Marine Debris



Introduction

- What is marine debris?
 - any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed by humans and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment
- Video



http://bushwarriors.wordpress.com/tag/ocean-

Objectives

- Define marine debris
- 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, pots, gillnet, purse seine > each encounter
 - Trawl > vessel interactions only

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Gear

Gear interactions include any encounter with your vessel's fishing gear.

- trawl door gets entangled with an abandoned crab pot
- longline gear hooks a discarded washing machine

Vessel

Vessel interactions are with the vessel itself

- abandoned gillnet is caught in propeller
- vessel hits an anchored buoy

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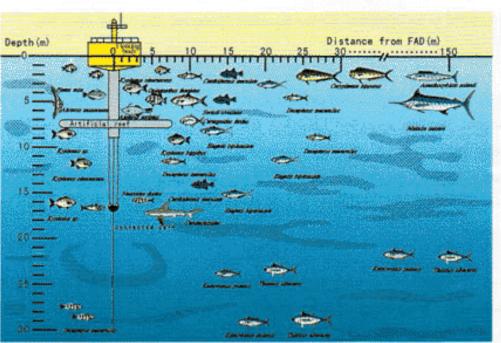


Fig. 2 Fishes aspect around large-scale FAD. http://snf.fra.affrc.go.jp/English/wwwsupl/supl10.htm

FADs

- Fish aggregate below
- Floating objects natural & man-made



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- Fish aggregate below
- Floating objects natural & man-made
- Allows tracking of objects



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Activity

- Use information on handout to complete a Marine Debris Encounter form
- ▶ 15 minutes & then we'll pick them up

Summary

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

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