

Marine Debris



Introduction

- ▶ What is marine debris?
- ▶ [Video](#)



<http://bushwarriors.wordpress.com/tag/ocean-conservation/>

Objectives

- ▶ Determine when a Marine Debris Encounter form is required
- ▶ Demonstrate your ability to complete the Marine Debris form

Marine Debris Encounter form

- ▶ Gear & vessel interactions
 - Longline, gillnet, purse seine > each encounter
 - Trawl > vessel interactions only

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 Rope Plastic sheeting Floats / buoys
 Monofilament line Plastic bags FAD (fish aggregating device)
 Metal (describe): _____
 Other (describe): _____

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 Encrusting organisms
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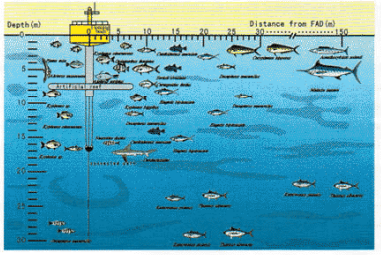
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What's a FAD?

► Fish aggregate below

<http://www.photolib.noaa.gov/htmls/fish5220.htm> <http://snf.fra.affrc.go.jp/English/wwwsupl/supl10.htm>

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Activity

- ▶ Use information on handout to complete a Marine Debris Encounter form
- ▶ 5-10 minutes

Summary

- ▶ Would you need a Marine Debris Encounter form for...
 - Plastic sheeting caught in the trawl net?
 - Abandoned gillnet caught in the prop
 - Crab pot entangled with your demersal longline?
- ▶ Gear or vessel interaction for above?

- ▶ Thanks to Carey Morishige (NOAA Marine Debris Program, Honolulu, HI) for assistance with form design and development.

Activity – Marine Debris Encounter form

Name:

Observer code: GRR334

Vessel code: LIB 9997

Trip ID: 347

Haul: 21

On May 12, 2011, you are waiting to sample when the tension on the trawl warps suddenly gets noticeably tighter at 12:30pm. The captain immediately slows down and begins to retrieve the gear thinking he may have snagged a rock on the bottom. The position is 145° 22.3 W / 4°34.5 S. When the net comes up at 13:15, the starboard door and some of the cable has a FAD entangled in it. Part of the trawl mouth was also obstructed. The FAD is a bamboo raft-type and consists of ~15 pieces of bamboo with dimensions of 2x3meters. There is also a fair amount of netting clumped (although probably once hung underneath) next to the raft. The netting is made of some sort of orange synthetic line (<4mm) and has a mesh size of ~8cm. The net may have originally hung down 50 meshes or so. There are a few fish entangled in the netting but you are unable to determine the species due to deterioration.

It took the crew about 1 hour to cut out the FAD which the captain estimated as ‘costing’ about \$50 in down time. There was no permanent damage to the fishing gear. No photos were taken & the raft & netting were thrown overboard.

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