

SPC/FFA NATIONAL OBSERVER POLLUTION REPORT

FORM GEN-6

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OBSERVER NAME	VESSEL NAME	OBSERVER ID NUMBER	PAGE OF
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- fill in one form for each pollution incident -

INCIDENT DETAILS

DD	Ship's DATE and TIME MM YY	hh mm	LATITUDE (dd°mm.mmm')	N / S	LONGITUDE (ddd°mm.mmm')	E / W	EEZ / HARBOUR
WIND DIRECTION		WIND SPEED	SEA CONDITIONS (C, S, M, R)	CURRENT : (knts and direction °)		OBSERVER'S VESSEL ACTIVITY	
NAME OF OFFENDING VESSEL			IRCS	TYPE OF VESSEL	YOUR POSITION FROM OFFENDING VESSEL Compass Bearing Distance (nautical miles)		

WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD

Material	<i>Tick each box that applies</i>	Describe Type	Describe Quantity
Plastics	↓		
Metals			
Waste oil			
Chemicals			
General garbage <i>(within 12 miles of shoreline)</i>		<i>describe:</i>	

OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES

Source	<i>Tick each box that applies</i>	Visual Appearance / Colour	Describe Area and Quantity
Vessel Aground / Collision	↓		
Vessel at Anchor / Berth			
Vessel Underway			
Land based source - Describe source			
Other - please specify			

Abandoned or Lost Fishing Gear

Source	Activity	Describe Gear	Estimate Quantity
Lost during fishing			
Abandoned			
Dumped			

Other comments:

<i>Were there any stickers/ posters displayed to remind the vessel about MARPOL Regulations?</i>	Y / N
<i>Did you take any photos?</i>	Y / N
<i>If yes, please state the number(s) of the photo frames or files.</i>	

MARPOL Regulations - state

It is illegal for any vessel to discard any form of plastics into the sea at anytime.

It is illegal for any vessel to discard any form of oil into the sea at anytime.

It is illegal for any vessel to dump any form of rubbish into the sea within 12 nautical mile of the sea shore.

POLLUTION REPORT

Remember - Fill in one form for each pollution incident. There might be more than one per day.
If forms run out, report this on the last form and continue recording pollution infringements in diary.

Observer Name	Put first name first, and your family name last.
Vessel Name	Record the full name of the vessel. Do not use any abbreviations.
Observer ID Number	Use the number assigned by the observer programme e.g. AA 03-01
Page of	Number all GEN-6 pages in sequence from the start until the end of the trip
Date of Incident (dd/mm/yy)	Date pollution seen in day, month and year. <i>Use ship's time as defined in other observer data collection forms</i>
Time (00.00 hrs)	Report the time using the 24hr clock.
Latitude / Longitude	Record the GPS position of the host vessel when the pollution was first seen.
EEZ / Harbour	Record the EEZ or, for shorebase staff, mark port or Harbour name here.
Wind Direction	The prevailing wind direction. Use degree eg. 90 degrees for an east wind
Wind Speed	Record the prevailing wind speed.
Sea Conditions	C- Calm, S- Slight, M- Moderate, R - Rough.
Current (knts and direction)	If the vessel has a current meter find out what the current strength is.
Observer's vessel activity	State the host (observer's) vessel activity at the time of the pollution incident. Some activities to consider might be: fishing; transshipping; bunkering; transitting; aground.
Name of offending vessel	Make an effort to record the complete and proper name of offending vessel. Be careful not to make any spelling mistakes which may make it difficult to prosecute the vessel if the report goes through legal proceedings.
IRCS	The international callsign is marked in large letters on the side of the boat.
Type of vessel	Consider the full vessel and aircraft codes on the front of Form GEN-1.
Your position from offending vessel.	Use the vessel compass to get direction of offending vessel from host vessel. The radar can be used to get an exact distance in nautical miles. Otherwise give best estimate and note if it is the observer's or someone else's.
WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD	
Material	Tick each correct box to show which types of materials were dumped. Only tick two or more materials if vessel has dumped more than one material type over at the same time - e.g.: it dumped plastic and metal at 10:00hrs. If plastic was dumped at 10:00hrs and metal at 16:00hrs - record separately.
Describe type	Give as good a description as possible of the type of dumped material. E.g.: - plastic bags; bait boxes plastic strapping; bait boxes plastic bags; etc.
Describe Quantities	Give a best estimate of the amount dumped. Sometimes this will be easy - e.g., 12 metal oil drums were dumped. At other times the material might be too far away to see the amount. If it is too far away then estimate the amount as well as possible and make note that it is only a rough estimate at distance.
OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES	
Source	Tick to indicate where the spillage or leak came from
Visual Appearance / Colour	Describe the colour/ thickness/depth of the spill as well as able.
Describe Area and Quantity	Give a best estimate of the size of the spill. The boat could be a size reference - e.g.: it was 4 times bigger than the boat.
Abandoned or Lost Fishing Gear	
Lost during fishing	Lost by host vessel. Describe activity when gear lost (setting/hauling/soak)
Abandoned	For any fishing gear abandoned by another vessel and found by host vessel
Dumped	For any gear dumped by host vessel, see above.

Supplementary notes on Marpol Regulations

Note: Vessels may dump garbage as close as 3 nautical miles to the shore if they have a 'comminuter' onboard (a machine that shreds garbage to tiny pieces).

Otherwise they cannot dump garbage within 12 nm of the coast. Report on all vessels dumping within 12nm of the coast. We can check if they have a comminuter onboard later.

Country Codes

AS	American Samoa	MH	Marshall Islands
AU	Australia	NR	Nauru
CK	Cook Islands	NC	New Caledonia
EC	Ecuador	NZ	New Zealand
FM	Fed. States of Micronesia	NU	Niue
FJ	Fiji Islands	MR	Northern Mariana
FR	France	PW	Palau
PF	French Polynesia	PG	Papua New Guinea
GU	Guam	PH	Philippine
ID	Indonesia	RU	Russia
IW	International Waters	SB	Solomon Islands
JP	Japan	TW	Taiwan
TO	Kingdom of Tonga	TK	Tokelau
KI	Kiribati	TV	Tuvalu
KR	Korea	US	United States
CN	Mainland China	VU	Vanuatu
MY	Malaysia	WS	Samoa