

15TH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REEF CLEANUP



Overview

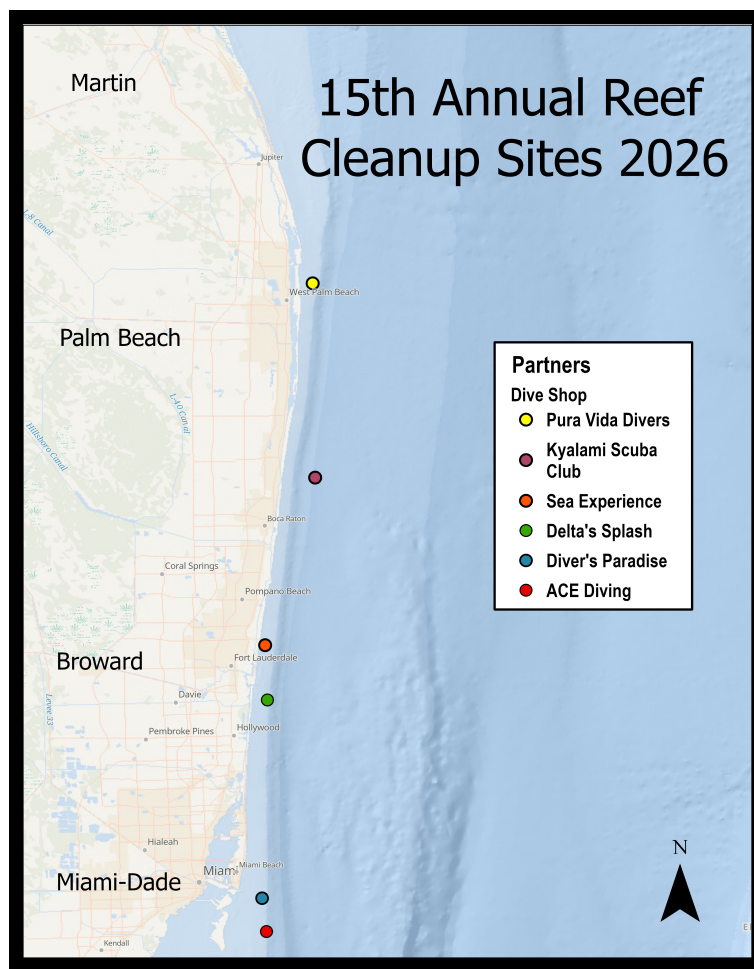
Friends of Our Florida Reefs (FOFR), the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) coordinated the 15th Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanup on June 6, 2026.

A total of 98 divers joined six local dive shops across the [Kristin Jacobs Coral Aquatic Preserve](#) (KJCAP), to remove marine debris from 12 reef sites (see map) along Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

History

For more than a decade, FOFR, SEFCRI and CRCP have partnered with local dive shops to remove marine debris from [Florida's Coral Reef](#) through the Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanup. Largely coordinated through CRCP and FOFR, and part of the [Marine Debris Reporting and Removal Program](#), this effort raises awareness of the causes and impacts of marine debris while tracking the location, type and abundance of debris to identify hot-spots and guide future cleanups.

In addition to annual, community-based reef cleanups across Southeast Florida, CRCP encourages divers to safely remove debris on every dive and report their findings to the [Southeast Florida Action Network](#) (SEAFAN), fostering ongoing reef conservation.



Pounds of Debris Removed by County

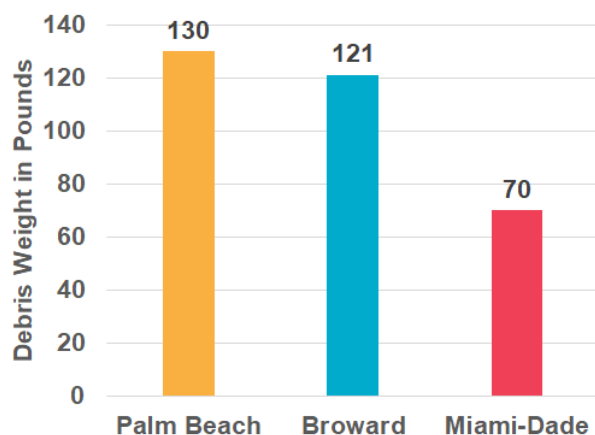


Figure 1. Weight (in pounds) of marine debris collected in each county.

Debris by Material
Miami-Dade, Broward & Palm Beach

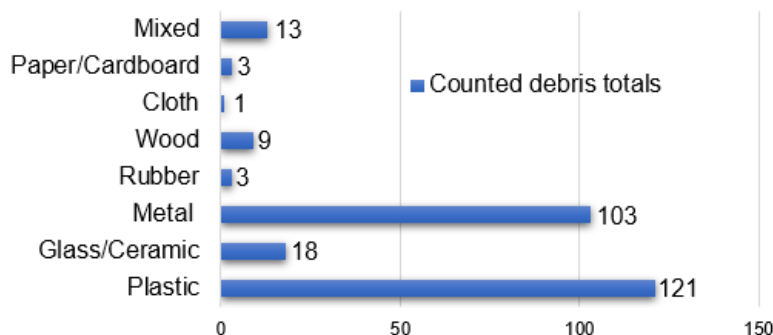


Figure 2. Total debris collected from Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties by material category.



Report Marine Debris to SEAFAN.net

The Southeast Florida Action Network (SEAFAN) is a citizen science marine incident reporting and response program dedicated to improving the protection and management of Florida's Coral Reef. With no special training needed, community members can report marine debris and other marine incidents online at [SEAFAN.net](#), by using the QR code or calling the hotline at 866-770-7335.



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2026 Cleanup Highlights

12 Reef sites

98 Participants

321 pounds of marine debris



Figure 3. Aluminum can debris collected by Kyalami Dive Club.



Figure 4. Reef cleanup volunteers, DEP staff and Diver's Paradise staff.

Summary

Participating divers collectively removed approximately 321 pounds of marine debris, comprised of 271 items, approximately 2,000 feet of monofilament and approximately 900 feet of rope. Debris was removed from local reef sites in areas known to accumulate debris or areas of high boater activity. Various types of debris were collected, including snorkel masks, clothing, numerous glass bottles, plastic bags and an abundance of fishing monofilament, hooks and sinkers. The effort from participants in the 15th Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanup is an important contribution to the conservation of Florida's Coral Reef through the removal of marine debris that can damage sponges and corals, as well as entangle fish and other reef organisms, often resulting in injury or death.

Many local dive shops and community nonprofit groups organize frequent beach, mangrove and underwater cleanups. If you are unable to attend one of these organized events, we encourage conducting your own DIY cleanup and reporting it to SEAFAN. A DIY cleanup can be as simple as bringing a trash bag anytime you visit the beach, picking up a beach bucket at an access point, picking up any debris you come across when boating or inviting a group of friends and family to clean up a specific beach or reef. Once you complete your DIY cleanup, report the results to www.SEAFAN.net and dispose of any debris in proper public bins.



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