

Table 1. Category codes for litter items in the 20-site survey. Categories which occurred only in cleaned beaches are shown by *.

Material	Code	Description	Total # items
CLOTH	CL04	Shoes (leather)	11
	CL12	Sanitary towels/panty liners/backing strips	11
	CL13	Toilet fresheners	2
	*CL15	Cloth pieces 2,5 cm - 50 cm	3
GLASS	GL01	Beverage Bottles	49
	*GL03	Jars	1
	GL09	Glass fragments 2,5 cm - 50 cm	68
METAL	ME04	Drink cans	71
	ME09	Foil wrappers	150
	ME10	Food cans	7
	ME12	Oil drums	3
	ME14	Lobster/crab pots and tops	6
	ME19	Batteries	1
	ME24	Metal fragments > 50 cm	12
	ORGANIC	OR01	Bagged dog faeces
OR02		Food residues	2
OR03		Algae	8
PAPER/ CARD	PP02	Cardboard	10
	PP04	Cigarette packets	31
	PP07	Paper (including newspapers & magazines)	59
	PP09	Cartons e.g. tetrapak (other)	42
WAX	PW01	Paraffin or wax pieces 0 - 1 cm	22
	*PW02	Paraffin or wax pieces 1 - 10 cm	4
PLASTIC	PL03	Bags (e.g. shopping)	40
	PL05	Drinks (bottles, containers and drums) < 2L	2
	PL07	Cleaner (bottles, containers and drums) < 2L	138
	PL10	Engine oil containers and drums < 2 L	13
	PL11	Engine oil containers and drums > 2 L	32
	PL16	Knives, forks,	13
	PL18	Straws	90
	PL19	Hard Plastic Food containers (fast food, glasses, tops, lunch boxes & similar)	88

	PL20	Foamed Plastic Food containers (fast food, lunch boxes & similar)	27
	PL24	Cigarettes, butts & filters	181
	PL25	Hard Plastic Cups	1
	*PL31	Cigarette lighters	2
	PL35	Toys & party poppers	8
	PL42	Rope (diameter more than 1 cm)	53
	PL45	Fish boxes	27
	PL46	Fishing line (angling)	30
	PL48	Floats/Buoys	2
	PL51	Industrial packaging, plastic sheeting, palette wrap, tarpaulin, woven plastic bags	104
	PL54	Shotgun cartridges	1
	*PL55	Shoes/sandals	1
	PL60	Nets and pieces of net > 50 cm	6
	PL62	Hard Plastic pieces 0 - 2,5 cm	297
	PL63	Hard Plastic pieces 2,5 cm > < 50 cm	153
	PL65	Film Plastic pieces 0 - 2,5 cm	144
	PL66	Film Plastic pieces 2,5 cm > < 50 cm	79
	PL70	Foamed Plastic pieces > 50 cm	63
POTTERY	*PT06	Ceramic fragments 2,5 cm - 50 cm	1
	RB02	Boots	2
	RB03	Tyres and belts	3
RUBBER	*RB05	Condoms	5
	*RB07	Washing -up gloves	2
	*RB10	Rubber fragments 2,5 cm - 50 cm	2
	*WO01	Corks	2
WOOD	WO13	Wood fragments 2,5 cm - 50 cm	46
	WO14	Wood fragments > 50 cm	31
OTHER	YYXX	Other (please specify)	1