



**OPERATION  
CLEAN  
SPOT**

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African Marine Waste Network

# Operation Clean Spot Newsletter

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## Another month, another milestone reached!

In the month of August, the clean-ups added to the Operation Clean Spot (OCS) map pushed us over the **four-tonne** mark! That's an incredible four tonnes of waste removed from the environment thanks to your efforts and contributions!

OCS launched a mere five months ago, and already the combined efforts of everyone involved have made a difference to our city. As spring approaches with the promise of warmer weather, longer days, scenic blooms, and summer scents, do you have a prediction for when the next milestone, of five tonnes of waste removed, will be reached? Let us know in the poll below!

**Q. When do you predict the OCS map will reach 5 tonnes?**

[Less than 2 months](#)

[2 to 3 months](#)

[More than 3 months](#)

[Only next year](#)

## International Coastal Clean-up Day

On 18 September, people around the world celebrate [International Coastal Clean-Up Day](#) and World Clean-up Day - an annual event to raise awareness about the importance and value of a clean, healthy environment!

It goes without saying that this event is near and dear to us, and our cause. We urge you, our OCS partners, to join in with the global community that cares for this cause by joining one of the clean-ups happening on 18 September.



There are a number of International Coastal Clean-Up Day clean-ups taking place across Nelson Mandela Bay, which can be viewed on the [OCS map](#). Choose a clean-up, share the event with your family and friends, and join this exciting global event! Alternately, if you or your organisation would like to host an International Coastal Clean-Up Day clean-up, please [contact](#) the OCS team. Please be sure to check the event details, such as time, location, and what to bring along to the clean-up. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

## View International Coastal Clean-ups on the OCS map

### Be part of one of the biggest global events!

If you would prefer to not join a clean-up event for International Coastal Clean-Up Day, you can still be part of this global movement on 18 September by doing your own clean-up and adding your efforts to the OCS map! Every clean-up, no matter how big or small, helps prevent litter from reaching our oceans.

## Submit Your Clean-up

### 👉 Adopted *Spotlight*

For the month of August, the spotlight is placed on the wonderful efforts of the [Harcourts Beachfront](#) team.

The Harcourts Beachfront team adopted their spot in May 2021 and have shown inspiring commitment to the project, with monthly clean-ups ever since. With a total of five clean-ups to date, over 19 bags of litter collected, and an estimated 70 kg of waste removed from their spot, they truly deserve to be in the Spotlight!



### *Insights from Harcourts Beachfront*

**The Harcourts team remain motivated to keep going back to their spot to keep the area clean, and prevent litter from going into our seas. In just five months they have noticed a difference in the amount of litter at their spot over time - proof that every effort does make a difference!**

**Working in the industry that they do, the Harcourts team know better than most that people want to live in a clean and safe environment and so, by taking time to clean our environment, people will be attracted to invest in our city. The Harcourts team note that a sense of community support and a clean neighbourhood truly can go a long way.**

*"Do your bit, even if it's just 30 minutes once a month, every little bit counts."*

Thank you, Harcourts Beachfront, for your commitment to cleaning our city!  
View their spot, Torquay Centre, on the [OCS map](#), to see their commitment for yourself!



Be sure to take a peek at the map to check out the leader board!

The leader board shows the Top 5 rankings for various categories: number of bags collected, number of clean-ups done, and more! Head to the OCS map and find the leader board in the bottom left corner.

Should you find that you are not in the Top 5, don't be disheartened as the rankings are reset every six months - your shot at that top spot could be only a clean-up or two away!

*We'd like your feedback*

As a reminder, we recently sent out a quick, two-minute survey to enable you to share your thoughts on the OCS project with us. We ask that you please complete the survey by 06 September 2021.

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://us1.list-manage.com/survey?u=afe162425b4b7c043d00ad0d8&id=8046100df5&attribution=false>