



Kenyans Join International Coastal Clean Up Event

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Coastweek- Kenyan volunteers numbering 3,000 took part in this year's annual International Coastal Clean up exercise which covered long stretches of the white sandy

beaches [...]

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According to International Coastal Clean Up Kenya Co-ordinator David Olendo, preliminary report on the exercise indicated that discarded medical equipments like syringes and condoms still found their way into or near our coastal beaches.

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“Every year thousands of tons of garbage winds up in the oceans, with 60 per cent of that being composed of plastic material,” he said.

Plastics especially last a very long time in the ocean, and are in such abundance that there are 46,000 individual pieces of plastic litter for every square mile of ocean.

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Plastics are very hazardous to marine life, killing more than a million birds and over 100,000 seals, turtles, and whales, and an immense number of fish in our ocean. Trash in the water impacts the world on many levels, including harming wildlife, humans, and impacting the livelihood of those who work on the ocean.

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Coastal Cleanup Day established by the Ocean Conservancy, - an organization that works to help protect the ocean, encourages us to get out to our beaches and help to limit this problem by cleaning up the garbage that has washed up on shore, and that left by visitors every day.

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2. What is the main purpose of this year's annual International Coastal Clean up exercise?

3. What kind of garbage is collected?

4. Why are plastics particularly hazardous?

5. Where does the ocean's trash come from?

6. “Trash in the water impacts the world on many levels, including harming wildlife, humans, and impacting the livelihood of those who work on the ocean.” (l. 16-17) Find examples to illustrate this statement.