers.





CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Bay of Plenty Region – Skipper's Report & Reflection

Firstly, I want to express my sincere thanks to every Trustee and Sponsor for the opportunity to operate as skipper in the Bay of Plenty region. It has been a truly rewarding experience so far, and I'm incredibly grateful to be part of such an impactful initiative — one that's creating meaningful change in our environment and the communities we serve.

Over the past few months on the water, I've witnessed both the worst and best of our relationship with the environment. On one hand, I've come across deeply disappointing sights: old, makeshift rubbish tips eroded into the ocean, dumping along the water's edge, and a general disregard for proper waste disposal. Day after day, I'm removing thousands of litres of rubbish from our marine environments — a constant reminder that there is still much work to be done.

Sadly, some behaviours persist — from bottles being tossed out of car windows to illegal dumping of tyres, despite initiatives like Tyre Wise. And for those who believe old tyres make effective seawalls, I must be clear: they don't. The ocean still claims the banks behind them, and eventually, those tyres end up strewn across the coastline or sunk beneath the waves.

That said, I've also been heartened by the pride many communities take in their local environment. Along the eastern ocean-side beaches — from Whangamatā and Waihi Beach to Pukehina, Maketu, and the stretches of Mount Maunganui and Papamoa — there's a strong sense of environmental stewardship. It's inspiring to see families out on Sunday morning walks collecting bottles and litter, and it's clear that many smaller beachside communities are leading by example.

We're also fortunate to have dedicated local organisations driving professional clean-up efforts. Aotearoa Dive – Rotorua conducts annual dive clean-ups across the district's lakes, and Our Backyard Trust hosts a yearly Tauranga Moana clean-up, which we're proud to support by providing our vessel and manpower — resources that were previously limiting factors for them.

Our *moana* is a vital part of our region's identity, and there's a growing movement to protect and preserve it. Every day, we engage with members of the public who are curious, supportive, and full of gratitude for our work. Many express a desire to see more initiatives like ours, which is both encouraging and humbling.

Despite this overwhelming community spirit, the truth remains: there's still a long road ahead. We may be known globally as a "clean, green" nation, but there is a gap between perception and reality. It's our mission to close that gap — one clean-up, one conversation, and one community at a time.

Thank you again for your support. It's a privilege to be part of this journey.

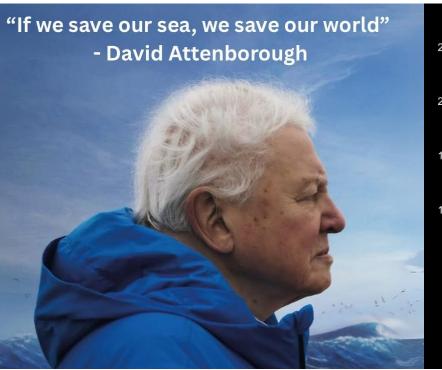
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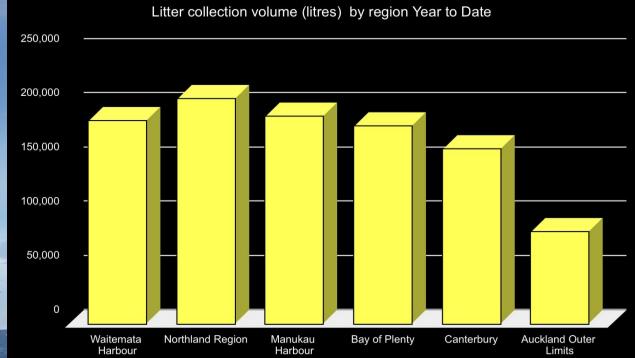
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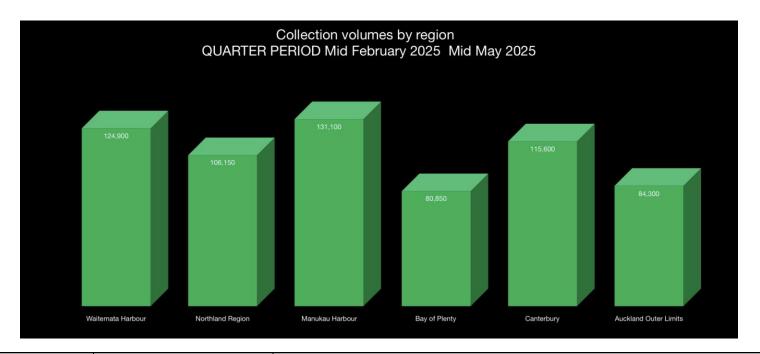
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For period beginning: _20	0/02/2025	to _21/05/2025		

Specification Category	Measure	Results		
Northland Waitemata Manukau Bay of Plenty Auckland Outerlimits, due to restart in next quarter.	Weekly record of time allocation by staff (hrs). Includes breakdown by activity type: • Boat use • Boat prep • Event planning • Meetings • Media Liaison • Reporting etc Reporting =	Boat Prep/M Event/ Volu Meetings Media Liais Report prep Communica Health & Sa	Boat use hours: Maintenance Inteer Planning Son	2,672 Completed 1 hour total, prior to, & following use daily 30 45 8 40 500 100 3,395 Completed
	year to date Logs available on request	• Weekly logs a	ttached in Appendix 1	

	Measure	Results								
Litter Captured	Litter monitoring data		Waitemata	Northland	Manukau	Auckland Outer Limits	Canterbury	Bay of Plenty	Other	Total
Year to Date:	Volume of litter	Volume/litres 1/4 period	124,900	106,150	131,100	84,300	115,600	80,850	0	642,900
Litres 1,012,550	collected by area	Volume since inception litres	7,693,385	3,599,270	4,409,777	2,777,130	1,011,950	134,800	603,800	20,230,112
	• Time	Hour's period	488	480	480	296	480	448	723	3,395
		Volunteer hours – ¼ period	2,544	120	137	1,145	96	1,432	0	5,474
	Reported Year to date	Volunteer hours inception	142,273	12,648	11,786	14,391	1,793	1558	5,880	190,329
		Mid-February 2025 – Mid May 2025 Litter Collection Data Summary								
		• Quarterly litter log (spread sheet) showing detailed information on litter volumes by region and log (page 8).						ocal locations		







	Measure	Results				
Specification Category						
Vessel Maintenance	Periodic Maintenance	General Maintenance Standard 100-hour engine services on vessels Winch and bilge pump maintenance across the fleet General trailer maintenance				
	Extra Ordinary Maintenance	Trailers, Trucks = and Boats not working general upkeep				
Pollution Events	Record of observed	Total # of pollution events observed: 7				
(Oil, Effluent spills etc)	pollution events and call outs by pollution teams.	Total # of pollution events reported to Council: 7				
	outs by ponution teams.	Illegal Dumping's				
Health and Safety	Annual health and safety report to the Trust	List total number of health and safety incidents occurring in this period: 1: Dropped a chair on ankle (Canterbury)				
	including all incidents and accidents.	Health and Safety. Protocol development for managing the safety of our team has been at the forefront of all our minds. This will continue as we move together into the future.				
AUDITS	Reporting = Year to date	Health & Safety/ Safe Ship Management, Hayden's Harbour Clean Ltd Internal Audit, Records updated No defects. System Safe, across all boats. Health and Safety briefing audio file on all boats for consistency of messaging by skippers 7				
		Litter Audit				

	NORTHLAND		WAITEMATA		MANUKAU		CANTERBURY		BAY OF PLENTY		AUCKLAND OUTER LIMITS	
VESSELS	TOROA		PHIL WARREN II		BOBBY STAFFORD-BUSH		HONU		BOBBY STAFFORD-BUSH II		KOTARE	
VESSEES	TOROA		THE WANGEN		BOBBI STATIONE BOSTI		110110		DODDI STATI OND DOSITII		KOTAKE	
			QUARTER VOLUME	642,900								
	GRASSROOTS TRUST	106,150	AUCKLAND COUNCIL	124,900	AUCKLAND COUNCIL	131,100	The Coca Cola Foundation	115,600	BOPRC/TCC	80,850	AUCKLAND COUNCIL	84,300
Date	Northland Location	Northland Volume	Waitemata Location	Waitemata Volume	Manukau Location	Manukau Volume	Canterbury location	Canterbury Volume	Bay of Plenty Location	Bay of Plenty Volume	Outer Limits Location	Outer Limits Volume
	OPUA	1000	AKL AIRPORT CLEAN UP		AIRPORT/RENTON BEACH	2000	AVON RIVER	2300	WHAKATANE	2000		
	RUSSELL BAY OF ISLANDS	1000 2000	TAMAKI RIVER POLLEN ISLAND	1600 1000	ISLAND ROAD WEYMOUTH	7000 2500	STAFF ON LEAVE HEATHCOTE RIVER	0 2000	TAURANGA/YARD TANNERS POINT	1500 2000		
	KERIKERI	1500	WAIHEKE	1500	STAFF AWAY	0	MAGNET BAY/TE OKA BAY	2000	TAURANGA	4500		
	BAY OF ISLANDS	1000	TAMAKI RIVER	3500	ONEHUNGA	2000	AVON RIVER	2000	TAURANGA	1500		
	HOREKE	2000	TAMAKI RIVER	2000	WEYMOUTH	2300	WAIMAKARIRI	2000	WHAKATANE/OHOPE	2200		
28/02/2025	OPUA	3000	RANGITOTO	2000	WEYMOUTH	1500	CHRISTCHURCH ESTUARY	2000	TAURANGA/YARD	2000		
	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	CBD/TAMAKI DRIVE	350	STAFF AWAY	0	PIGEON BAY	3000	TAURANGA	1000		
	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	MONTHLYS	0	MONTHLYS	0	MONTHLYS	0	TAURANGA/MONTHLYS	2000		
	STAFF ON LEAVE STAFF ON LEAVE	0	TAMAKI RIVER ACHIBALD PARK		ISLAND RD RENTON RD	2000 2000	CHRISTCHURCH ESTUARY WAIMAKARIRI RIVER	2000 2000	TAURANGA TAURANGA	2000 4000		
	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	TAMAKI RIVER		ONEHUNGA (E. MANGERE BRIDGE)	2000	NAVEL POINT	500	TAURANGA	3000		
	HOREKE	2000	STAFF AWAY		ONEHUNGA (E. WANGERE BRIDGE)	4000	BROOKLYN LAGOON	2000	TAURANGA HARBOUR	3000		
	WHANGAREI	1500	TAMAKI RIVER		WAIUKU	2000	LYTTELTON	500	WHAKATANE	6000	1	
12/03/2025	STAFF AWAY	0	JUDGES BAY/CBD/HOBSONVILLE	1500	MANGERE	3500	AMBERLY BEACH	500	TAUPO	3500		
	WHANGAREI	5000	POLLEN ISLAND/WHAU	2000	IHUMATAO	1800	WAIMAKARIRI RIVER	2000	MATATA/ROTAMA			
	KERIKERI	4000	TAMAKI RIVER	2000	FAVONA	6000	BLIND BAY	2250	TAURANGA/MATATA	2000		
	AUCKLAND-TRUCK	0	WHAU RIVER	2400	HUIA	2000	PORT LEVY	2500	TAURANGA HARBOUR	2500	 	
	HOREKE WHANGAREI COASTAL	1700 2000	HENDERSON RIVER BROWNS IS./BUCKLANDS BEACH	2000 700	DRURY AWHITU	3200 6000	SUMNER/TAYLORS MISTAKE RECON -TEDDINGTON MUD FLAT	1700 0	TAURANGA TAURANGA HARBOUR	3000 2000	 	
	WHANGAREI COASTAL	1300	SPLASHY NATURE DAY-ARCHIBALD P.		WHAU PORTAGE	2000	WAIMAKARIRI	4000	ROTORUA	1800	 	
	WHANGAREI	2000	WAIHEKE	3250	STAFF AWAY	0	HEATHCOTE RIVER	4000	TAURANGA	1000		
	OPUA	3000	TAMAKI RIVER	4250	PUKETUTU ISLAND	6000	WAIMAKARIRI RIVER MOUTH	3000	TAURANGA HARBOUR	1500		
25/03/2025	HOUHORA	2000	RANGITOTO	1200	RECON	0	TE OKA/TUMBLEDOWN BAY	2000	WHANGAMATA	1500		
26/03/2025	WHANAGREI	1200	CBD BEACHES	1200	RECON	0	LYTTELTON	200	WAIROA RIVER	2200		
	WHANGAROA	2400	TAMAKI RIVER		RECON	0	CASE BAY	50	WHAKATANE	1000		
	WHANGAREI	1700	RANGITOTO	750	RECON	0	BLIND BAY	6500	TAURANGA	2000		
	KARIKARI OPUA	2000 4000	TAMAKI RIVER	3800 2300	FAVONA	1000	WAIMAKARIRI MONTHLYS	4000	TAURANGA HARBOUR TAURANGA	1500 1500	MONTHLY CHECKS	0
	WHANGAREI	4000	HENDERSON BEACHHAVEN/RIVERHEAD	1500	MONTHLYS ONEHUNGA	0 5500	HURUNUI RIVER	0 2000	TAURANGA HARBOUR	2200	MONTHLY CHECKS HURUHURU	0 2500
	WHANGAREI	1800	MONTHLY CHECKS	0	KARAKA HABOURSIDE	1800	OARO/KAIKOURA COAST	1000	WHAKATANE	1800	TAMAKI RIVER	1750
	WHANGAREI	2000	PWII OUT OF WATER	0	ISLAND ROAD	1850	CHRISTCHURCH ESTUARY	2000	TAURANGA	2000	OREWA MARAE	1000
6/04/2025	BAY OF ISLANDS	2000	POLLEN ISLAND	2000	STAFF ON WAITEMATA	0	MENZIES BAY	3750	ROTORUA/LAKE OKAREKA	2000	AORERE POINT	3500
	STAFF AWAY	0	OREKEI LIGHTHOUSE/TE ATATU		SEAGROVE ROAD	2250	SCRUBBY BAY	1400	TAURANGA	2500	KUMEU RIVER	1200
	RUSSELL	2000	CBD BEACHES		STAFF AWAY	0	WAIMAKARIRI	2000	TAURANGA	1000	HELENSVILLE	1000
	WHANGAROA	2000	WAIHEKE/RANGI/BUCKLANDS BEACH ORAKEI		STAFF AWAY	0	WHITEHEAD BAY	2500	TAURANGA	2000	KUMEU RIVER	2700
	WAITANGI DAY OFF	1000 0	DAY OFF	1750 0	PUKETUTU ISLAND DAY OFF	1500 0	ASHLEY RIVER DAY OFF	2000	DAY OFF	0	FIRTH OF THAMES WEITI RIVER	8000 9000
	DAY OFF	0	DAY OFF		DAY OFF	0	DAYOFF	0	DAY OFF	0	HURUHURU	1250
	DARGAVILLE	3800	TAMAKI RIVER	2500	HAYFIELD PARK	1000	DIAMOND HARBOUR	2000	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	KAWAKAWA	600
	RUSSELL	500	RIVERHEAD	3200	ISLAND ROAD/RENTONS	2000	BIRDLINGS FLAT	2000	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	MIRANDA COAST	450
	BAY OF ISLANDS	2000	PUHINUI STREAM	4000	PUKUTUTU	1500	WAIMAKARIRI	2000	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	RIVERHEAD	1000
	KERIKERI	1700	WIRI/PUHINUI/PAKURANGA		WIRI/PUHINUI/PAKURANGA	1000	LAKE ELLESMERE	2000	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	KAIPATIKI	1000
	KARIKARI	1250	TAMAKI RIVER	2000	ONEHUNGA	3750	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	STAFF ON LEAVE	0	KUMEU RIVER	700
	WHANGAREI KERIKERI	2000 2000	CHELSEA/RANGITOTO RANGITOTO	6000 1200	PAPAKURA CLARKS BEACH	3500 350	STAFF ON LEAVE STAFF ON LEAVE	0	PAPAMOA & MOUNT S.DUNES BRIDGE MARINA & AIRPORT	850 2000	PAKARI FIRTH OF THAMES	550 4500
	MARSDEN POINT	1250	TAMAKI		WEYMOUTH/KARAKA	6200	RAUPO BAY	4250	TAURANGA	2200	WADE RIVER	1000
29/04/2025		4500	FAVONA/MANGERE		MANGERE/FAVONA	3000	WAIMAKARIRI	2000	ROTORUA	2000	FAVONA	2000
	MANGONUI	2200	FAVONA/AIRPORT	4000	FAVONA/AIRPORT	4000	WAIMAKARIRI	2000	TAURANGA	2000	OTAHUHU	1200
	WHANGAREI	1200	MONTHLY CHECKS		MONTHLY CHECKS	0	BAD WEATHER DAY	0	MONTHLY CHECKS	0	MONTHLY CHECKS	0
	RUAKAKA	3000	HENDERSON		MANGERE/FAVONA	3250	AVON/HEATHCOTE	2000	NEW CHART PLOTTER INSTALL	0	HURUHURU	2500
	OPUA	5000	MOTOTAPU/RANGITOTO		MANGERE	2000	STONY BAY	5100	DAY OFF	0	WEITI RIVER	2000
	EASTERN B.O.I WHANGAREI	2000 2000	CHELSEA/DEVONPORT/RANGITOTO WAIHEKE/MOTOUHI		RENTONS/ELLETS BEACH ONEHUNGA	4750 800	LAVERICKS BAY CITY RIVERS	1600 2000	OFFICIAL LAUNCH TAURANGA	500 2000	KUMEU RIVER KAWAKAWA	1200 1000
	WHANGAREI WHANGAREI	3200	RANGITOTO		WHATIPU	1200	MENZIES BAY	2500	WHAKATANE	3000	KAWAKAWA KUMEU RIVER	2000
	WHANGAREI	6450	GREENHITHE/VIADUCT	3200	FAVONA	3500	MONTHLY CHECKS	0	ROTORUA LAKES	3000	HELENSVILLE	1000
	OPUA	2000	WAIHEKE		DRURY	1500	HEATHCOTE RIVER	2000	TAURANGA	800	GLENFIELD	3500
	OPUA	2500	MATOTAPU/RANGITOTO		NAYLORS DRIVE	400	CHRISTCHURCH ESTUARY	3000	MAKETU/KAITUNA CUT	1200	LUCAS CREEK	2000
	OPONONI	1900	RANGITOTO/BAYSWATER		TAKANINI	4000	AVON RIVER	2000	WAIHI BEACH	3000	OTAHUHU	3000
	OPUA	4000	WEST GREEHITHE		WAIUKU	2000	TAYLORS MISTAKE	2000	TAURANGA	2500	KUMEU RIVER	2500
	OPONONI	1000	TAMAKI		LAINGHOLM	1000	MAGNET BAY	500	TAURANGA HARBOUR	4500	HELENSVILLE	1200
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	WAITANGI	3200	ALBANY CREEK & SURROUNDS		MURIWAI	1200	NEW BRIGHTON	2000	TAURANGA HARBOUR TAURANGA	1000	FIRTH OF THAMES	6000
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Community Engagement for this Quarter

Aotearoa Dive Flying Fish Lion Breweries Young Navigators

The Outflow Trust ASB Coca Cola Wright Family Foundation

Oratia Primary School Edmonton Scouts Auckland Council Foodstuffs NZ

Tirimoana School AIG Fidelity Life Avondale College

Te Atatu Endeavour Sea Scouts Hilti Henderson Primary Hyatt Hotel

Glen Eden Intermediate Mainfreight Dentsu Whareroa Marae

ACG Sunderland Karaka Te Runanga o Otakou Our Backyard Trust Tauranga City Council

Manukau Harbour Symposium Nestle Ruakaka Primary School Orewa Marae









SEA CLEANERS | Marine Litter Impact Summary

Total Marine Litter Removed Since Inception (Dec 2002 – May 2025):

20,230,112 litres | Estimated 200+ million pieces

Equivalent to **674** full shipping containers of loose litter removed from New Zealand's marine and freshwater environments.

Extrapolated Audit Analysis Summary

Based on comprehensive litter audits conducted, the following averages have been established:

- Average Weight per 50L Bag: 7.2 kg
- Average Number of Items per 50L Bag: 519 pieces
- Percentage of Items Made of Plastic (by count): 83.9%
- Plastic Items per Litre (average): 6.38 pieces

Using this data, we can extrapolate the total litter collected over the full 20,230,112 litres:

Estimated Breakdown of Litter Types (by Item Count)

Total Items Collected (est.): 200,000,000+

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Litter Category	Estimated % of Total Items	Estimated Total Pieces
Plastic Bottles & Containers	8.5%	17,000,000
Plastic Wrappers, Food Packets, Bags	12.5%	25,000,000
Foam & Polystyrene Pieces	7%	14,000,000
Broken Plastic / Microplastics	36%	72,000,000
Miscellaneous Plastic Items	20%	40,000,000
Alloy Cans, Tins, Foil	2%	4,000,000
Glass Bottles / Broken Glass	1.5%	3,000,000
Fishing Gear (Rope, Nets, Floats, Line)	2%	4,000,000
Clothing, Shoes, Toys, PPE	4%	8,000,000
Other (Paper, Card, Wood, Unknown)	6.5%	13,000,000

Note: These figures are extrapolated from Sea Cleaners' standardized audit methodology and applied proportionally across the 20+ million litres collected.

Plastic Focus Summary

- Total Plastic Pieces (est.): 168 million
- Volume of Plastics Removed (est.): Over 16 million litres
- Plastic Percentage by Count: 83.9%
- Plastic Percentage by Volume (approx.): ~80%
 (Noting that plastics are lightweight and take up large volume compared to metals or glass)

Impact at Scale

- Shipping Container Equivalent (loose fill): 674+
- Volunteer Hours Enabled: 190,329+ hours
- School Presentations Delivered: 1,500+
- Students Reached: Over 160,000

Since 2002, Sea Cleaners has removed over 20 million litres of litter—equating to more than 200 million individual pieces—from New Zealand's marine and freshwater environments. Audit data reveals that a staggering 84% of these items are plastic, highlighting the scale of pollution threatening our oceans. This effort represents more than 674 shipping containers' worth of waste intercepted before it could cause irreversible harm to marine life and ecosystems. Every piece counted is a piece that won't end up in the stomach of a seabird or a turtle, wrapped around a dolphin, or floating in the Pacific gyre. This is not just cleanup—it's frontline environmental protection at scale.







Recycling Alliance: Waste Stream – A Collaborative Model for Landfill Diversion and Circular Economy Impact

1. Executive Summary

The "Recycling Alliance – Waste Stream" is a developing, innovative partnership between Sea Cleaners, Northland Waste, Futurepost & NILO, joining Plasrock, and Mammoth soon. This collaboration is diverting significant volumes of waste from landfill, transforming them into commercially valuable products, and strengthening the circular economy in Aotearoa New Zealand. This model can scale to deliver even greater impact across New Zealand and the wider South Pacific.

2. Sea Cleaners' Role in the Waste Stream Alliance

Sea Cleaners operates a national fleet that removes waste from the marine environment. Despite high contamination levels (mud, silt, photo-degradation), 70% of our collected material is diverted to Northland Waste. While this marine-derived waste has limited recycling potential, our alliance with Northland Waste ensures a second life for what can be salvaged.

3. The Role of Northland Waste

Northland Waste processes not only our marine waste, but also recovers four times more plastic monthly from the general public. Through the Alliance, these plastics are redirected from landfill and sent to Futurepost, who repurpose them into sustainable fence posts used locally and abroad.

4. Futurepost: Creating a Marketable Product

Futurepost plays a pivotal role in the Alliance by manufacturing durable, 100% recycled plastic fence posts. These products serve the farming, horticulture, and viticulture sectors in New Zealand, and are now reaching global markets, proving the commercial viability of upcycled marine and consumer waste.

5. NILO: Innovation with Unusable Plastics

Plastics that Futurepost cannot process will soon be redirected to NILO, an innovation hub developing glue adhesives for particle board used in the construction industry. This creates a solution for the lowest-grade plastics and reduces reliance on virgin chemical components.

6. Plasrock and Mammoth: Closing the Loop

We are also looking to integrate Plasrock and Mammoth into the Alliance. Plasrock converts surplus plastics into concrete aggregate, while Mammoth repurposes them into building insulation materials, both furthering our landfill diversion and contributing to sustainable building practices.

7. Environmental and Social Impact

This collaboration:

- Diverts Tonnes of plastic from landfill monthly
- Reduces carbon emissions through local processing and production
- Promotes green jobs in waste innovation sectors
- Educates communities through Sea Cleaners' outreach

8. Conclusion and Vision

The Recycling Alliance: Waste Stream is more than a recycling initiative – it's a blueprint for collaborative innovation in environmental stewardship. Together, we are proving that a circular economy is achievable, even with heavily contaminated waste streams.

